

# School excursions and workshops at Addi Road

Hands-on learning in the heart of the community



**ADDISON ROAD**  
Community Centre  
Organisation



# Welcome to Addi Road...

## OUR VISION

**A just, sustainable, creative and diverse community.**

## OUR PURPOSE

**Is to help create lasting alternatives for social, economic and environmental justice.**

## OUR VALUES

**We are committed to fostering independent, sustainable and diverse communities based around our universal civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.**

Addison Road Community Centre Organisation is an independent not-for-profit formed in 1976 in Marrickville, Sydney. The Centre is located on the land of the Cadigal people of the Eora Nation, on the site of a former army depot that operated from 1916 until 1975 and is now a locally-listed heritage item. ARCCO manages the site and its 30-plus buildings, 165 trees, gardens, roads and facilities and provides subsidised rental spaces to other organisations, as well as delivering community development projects in the areas of social justice, arts & culture and the environment.

# Excursions with a difference...

Addison Road Community Centre in Marrickville, Sydney, is a dynamic community development organisation that hosts school excursions and site tours at its 9-acre heritage site.

We think of Addi Road as a Living Museum - a place of historical significance where amazing things happen every day.

We work with partner organisations to deliver engaging school workshops

Please browse the following pages about our workshops and find booking details at the end of this booklet.



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## Workshop 1: War on Waste

See the Addi Road Food Pantry in action diverting food from landfill and fighting hunger. Learn about food security and social justice here and around the world.



Get hands-on to reduce the amount of food going into landfill.  
(Students from Ambarvale High learn about worm farming with HoboGro in 2018.)

### **Tour focal point: The Food Pantry**

### **Points of interest: The community gardens, HoboGro composting & worm farm**

The Addison Road Food Pantry is a low-cost grocery on site that rescues fresh fruit, vegetables, bread and other quality food from being thrown into landfill and passes it on at highly affordable rates to the whole community. The Pantry's work dovetails with other on-site sustainability initiatives such as community gardens, the Earn & Return container recycling station and community composting and worm-farming.

#### **NSW Syllabus outcomes:**

GE2-3, GE3-2, GE4-2, GE5-2

GE3-3, GE4-3, GE5-3

ST3-5LW-T, GE4-4, GE5-4

GE4-5, GE5-5

GE4-6, GE5-6

FT4-6, FT5-6

FT4-7, FT5-7

## Workshop 2: The Buried Creek

Follow the old creek line to discover changing land uses at Addi Road, from hunting ground to shipbuilding, dairy farming to army depot. Use mapping and observation to reveal the relationships between natural systems and layers of human activity.



Trace the natural history of the site using images, maps and environmental evidence.  
(An artwork tracing the buried creek line created by Tanya Ljubic and Fiona Arnold in 2017.)

### **Tour focal point: The subterranean creek**

#### **Points of interest: Community Nursery, the old Parade Ground**

Addi Road sits at the top of the Gumbramorra Swamp catchment, part of the Cooks River basin. Whilst this kept the land open and undeveloped when the surrounding suburb was subdivided for housing and made it attractive for the Australian army, it also means the site still floods following heavy rain. The challenges of having a hidden creek on site are increasing due to the effects of climate change.

#### **NSW Syllabus outcomes:**

GEe-1, GE1-1, GE2-2; GE3-2, GE4-2, GE5-2  
GE1-2, GE2-3, GE3-3, GE4-3, GE5-3  
HTe-2, HT1-2, HT2-4, HT3-1, GE4-4, GE5-4  
STe-3LW-ST, HT1-3, HT2-5, HT3-2, HT4-1, HT5-1  
HT1-4, ST24LW-S, HT3-3, HT4-2, HT5-3  
ST1-4LW-S, ST2-5LW-T, HT3-5, HT4-3, HT5-3  
ST1-5LW-T, ST3-4LW-S, HT4-7, HT5-7

## Workshop 3: War and Peace in the Neighbourhood

Explore the role of the Addison Road Army Depot from World War One recruitment centre to Vietnam War protest site. Oral histories and images help tell stories from several eras and perspectives related to courage and sacrifice, war and peace. Find the connections between the life of the neighbourhood and the history of the nation.



Army huts from World War One and World War Two are now used for art, theatre and community projects.  
(Servicewomen stationed at Addison Road during World War Two. Courtesy Vi Shanley.)

### **Tour focal point: The Honour Roll for Peace**

**Points of interest: Addi Road is a former army depot with many original buildings and landscape elements still visible**

The Honour Roll for Peace at Addison Road Community Centre is the first of its kind in Australia. It records the names of people and groups from Sydney and beyond who have resisted war, worked for peace and justice, or contributed to building a better world. It stands at the gates of the former army depot.

### **NSW Syllabus outcomes:**

HTe-1, HTe-2, HT1-2, HT1-4, HT2-1, HT2-2, HT2-5, HT3-1, HT3-2, HT3-3, HT3-4; HT3-5, HT4-2, HT4-3, HT4-4, HT4-7, HT5-1, HT5-2, HT5-3, HT5-4, HT5-7, HT5-8

## Workshop 4: Art, Action and 'Artivism'

Art and music from the grassroots and up! Learn about decades of dynamic arts and culture engagement at Addi Road and make your own artwork, song or radio program.



Speak up, sing out and express yourself.  
(Students from Burwood Girls High performing in Addi Road's StirrUp Gallery in 2018.)

