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Newsletter of the  
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

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Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society meets at the Lane Cove Tennis Club, Central Park, Kenneth St, Longueville

every 2nd Tuesday of the month (except January) at 7:30pm.

Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Next meeting of the Society is  
Tuesday 13 March 2018,  
7.30 pm – 9.30pm**



**Native & Indigenous  
Plant Stall**

Saturday 17th March 2018, 9am - 12 noon  
Venue Lane Cove Plaza

Whether your garden is large or small or you only have space for some pots there is a wide range of suitable native and indigenous plants for your situation. So come and consult about interesting aspects of growing Australian and local plants in our Lane Cove gardens, balconies or terraces.  
Contact: Ruth - 0409609940

Lane Cove  
**Bushland  
and Conservation Society**

Twice a year the Society holds a stall to raise awareness about native plants and bushland in urban areas and raise funds for bushland conservation.

Society members provide advice and information leaflets about native plants indigenous to the Sydney region with a specific focus on how to grow them in Lane Cove.

Newcomers to the area are most welcome and even if you are not buying plants, have a chat with the Society's members.

## Sale of Local Native Plants for Gardens and Balconies

**What:** Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society's Bi-Annual Native plant stall.

**When:** **Saturday 17 March**, 9 am – 12 noon

**Where:** Lane Cove Plaza

**RSVP:** New members or friends are welcome to volunteer an hour helping prepare or work on the stall. Call Ruth: **0409609940**

**More info:** Plant experts will be there to advise you on planting and help you make the best choice for your garden or balcony.

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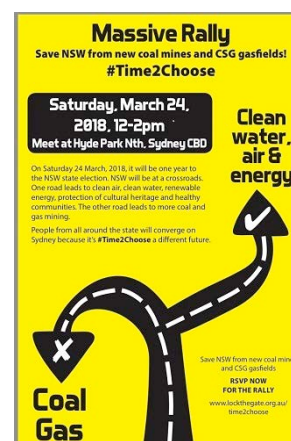
## Time2Choose Rally

**What:** March 24 is one year before the next NSW election. Put our politicians on notice and demand urgent action for clean air, clean water and clean energy, not the damage of coal and gas mining. The Rally to protect land and water, communities and cultural heritage will be led by First Nations people, followed by country riders on horseback.

**When:** **Saturday 24 March** 12 noon – 2 pm

**Where:** meet at Hyde Park North.

**More info:** Organisers: The Wilderness Society, Nature Conservation Council of NSW, 350 Australia and the Lock the Gate Alliance.  
**#Time2Choose**



## Making the Frontier Wars Visible

**Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation (LCRR) All Welcome.**

**What:** Australian History Talk on mapping early colonial massacres

**When:** **Monday 26 March**, 6.15pm for 6.30pm - 8.45pm

**Where:** The Meeting Room, Lane Cove Library. Gold Coin Donation

**RSVP:** Bookings Essential, **Email:** [kerriemckenzie@bigpond.com](mailto:kerriemckenzie@bigpond.com)

**More info:** Speaker: Lyndall Ryan, Conjoint Research Professor, Centre for the History of Violence, University of Newcastle. New methods for assessing evidence of massacres has led to a major new project investigating the incidence of massacres across the frontier in Australia's colonial past. The results of Stage 1 are now available in an on-line map. Professor Ryan shows how this map can be used to identify particular sites and discusses implications for reconciliation with Australia's violent past. Digital On-line Map of Frontier Massacre Sites in Eastern Australia. Stage 1: 1794 – 1872  
<https://c21ch.newcastle.edu.au/colonialmassacres>

## Repair Café Sydney North workshop

**What:** Workshop to learn how to make decorative boxes using recycled materials

**When:** **Sunday 8 April**, 10:00am - 12:30pm

**Where:** Living and Learning Centre, 180 Longueville Road, Lane Cove.

**RSVP:** <http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Environment/GetInvolvedandGreenEvents/Pages/EventsandActivities.aspx> All ages welcome. Morning tea provided.

