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Newsletter of the
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

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Events

- Sunday 2 Sept. 2 -4pm: Repair Café, Lane Cove
- Friday 7 Sept. 4 -5pm: Launch and Prizes for Threatened Species Art Competition at Glebe Town Hall
- Saturday 8 Sept. 9 am -12pm: Spring Native Flower Stall
- **Tuesday 11 Sept. 7:30pm, LCBCS Meeting**
- Wednesday 19 Sept. 6:30pm: Book launch -*The Natural Environment of Lane Cove, 2nd ed.* (details below)
- Sunday 14 Oct. 9:00am-4:00pm: LCBCS Stall at Lane Cove Festival – Sustainability Lane
- Saturday 20 Oct. 9am – 5.45pm: NCC Annual Conference

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Our Spring Native Plant Stall !

When: Saturday 8 September 9 am - 12 pm

Where: Lane Cove Plaza

Plants & bee hotels for balconies and backyards.

Native plant experts will be available to help you next Saturday with **selection and planting tips** at the Societies Spring plant stall in Lane Cove Plaza. We will again be joined by Robbie with his **native bee and insect hotels** for sale! Lane Cove Bushland and Conservation Society members provide advice and leaflets about native plants indigenous to Lane Cove and the Sydney region with a specific focus on how to grow them in Lane Cove's apartment balconies or backyards. We hold two stalls each year to raise awareness about native plants, urban bushland and to raise funds for bushland conservation. Our **hand-made cards** with beautiful photos of local flora and fauna will again be on sale.

Even if you are not buying plants, have a chat with the Society's volunteer members on the stall.



While you are there register to volunteer for **the LCBCS Stall at Lane Cove Festival's Sustainability Lane on Sunday 14 October 9:00am - 4:00pm.**

It's a fun day chatting with the community in the shade of our colourful stall, enjoying live music and exploring all the other interesting organisations, stalls and wares.

The LC Bushland & Conservation Society's native plant stall in March 2018 was a great success.

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Book launch: *'The Natural Environment of Lane Cove', 2nd edition* by Lynne McLoughlin



Mangroves along the shoreline of Cunninghams Reach, 2014. L. McLoughlin

This 2nd edition (2017) updates Lynne's earlier book *'The Natural Environment of Lane Cove'*, published by Lane Cove Council in 1992 (reprinted 2014), is filled with many gorgeous photos of local wildlife, plants and landscapes to inform and delight both adults and children.

In describing what's new, Lynne said that while the earlier edition focused more simply on describing the natural environment and our human impacts, the new edition traces the growth of bushland management activities over the intervening 25 years in an extensive new chapter. This also covers the substantial extension in Council activities to encourage community interaction and engagement with bushland that facilitates their understanding and appreciation of this key feature of Lane Cove.

All other chapters, maps, and lists have been updated and a chapter for threatened species and communities (plants and animals) added. The chapter on Aboriginal people in Lane Cove has been rewritten by the Aboriginal Heritage Office, a resource not in existence at the time of the first edition.

Michelle Greenfield, Lane Cove Council's Bushland Interpretation Officer was the Project Manager for the easy-to-read, 154 page book. The book is a useful educational resource for the local community and schools and includes extensive references for each chapter for those who wish to delve deeper in individual topics. Topics covered by this book include native vegetation, climate, geology and soils, wildlife, European and Aboriginal history, human impacts on the environment, environmental management and the Lane Cove River.

'The Natural Environment of Lane Cove', 2nd edition is also available online at:

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Environment/NaturalEnvironment/Pages/BushlandinLaneCove.aspx>

You are invited to attend the book launch
Wed. 19th September 6.30pm at the
Lane Cove Library, with Mayor Pam Palmer.
Bookings essential: RSVP by 13th September
to Michelle Greenfield at 9911 3566 or
www.lanecove.nsw.gov/bushcarevents

Together with others from our Society, Lynne was a founding member of Lane Cove's Bushland Management Advisory Committee (BMAC) that has advised Council for over 25 years, and contributed to the Council's Bushland Plan of Management. She is BMAC's current Chair. Lynne's BA Dip. Ed was followed by a Masters of Environmental Studies thesis and in the publication of her 1985 book [The Middle Lane Cove River : a history and a future](#) and later, a PhD. Lynne has been a resident of Lane Cove since 1972.



Sydney Red Gums are a Lane Cove signature tree. L. McLoughlin

Moratorium on Planning Proposals in Lane Cove

The Monday 20 August meeting of Lane Cove Council unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillors Zbik and Visel that Council seek a “moratorium on any new planning proposals in the Lane Cove Local Government Area involving a residential use”..... “until the earlier of 1 July 2020 or the completion of any gazetted amendments to the Lane Cove LEP in respect of any **Land Use Infrastructure and Implementation Plan** produced by the Department of Planning’s **Priority Precinct planning process**”.

