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# BUSH RANGER

Newsletter of the  
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

## August 2018

### CHANGE OF VENUE FOR WINTER

THIS AUGUST 2018, the Society meets at  
**the Lane Cove Library**  
**Longueville Road, Lane Cove**

### CHANGE OF TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday 14 August, 7pm – 9pm**

Meetings held every 2nd Tuesday of the month,  
except January

Anyone is welcome to attend



## Events

- **Saturday 11 August, 1pm:** EDO seminar 'New NSW Planning Laws' organised by Better Planning Network
- **Sunday 5 & 12 August, 2- 4pm:** Repair Café Sydney North. Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month.
- **Sunday 12 August, 5pm fundraiser** Lane Cove Tree Wake for the Total Environment Centre
- **Sunday 19 August, 10am:** Bushwalk North Head Sanctuary spring wildflower guided walk
- **Saturday 8 Sept. 2018, 9 am-12 stall** Spring Native Flower Stall in Lane Cove Plaza. Volunteer opportunities

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## North Head Sanctuary

### Spring Wildflower Bushwalk

**Sunday 19th August 10.00am - 2.00pm**

Join us for a free guided spring bushwalk in a beautiful native plant sanctuary at North Head.

The Society's native plant experts will guide this easy walk where an abundance of amazing native plants are now in bloom and the ocean and Sydney Harbour views are most spectacular. A photographer's delight!

North Head Sanctuary is a haven where natural heritage and Australian history combine. Bring lunch, water, hat, sunscreen and your camera.

**Meet 10am at the North Fort free carpark in North Head Sanctuary, Manly.**

**Access from Manly is via Darley Street and North Head Scenic Drive.**

Don't forget to advise a guide if you leave early.

**DO Please book or inquire: Ron or Barbara Gornall. Ph: 94271125 or email [rongornall@hotmail.com](mailto:rongornall@hotmail.com) Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society.**

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## New NSW Planning Laws

This seminar, organised by **the Better Planning Network**, will look at the revised NSW planning laws that became operational in March 2018, with a specific focus on changes to urban planning processes.

**Presentation by Ms Jemilah Hallinan, Outreach Director NSW Environmental Defender's Office.**

**When: Saturday 11 August, from 1pm**

**Where: [Harold Park Community Hall](#) 1 Dalgal Way, Forest Lodge. **RSVPs essential** - Entry by donation at the door**

### Background

[In the second reading of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Bill Amendment Bill 2017](#), Mr Scott MacDonald, MLC stated: *This "builds on the Government's agenda to cut red tape ... provide a faster and more flexible planning system for govt. and the communities we represent."*

*"Cut red tape" ... "faster and more flexible planning system" ... these words are alarm bells for those concerned with thoroughness of assessment and dedication to genuine consultation, especially where concurrences are needed from other Departments on specialist areas of regulation.*

The second reading speech spoke of *"enhancements to community participation, increased strategic planning, improved design, and provided more efficient approvals from New South Wales agencies and an improved compliance framework to ensure the approved works are actually the works constructed."*

### Some questions to be addressed at this seminar:

- How would the Minister judge whether a Modification is of "minimal environmental impact"?
- What are the new provisions for public notification of reasons for planning decisions and how will community views be taken into account?

## Lane Cove Tree Wake



## The Better Planning Network

In 2012 the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society helped establish the Better Planning Network (BPN) to fight (successfully) against the then O'Farrell Government's proposed planning reforms that prioritised developer profits over public interest.

**Impacts of the Greater Sydney Commission's "housing supply target" and the resultant population increases for our 'District North' need our close attention.**

There are projections for 1,900 more dwellings in Lane Cove by 2021 (ie 3 years' time) with other sources stating 7,000 more new homes by 2026.

Where will they be built? **Green space can be the first victim when planning Lane Cove's infrastructure/ liveability / and environment.**

### Become a Friend of BPN

[http://www.betterplanningnetwork.org.au/become\\_a\\_friend\\_of\\_bpn](http://www.betterplanningnetwork.org.au/become_a_friend_of_bpn) For just \$10 pa., you can personally support the BPN's work for a more visionary and sustainable planning system. As a Friend of BPN you will receive priority invitations to our seminars, and updates about planning changes and our campaigns. Most importantly, you make a concrete, much needed contribution that will help amplify the voice of local communities for a sustainable, liveable, resilient NSW.

Today, the network comprises close to 100 community groups. BPN's aim is to advocate for a visionary planning system for NSW - one that fosters **best-practice environmental, heritage, social sustainability and design outcomes**. To achieve this vision, BPN believes that NSW planning laws must be up-hauled in line with [Planning for People: A Community Charter for Good Planning in NSW](#).

