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# BUSH RANGER

Newsletter of the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

## March 2019

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 12 March, 7.30 - 9.30pm**  
LCBCS March meeting

**Sunday 10 March, 2 - 4pm –**  
Repair Café North-

**Monday 11 March- Fri. 22 March**  
8am to 6pm NSW Election Pre-polling

**Friday March 15, 7:30 am – 4 pm**  
Kurrajong Bushcare visit to rehabilitate & learn about koala habitat.  
Book:North Sydney Council Bushcare

**Saturday, 16 March –** Lane Cove Planning Alliance stall in LC Plaza distributing NSW candidates answers to the Alliances Planning Questionnaires.

**Saturday 23 March, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
Voting -2019 NSW Election Day.

**Saturday 30 March –**  
LCBCS Native Plant Stall - see below.

**Tuesday 9 April, 7pm- Book Review.**  
Lynne Mc Loughlin, author of 'The Natural Environment of Lane Cove' 2<sup>nd</sup> edition discusses her new illustrated edition with its diverse range of topics, including Lane Cove Council's management of bushland and the Aboriginal Heritage Office's revision of the first people of Lane Cove. *Venue to be announced.*



Image from <https://www.facebook.com/BetterPlanningNetwork/>



## DOESNT NSW DESERVE A BETTER PLANNING SYSTEM?

In one easy step you can support the 'Community Charter for Good Planning' and email 6 key politicians ahead of the NSW Elections:

LCBCS members founded the 'Better Planning Network' (BPN), and update our monthly meetings on BPN activities. The BPN, together with other groups including the [National Trust Australia \(NSW\)](#), [Shelter NSW](#), [Nature NSW](#), [National Parks Association of NSW](#), [Inner Sydney Voice](#) and the [Total Environment Centre](#) have developed 'Planning for People: A Community Charter for Good Planning in NSW'.

BPN first states that good planning is governed by principles that "respect the well-being of the whole community, the environment and future generations across regional, rural and urban NSW".

To let our politicians know you support the Community Charter for Good Planning and would like them to adopt the principles in NSW planning laws, fill in the form and endorse the Charter.

Visit - <http://thecomunitycharter.net.au> or <https://www.facebook.com/BetterPlanningNetwork/>  
Please share! [#planningforpeople](#) and [#communitycharter](#)

For every endorsement, emails will be automatically generated to:

- The Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Premier of NSW
- The Hon. Anthony Roberts, MP, Minister for Planning
- The Hon. Michael Daley, MLC, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Planning
- Mr David Shoebridge, MLC, The Greens NSW Spokesperson for Planning
- The Hon. Robert Borsak, MLC, Shooters and Fishers Party
- Reverend The Hon. Fred Nile, MLC, Christian Democratic Party

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## Australia's Population Hits 25 million but Who is Cheering?

In August 2018 Australia's population hit the 25 million mark. The huge imposition on our fragile ecosystems and water supply and the demand for capital to finance the infrastructure needs is illustrated in this snapshot taken from the STEP website:

<https://www.step.org.au/index.php/item/339-australia-s-population-hits-25-million-but-who-is-cheering> .

Public concern about **the rate** of population growth has increasingly focused on the shortcomings of infrastructure in Sydney and Melbourne. The ABS has been instructed to assume continuation of high rates of immigration.

Scenario B represents approximately the experience over the past ten years. The projected outcomes are as follows:

Location	Projected population (millions)		
	2017	2036	2066
Australia	24.6	33.2	42.6
Greater Sydney	5.1	7.0	9.7
Greater Melbourne	4.8	7.0	10.2
Greater Brisbane	2.4	3.4	4.8

Based on these projections governments are expecting the country to provide for an extra 8.6 million citizens over the next 20 years and a further 9.4 million over the following 30 years. **That's the creation of another one and a half Sydneys in only 20 years!**

Where will all these people live? This is a huge imposition on our fragile ecosystems and water supply and the demand for capital to finance the infrastructure needs.

The table below gives some historical data of past migration rate to put the current situation into perspective.

For full article go to: <https://www.step.org.au>

10 year periods (ending 30 June)	Average net overseas migration pa
2009–18	221,700
1999–08	144,700
1989–98	86,500

## LANE COVE NATIONAL PARK PRIVATISATION

NSW National Parks have over 50 million park visitors each year, with 5 million visits annually to the Blue Mountains National Park. Yet 100 rangers have been lost/sacked (1 in 3 of front line staff) under the NSW Berejiklian Government, and part of Lane Cove National Park was recently privatised, according to the [Public Service Association of NSW](#) (PSA NSW).

The Society's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LCBCS/> shows a video of a recent visit to the Lane Cove National Park by the PSA NSW's General Secretary and veteran NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Ranger Kim de Govrik where they describe their fears for the National Parks Estate.

## Investing In Our Natural Environment: [A Cleaner Greener NSW](#)

The March edition of **The Village Observer** features 'Investing in our Natural Environment' on page 29, an article by the Society. We join the **Nature Conservation Council** (NCC) in calling for urban bushland, green spaces and tree canopies to be a priority for the NSW Government.

With the NSW elections upon us we urgently need leaders that recognise a healthy, functioning environment is essential for the health and wellbeing of the people of NSW. The long and short-term objectives of governments, such as planning for a growing population, often undermine the long-term

need to conserve and enhance wildlife, our natural environment and plan for a sustainable future.

Read the NCC joint environment group platform '[A Cleaner Greener NSW](#)' that calls for the implementation and permanent protection of the 'Sydney Green Grid' and calls on Government to remove the laws and policies that allow for unchecked tree clearing for development and infrastructure (such as the Exempt and Complying Development Code and the 10/50 Bushfire Code) and to legislate to maintain and increase urban trees and tree canopy (40% increase of Sydney's tree canopy by 2030).