**More info:** The Café is always open first & second Sundays of the month. Contact Wendy 94204884 or 0410280912 Email: [enquiries@repaircafesydneynorth.net](mailto:enquiries@repaircafesydneynorth.net)

## Save Bankstown's Bushland from Overdevelopment

**What:** Rally to stop the removal of 1000s of trees and inappropriate development

**When:** **Saturday 10 March**, 11.30am

**Where:** [56 Prescott Pde, Milpera](#).

**More info:** 'Keep Sydney Beautiful' is a community-led organisation committed to preserving hard-won planning and biodiversity protections in NSW from damaging government reforms.

Their Facebook page shows the extent of tree and bushland clearing & the rallies and campaigns to stop clearing habitat.

<https://www.facebook.com/Keep-Sydney-Beautiful-709269359175474/>



## **Bushland Management Advisory Committee (BMAC) 2018.**

Members of our Society (LCBCS) were involved in writing the Lane Cove Plan of Management for Bushland and for the creation of BMAC, gaining 3 dedicated positions for the Society on BMAC alongside community members. All Council committees automatically cease at the council election. The new Council has continued BMAC and has confirmed the community, bushcare and (new) wildlife members. Our three representatives, Norma Stuart, Yvonne Barber, and Maralyn Lawson were re-elected at the AGM in October. The first meeting of the new committees is due on 28th February.

## **Bush Kids Report & Great News for our Bushland!**

The renewed Bush Kids partnership agreement between the LCBCS and LC Council is in place and we are pleased to announce that the position of Bush Kids Activities Coordinator, now held by Valerie Close, has been made a permanent part-time position.

Some other Bushland staff have also been changed from casual employment to permanent part-time officers - great news for our bushland!

Don't forget... Members of the Bushland society receive 2 free Bush Kids activities per year....

Book in and take your children or grandchildren - they'll love it!



*Photos by Pam Bennun*

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## Submissions on Planning, Policy & Developments

The 'heavy lifting' of the Society is in reviewing NSW Govt. and local Planning and Policy changes, local DA's etc. that affect the natural environment, and writing the large number of submissions on our members' behalf.

**Submissions can inform membership of what is afoot** and are available under Communications on our website: <http://lanecovebushland.org.au/news/>

### Revised Draft North District and Associated Plans

Review of the Regional Forest Agreements the public consultation appears to say that the Government has already made up their minds to re-sign these with the timber industry.

We called it a flawed consultation.

### RMS changes to Centennial/Epping Road

intersection to increase the left turn lane The proposal is to extend the left turn lane and in so doing remove a number of trees. Alternatives are available.

### SEPP (Environment) replacing SEPP 19

This appears to have all of the main issues of SEPP 19 but we asked for some reassurance that it covers land adjoining bushland

### Proposed upgrade of Greenwich school

We viewed and commented on plans before the DA application was submitted. Proposal is to remove the demountables and build permanent structures which will mean many trees may go. We are trying to save as many as possible.

### DAs effecting bushland values

The executive sent comments on several DA's.

## Current Planning Issues

### [Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy](#)

The Department of the Environment and Energy is seeking feedback on this strategy and action inventory for 2018-30. The Draft Strategy and instructions for making a submission can be found on the Department's website: [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au)

**Public comment on the draft revised strategy closes 5pm, Friday 16 March 2018.**

### **Community Consultation: 2018 Review of the [Lane Cove 2025 Community Strategic Plan.](#)**

The Built and Natural Environment were only two of six themes in the Lane Cove 2025 Community Strategic Plan that some members reviewed and commented on at the recent Council Consultation-Workshops, held in the Little Street Community Facility.

If you would like to comment, review the document on the website as they will be accepted if sent to Council:

[lccouncil@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lccouncil@lanecove.nsw.gov.au)



If you would like help with drafting a submission on an environmental or planning issue feel free to get in touch.