

Blue Mountains Sustainability Festival

Presenter: Alison Mellor

Date: 26/9/2026

Location: Tibbi Whalen Hall, Civic Centre, Katoomba St, Katoomba

Time: 10:30 – 10:50

Topic: Invertebrates Australia - Bug Hunt

Presenter Bio

Alison Mellor is a science communicator with Invertebrates Australia who helps Australians discover the extraordinary but often overlooked world of insects, spiders and other invertebrates. She leads national citizen-science initiatives like Bug Hunt Australia, empowering people of all ages to contribute to biodiversity monitoring and protect Australia's hidden wildlife.

Presentation Precipis

Discover the hidden universe in your backyard with Alison Mellor from Invertebrates Australia. Explore the insects, spiders and other tiny creatures that keep our ecosystems thriving and learn why these remarkable invertebrates are so vital yet so overlooked.

Alison will show how your everyday sightings can support national conservation science through Bug Hunt Australia and Bugs in My Backyard Week, citizen science projects run via iNaturalist with the Invasive Species Council and supported by the Australian Geographic Awards for Nature program.

Whether you're a nature lover or simply curious, you'll learn how your observations can help track biodiversity, detect environmental change and protect Australia's extraordinary invertebrates.