

# Water Lesson: One

## Clarence Slockee (Jiwah)

In **Water Lesson One**, attendees joined Cudgenburra/Bundjalung Aboriginal man Clarence Slockee and the Jiwah team on the South Eveleigh Community Rooftop. Attendees learned about the garden's sustainable water system and gathered new knowledge on native edibles.

### Exercise | Where are our Australian natives?

Australia is home to 24,000 species of native plants; can you find any in your neighbourhood?

1. Walk to your local park.
2. Observe the plants and flowers.
3. Take a guess! Choose a plant in the park you think might be an Australian native and think about the colour, shape, smell, texture and size.
4. Take a photograph of the plant.
5. When you return home, do some additional research. try and find out more about your plant – is it an Australian Native or an introduced species?

**Tip:** Use a variety of sources including the internet, books and other friends and family members.



### About Water Lessons

Water Lessons celebrates learning through doing. Taking place on the third Sunday of each month throughout April 2021 – March 2022, Water Lessons is an opportunity to connect with community in the lead up to the 23rd Biennale of Sydney (2022). Rooted in an exploration of waterways and weaving the 23rd Biennale of Sydney will celebrate place by reimagining the conservation and protection of our natural resources. Water Lessons embraces the reality that we all hold water expertise through our social, cultural, political and historical relations with it. Collaboration, dialogue and exchange are foregrounded through Water Lessons as essential tools for learning and sharing.

### About Clarence Slockee

Clarence Slockee is a Cudgenburra/Bundjalung Aboriginal man with a long family history of bushmen, farmers and fishermen growing up in the lush Tweed Valley. Clarence intertwines his love of plants, education, culture, design and the arts into his role as Director of Jiwah. For the past 10 years Clarence has been a familiar face on television screens across the nation as a presenter on ABC's Gardening Australia. With regular segments on the TV series, he continues to educate people about medicinal, cultural and edible native plant species unique to the Australian landscape.

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