

Hop along to climate talk

Workshop to focus on frogs

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THIS week is Climate Week, an initiative supported by the Department of Environment and Science to engage the community on issues regarding the local environment and climate change.

Several events are happening around the region to celebrate World Environment Day.

Cubberla Witton Catchment Network and Springfield Lakes Nature Care have received a small grant to host a workshop to mark Climate week.

Our workshop was selected from a range of community events across the state.

The SLNC will host the workshop on "Frog Watching in a Climate Changing World" to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on frogs.

It will be held at the Cubberla Witton Creek Catchment office at 6.15pm today (Thursday).

Dr David Manning will give a lesson on using the Frog ID app and discuss the impact cane toads have on our native frogs and how to

make your yard unfriendly to cane toads.

I believe Climate Week is a great way to raise awareness of the impact climate has on frogs, because they are one of the first species to suffer from abrupt changes.

This is because their skin is thin to enable them to absorb moisture, and they need water to lay their eggs.

Any significant change in climate affects their breeding and survival rates.

They are considered to be like the canaries in coal mining history, which suffered first when air quality and oxygen levels were poor.

The SLNC will end the week with a Spotlight Night at White Rock Spring Mountains Conservation Estate on Saturday (June 8).

The event starts at 4.45pm for a trek to observe the activities of sugar gliders, who leave their homes just after dusk.

We will meet on Wanderer Crescent next to the big gate.

Family tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite for \$12 or adult tickets \$5 plus GST.

Please visit springfieldlakesnaturecare for details.



Frogs will be the focus of a Climate Week workshop this week. PICTURE: LUISE MANNING