Long time LCBCS member & local artist [Bridget Kennedy of Project Space](#) is organising a wonderful Tree Wake to fundraise for the [Total Environment Centre](#).

"For nearly 2 decades we've lived under a majestic Blackbutt tree (*Eucalyptus pilularis*). Sadly she has chosen to leave us. This event celebrates her life and what she will become".

Come along if you live in Lane Cove (or not!) for what promises to be a beautiful evening. See you there!

**When: Sunday 12 August, from 5pm.**

**Book:** <https://www.facebook.com/LCBCS/> or <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=405677>

## Crown Lands in Local Council hands

Changes to Crown Lands legislation in July 2018 handed local councils direct management of Crown reserves.

Council no longer needs approval from the Minister for Lands and Forestry for works and uses including leases such as Greenwich Baths and Lane Cove Tennis club.

Lane Cove Council minutes recorded this as a “positive outcome for the community in allowing it greater input into the management of local reserves and better reflecting local priorities, needs and uses of the reserves”.

The transition involves the classification of reserves as ‘operational’ or ‘community’ land under the Local Government Act, and their categorisation under one or more categories depending on its primary uses.

### Classifications include:-

- Natural areas
- Bushland
- Wetlands
- Sportsgrounds
- Areas of cultural significance e.g. Aboriginal heritage and
- Community use

## Spring Native Plant Stall

When: **Saturday 8 September 9 am to 12 pm**

Where: **Lane Cove Plaza**

**Volunteer now! Learn on the job!** It’s very social and lots of fun. You don’t need prior knowledge as you will be supported by plant experts & information available at the stall. Please Call Ruth to help before the stall with labelling plants or at the stall or other jobs:

**Call Ruth: 0409 609 940**

The Lane Cove Bushland and Conservation Society holds plant stalls in Lane Cove Plaza every year in Spring and Autumn 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’s apartment balconies or backyards.

Council will have 3 years from 1 July 2018, to prepare Plans of Management for each of the Crown reserves, with generic plans for bushland areas, playgrounds, sportsgrounds and the like permissible.

Staff will assess whether site specific Plans of Management are required to meet the Crown Land requirements. The one off \$30,000 provided by State Government to assist with preparation of the Plans, which will initially require Ministerial approval, will not be sufficient to cover the cost of the plans. Further funds will need to be found to complete the initial work.

**In the interim all reserves have been described as having public recreation as their primary purpose, with reserve trust lands being further categorized as parks. These are very loose terms. We need to ensure that the natural bushland in Lane Cove is classified correctly and that appropriate plans of management are put in place.**

**Just some of lands affected:**

**Tambourine Park, Blackman Park, Lloyd Rees Park, Burns Bay Reserve, Woodford Bay Reserve, Ventemans Reach, Turrumburra Park, Bay Street Reserve, Northwood Park, Manns Point and Lane Cove Reserve.**

Newcomers to the area aware of Lane Cove’s greenery but not familiar with how to preserve and encourage it are most welcome. Even if you are not buying plants, have a chat with the Society’s members on the stall.



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**Native & Indigenous Plant Sale**

**Saturday 8 September, 9am-12**  
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 find out about growing Australian and local plants in our Lane Cove gardens, balconies and terraces.

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Lane Cove **Bushland** and Conservation Society

If you value nature, have writing/ editing/ web skills, an interest in environmental management, planning, architectural skills, or just want to help on stalls etc., join with society members to further these interests!

**Become involved in campaigns to hold the Government accountable for the environment.**

Our Submissions can be found under 'Communications' on our website:

<http://lanecovebushland.org.au/news/>

## Redeveloping the Coles Site

Keep your eyes peeled for a Development Application and Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) for a redevelopment of the existing Coles site.

Construction will not happen until Coles move into their new premises in the Rosenthal Development, but the owners want to have the proposal tied up so that they can move quickly once Coles vacate.

Preliminary plans show a reasonable low key development including the Council carpark site behind Coles. Council will cede this site to the developer in return for increased parking and some

community space (below ground but with some outlook to a courtyard).

The existing entry and exit to Burns Bay Road will disappear and all traffic will access the site from Sera Street. There is retail at street level on Burns Bay Road, community space immediately below this and a large retail area below that again. There are units above street level shops, a second building in the middle of 4 storeys units and a third building of 2 storey units facing Sera Street.

Council have agreed to exhibit the DA and the VPA as soon as the application is made.



**Place:** Living and Learning Centre, 180 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove.

**Parking:** free all day parking along Longueville Rd or park for 3 hours free on Little St Car Park

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