### **Tour focal point: Outdoor art**

**Points of interest: Sculpture Garden, artist studios, murals, Radio Skid Row**

The open green spaces of Addi Road have been used to showcase work by students from Burwood Girls High School and art-activism for the Marrickville Peace Group by Fiona Arnold, among others, while murals have been painted around the Centre by artists including Mahmoud Salameh, Kim Siew and young locals using spray cans and working with the Marrickville Youth Resource Centre team.

Addi Road is home to visual artists, theatres, a gallery and Radio Skid Row, which has been broadcasting to the most marginalised members of the community since 1983.

### **NSW Syllabus outcomes:**

VAES1.1, VAS1.1, VAS2.1, VAS3.1, VAS4.2, VAS5.2

VAS4.4, VAS5.4

MUS1.2, MUS2.2, MUS3.2, MUS4.4, MUS5.4

MUES1.4, MUS1.4, MUS2.4, MUS3.4, MUS4.7, MUS5.7

MUS4.11, MUS5.11

## Workshop 5: Urban Habitats for Native Wildlife

Discover how we can help ease the 'housing crisis' for native wildlife, even in a dense urban area. Learn about the habitat requirements of native species and the many, sometimes invisible, animal neighbours living around us. See images captured on webcam of birds nesting in hollows created for them between the flight path and the car park.



Observe and respond to the wildlife and habitat found on site.  
(Students from Ambarvale High draw flora and fauna at Addi Road with arts educators from Drawn to Seeing in 2018.)

### Tour focal point: The Urban Habitat tree

### Points of interest: Community Nursery, Sculpture Garden

Our Urban Habitat Tree was one of the first of its kind in NSW, pioneering an immensely successful initiative across the state to create habitat hollows for endangered and threatened native bird species.

#### NSW Syllabus outcomes:

GEe-1, GE1-1, GE2-1 s, GE3-1, GE4-1, GE5-1  
STe-3LW-ST, GE1-2, GE2-2, GE3-3, GE4-2, GE5-2  
ST1-4LW-S, GE2-3, GE3-3, GE4-3, GE5-3  
ST2-4LW-S, ST3-4LW-S, GE4-4, GE5-4  
GE4-5, GE5-5

## Workshop 6: A Place to Call Home

Learn how the story of Addi Road is also the story of a changing Australia and the development of a multicultural society, through the efforts of many to build rights, recognition and belonging in our new homeland.



Connect with community and find creative ways to communicate.  
(DJ and radio producer Kween G leads a song-writing workshop with students in 2018.)

### Tour focal point: The Centre's 9-acre heritage site & its many uses

#### Points of interest: Radio Skid Row, El Taller Studios, the Greek Theatre

As part of our commitment to social justice, Addison Road Community Centre Organisation stands in solidarity with those in our local community working to support new migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum. The Centre was created in 1976 with the vision of a place where people could keep cultural traditions alive while developing new social connections and creative ways of living together.

#### NSW Syllabus outcomes:

GEe-1, GE1-1, GE2-1, GE3-1, GE4-3, GE5-3  
HTe-1, GE1-2, GE2-2, GE3-2, GE4-4, GE5-4  
HT1-1, GE2-3, GE3-3, GE4-6, GE5-6  
HT1-2, HT2-1, HT3-1, HT4-2, HT5-3  
HT2-2, HT3-2, HT4-3, HT5-3  
HT3-3, HT4-10, HT5-4  
HT3-4, HT5-10

# Visit the Living Museum at Addison Road Community Centre

## Education

**Addi Road's Living Museum offers school visits focused on six themes:**

- War on Waste – rescuing food, fighting hunger
- The Buried Creek – unearthing natural history
- War and Peace in the Neighbourhood – big history in a little place
- Art, Action and 'Artivism' – creativity and community
- Urban Habitats – wild life in the city
- A Place to Call Home – the world in one community

**Our Living Museum workshops focus on the Australian Curriculum's General and Cross-cultural Capabilities of:**

- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social capability
- Intercultural understanding
- Ethical understanding
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- Sustainability
- Civics and citizenship
- Difference and diversity
- Work and enterprise

**Our workshops address the NSW Syllabus Geography and History objectives of:**

- developing knowledge and understanding of the features and characteristics of places and environments across a range of scales
- developing knowledge and understanding of interactions between people, places and environments
- developing knowledge and understanding about the nature of history and the key changes and developments from the past.
- developing knowledge and understanding about key historical concepts and developing the skills to undertake the process of historical inquiry
- developing knowledge and understanding of ideas, movements, people and events that shaped past civilizations, the modern world and Australia.

# Logistics

A day at Addi Road normally looks like this:

**10am - Welcome & orientation**  
**10:15 - Session 1 (Tour & Activity)**  
**11:45 LUNCH**  
**12:15 Session 2 (Focus Workshop)**  
**1:45 - Feedback & Farewell**

We are happy to work with you to design a visit that best suits your needs, focus topic, group size and budget.

Addi Road has a large car park with room for buses and coaches, plenty of bathrooms, a large green space for breaks and picnics and wet-weather areas. The Centre can also be reached on foot from most of Marrickville, or by bus (the 428 bus stops right at the front gates), or by train with a 10/15-minute walk from Stanmore Station.

The Centre carries public liability insurance, can provide a Risk Assessment and all staff and volunteers working on the Living Museum program have Working With Children checks.

**To book a school excursion or find out more,  
please get in touch with our Living Museum coordinator:  
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Addison Road Community Centre in Marrickville stands on the traditional lands of the Cadigal people of the Eora Nation. We pay tribute to the Cadigal people's care and custodianship of this land over hundreds of generations and acknowledge the ongoing struggle for justice, rights and recognition by and for Indigenous Australians.