## **The Lane Cove Planning Alliance Stall**

**On Saturday 16 March in the Lane Cove Plaza**

NSW candidates' answers to the LCPA's Questionnaires regarding planning and development will be distributed to help you know their policies.

Volunteers are welcome. Contact Doug: 9428 2527. This information will be publicised widely in the local media.



**Sunday 10 March 2pm to 4pm**

*Pictures speak louder than words!*

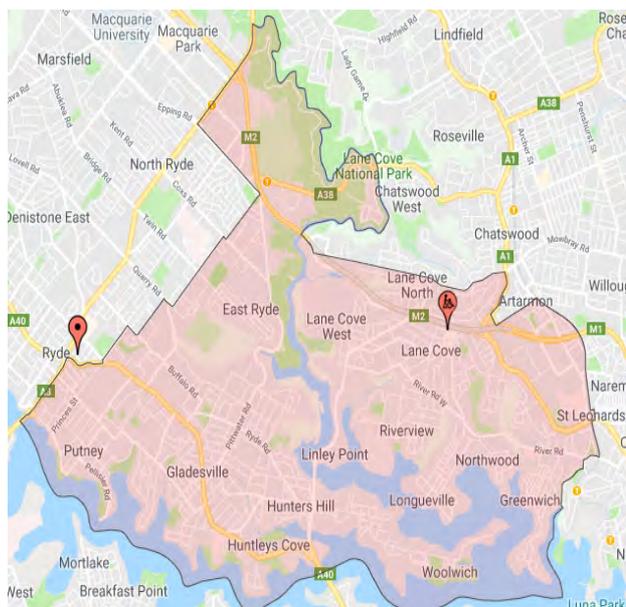


**What: Free repairs.** Donations welcomed  
**When: First and second Sundays** of the month  
**Where: Living and Learning Centre,**  
180 Longueville Road, Lane Cove.  
**Park: Free all day** along Longueville Road  
or 3 hours free on Little St Car Park  
More information **Wendy 94204884**  
or **0410280912**  
Email: [enquiries@repaircafesydneynorth.net](mailto:enquiries@repaircafesydneynorth.net)  
Website: [repaircafesydneynorth.net](http://repaircafesydneynorth.net)  
or visit our Facebook page



## **BMAC helps protect bushland in Longueville and Northwood**

For 2 years, from Monday 18 March, 2019, Sydney Water's contractor Interflow P/L will work on the Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer (NSOOS) - a 3 metre wide wastewater tunnel - to improve the wastewater tunnel, built in 1930's, from the Warraroon Reserve area off Dettmann Ave.



A works station and 12 metre truck will block the walking track to William Edward St, Longueville. An alternative track, bypassing the rock bridge, will still be available. Other work sites are sited in Woodford Bay and Burns Bay Reserve.

Few trees or seedbank will be impacted as the first proposal (18 months ago) has been greatly modified to accommodate concerns for bushland. Society's representatives on Council's Bushland Management Advisory Committee (BMAC) have been part of the consultation process to ensure that harm is minimised, and at completion of the work the area will be restored.

### **2019 NSW State election – Lane Cove State District** **Saturday, 23 March 2019. 8:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Election of the 57th Parliament of NSW, including all 93 seats in the NSW Legislative Assembly and 21 of the 42 seats in the NSW Legislative Council (Upper House). Close of Nominations is 6 March.

**Early voting** -from Mon. 11 March 2019 until Fri. 22 March 2019, 8am to 6pm. 

@ Lane Cove Election Managers Office, Shop 5 & 6, 9-13 Birdwood Ave, Lane Cove.

St Anne's Anglican Church, 42 Church St, Ryde.

To find out about *ivote* and postal vote applications go to: <https://registration.ivote.nsw.gov.au/>  
Applications close 1pm on 23 March and 6pm Monday 18 March 2019 respectively.

## Natural & urban environment impacts by proposed Greenwich hospital site redevelopment – SSD 17-8699

On the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019, architect Doug Stuart wrote to the Department of Planning and Environment on behalf of the Lane Cove Bushland and Conservation Society, astonished that we had not been informed of this 'State Significant Development' as it has a substantial impact on the environment, not only on the actual site but also to the surrounding residential and school area.



No deep soil planting in George Street's Central Park but innovation

We only became aware of the proposal via word of mouth since it was placed on exhibition in an obscure, inaccessible Department of Planning web site SSD 17- 8699.

The Department rejected our request that the submission time be extended beyond the set date of 15<sup>th</sup> March as the documents are extensive and will require considerable scrutiny to be able to comment constructively; we also requested that we are kept informed.



New high-rise in Lane Cove, devoid of setbacks that previously allowed for trees & deep soil planting

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## The Society's Autumn Plant Stall Lane Cove Plaza Saturday 30 March - 9 am to 12 noon

Come along and have a chat with the Society's local plant experts and members about native plants indigenous to the Lane Cove and the Sydney region.

Buy some plants at low prices and receive advice on how you can grow them on balconies or in backyards in Lane Cove. Handmade cards are also on sale.

The Society holds two stalls every year, in Spring and Autumn, to assist locals to grow plants endemic to Lane Cove, to raise awareness about wildlife habitat, native plants and bushland in urban areas, and to raise funds for bushland conservation.

Ring or SMS Ruth on 0409 609 940 to volunteer on one of the working bees preparing for the Stall or to assist on the day (novices welcome!).

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