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# BUSHRANGER

Newsletter of the  
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

October 2016

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11 October 7.30pm

Lane Cove Tennis Club, Blaxlands Corner,  
Kenneth St & River Rd

## What is coming up

**Our AGM** - Give some of your time this year – put your name forward at the AGM to support the work of the Society. Make a positive contribution to the natural and built environment in Lane Cove.

**Sustainability Lane** in LC Plaza. Sun 9th Oct 9 – 4. Can you help? - contact Helen Jordan 9427 4845 to put your name on the roster.

## Photos for fundraising

We are launching our special edition of LCBCS festive season cards! Printed on 100% recycled paper, these will be produced for the festive season 2016. If you would like to contribute a photograph of local bushland or wildlife, please contact Corinne directly at [cmfisher@tpg.com.au](mailto:cmfisher@tpg.com.au) with a copy of the photo. (high resolution please). Full credit will be given to the photographer. 100% of the card sale proceeds go to the Society.

## What we have done



Our **Spring Plant Stall** in the Plaza on 10 Sept saw a fabulous fundraising effort that brought in \$501.60. Associated activities including greeting card sales and busking by Hannah. The profit from the day was \$321.42. There was also a Kids' Activity – thanks to all the helpers involved!

## We are submitting a motion to the NCC conference October 2016, asking:

“That the NCC write to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Environment seeking assurances that in all merged councils the environmental policies regarding protection and maintenance of bushland are based on the highest standards now that are now in place of the councils that have been merged.

“Over the past 40 years there has been a major growth in the recognition of the value of Lane Cove bushland as a source for the preservation of biodiversity, a haven for wildlife, a valuable recreational resource and an aesthetic delight. This growth and awareness has been fostered by members of the community working with LCC and educating the public, councillors and council staff on the value of our remarkable asset. The increasing development density in Lane Cove reinforces the need to continue to maintain and enhance our bushland. Many thousands of volunteer hours have been put into bush regeneration and rehabilitation alongside Council funded contractors.

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“One measure of the importance attached to bushland is LCC’s funding for bushland. LCC spends about \$1 343 000 per annum of which about \$130 000 is from grants. The \$1 200,000 of ratepayers’ expenditure is about \$35 per head of population or \$92 per residential ratepayer, whereas Ryde and Hunters Hill spend about a third of these amounts. Ryde will be the dominant part of the amalgamation and its relatively low spend reflects a much lower value placed on bushland, even though Ryde has 205 hectares and Lane Cove 93 hectares, which will probably result in less being spent in Lane Cove.

“This could result in the undoing of years of dedicated bush regeneration and maintenance.”

### **NCC Conference 22 and 23rd October**

The conference will be held at Sydney University. The first day will form part of the **National Environment Meeting** and will be co-hosted by Greenpeace and in partnership with the Sydney University Environment Institute. The Society will be attending the NCC Conference.

You can also attend as an individual. Visit the NCC website for a closer look at the program and details on how to register.

## **In other news**

### **SOS Green Spaces**

Our growing city and towns need parks and trees. However these are under attack with the state government and many local councils increasingly under the influence of developers, allowing green spaces to be destroyed by urban development and poorly designed infrastructure.



The Total Environment Centre has launched SOS Green Spaces, a grassroots campaign to help mobilise communities and secure stronger legal protections for our green spaces and trees. Support

the campaign by emailing Premier Mike Baird and Planning Minister Rob Stokes at [www.tec.good.do](http://www.tec.good.do); donating to the campaign at <http://tec.good.do/SOSgreenspaces/Donate/>

For further information, please contact Corinne Fisher on 9211 5022 or [cfisher@tec.org.au](mailto:cfisher@tec.org.au)

### **Rosenthal Avenue development workshop**

This workshop, on 31 Aug, organised by Lane Cove Council, focussed on issues relating to the construction phase of this development. Tenders have been called for from four Design and Construct contractors which are due in October 2016. (The public will have no input to the design of the Town Centre buildings or open spaces as these were determined by Council from the feedback from the exhibition of the designs for the space and it will be part of the contract that is signed.)

There will be a full time Council liaison officer to be the first contact during the construction phase.

### **BPN (Better Planning Network)**

A Special General Meeting was called, to cover matters of governance and the running of the BPN. This was held on Saturday 17th Sept. LCB&CS is one of the signatories of the request for the Special Meeting and a report will be given directly to the executive and later to the general meeting.

### **Coal and Gas Watch Lane Cove**

Next public forum will be held on Sunday 23 October 1.30 at the Greenwich Community Hall, with guest speakers talking about the true “economic benefits of coal”. Contact Sally Kennedy at [sallykennedy123@hotmail.com](mailto:sallykennedy123@hotmail.com)

### **Bush Kids**

This program has become increasingly popular. There is a waiting list for activities. Term 4 is already booked out.

Volunteers from the Society can help at the Bush Kids stall at the upcoming Sustainability Lane. There will be simple craft activities, for the kids. Contact Valerie on [bushkids@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bushkids@lanecove.nsw.gov.au), if you can help. See also [facebook.com/lanecovebushkids](https://www.facebook.com/lanecovebushkids).

### **Household Chemical Clean Out**

Paint, oils, fire extinguishers and gas bottles - for a full list see [www.cleanout.com.au](http://www.cleanout.com.au). 9am – 3:30pm, Drop off items on Sat 22 and Sun 23 Oct, at Bicentennial Reserve car park, Small Street, Willoughby. For Lane Cove and Willoughby residents. Cost: Free