Developers go outside or seek to amend the LC Council’s Local Environment Plan (LEP) to process high density projects via the State Govt’s Planning Department’s Gateway process.

The Greenwich Community Association fears “Planning is being sabotaged by the rush of developers to get in ahead of the Department’s (yet undelivered) plan with their Gateway Proposals for huge numbers of units”. Residents are alarmed at the impacts of uncoordinated planning proposals with huge population increases in the contentious St Leonards/ Crows Nest planned precinct and the lack of infrastructure that may result. “The three councils who control this area have been moving ahead with developments seemingly with little regard to their cumulative impacts on the community”.

The extent of community interest and concern was evident by the almost full Council gallery, and reflected in North Shore Times coverage in 23 August edition.

The Nature Conservation Council Annual Conference

The NCC Annual Conference will be held on 20 October 9am – 5.45pm at Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt St. The NSW Environment Awards follow that night, nearby, 6.30-8pm at 107 Projects.

LCBCS members and interested environmentalists are invited to book and attend this one day Conference and Awards night. The Society is a member of the NCC and sends two delegates to vote on motions each year.

Inquiries: outreach@nature.org.au /or Jacqui: 9516 1488.

**The Society meets at the Lane Cove Tennis Club
Kenneth St, Longueville.**

**Next meeting:
7:30pm Tuesday 11 September**

We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month,
except January.

Anyone is welcome to attend

The Councillors also voted to “Write to Willoughby Council and North Sydney Council seeking to create a working group of Council staff and Councillors to collaborate to ensure common interests and outcomes such as the adequate provision of State infrastructure (including but not limited to schools, hospitals, parks and open space, public transport) are met in respect of the St Leonards/Crows Nest Planned Precinct prior to any amendments being made to each LGA’s respective LEP”.

Channel 7 NEWS:

Lane Cove Residents Speak Out on ‘Complying Development’

Wednesday 29 August - Lane Cove activist Guy Hallowes spoke briefly to camera alongside a supportive band of local residents opposing the **new ‘Complying Development’ planning laws for low density Residential areas (R2)** across NSW. Watch it online at <https://7plus.com.au/seven-news-sydney?episode-id=7NNS18-241> until Sunday 8 September.

The segment starts at 25:40 minutes and focuses on the inequity of the 1 year only exemptions, geographically and politically.

The impacts of this contentious new change in planning are explained in the Society’s excellent article by June Hefferan, Convener of the Lane Cove North Residents Association **‘There Goes the Neighbourhood! and it’s getting worse Medium Density - Complying Development and High Rise.’**

Go to **Communications - June 2018 Newsletter** (The Bushranger) on our website: <http://lanecovebushland.org.au/>

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/>

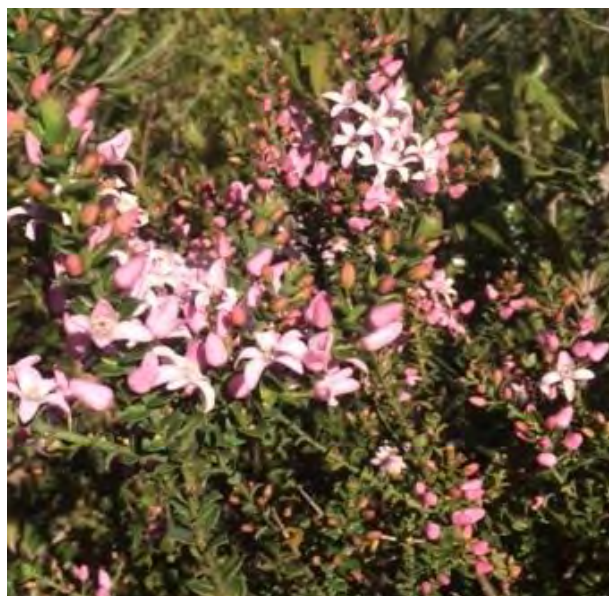
Guided Spring Bushwalk

Our Bushwalk in the beautiful native plant sanctuary at North Head on Sunday 19th August was enjoyed by many, sheltered from the wind on a bright, sunny day by large numbers of wonderful native plants and shrubs. Numerous vantage points along the way gave us breathtaking views of the rugged rocky coastline and expansive views of the Sydney CBD.



Philotheca myoporoides

The air was full of the lovely aroma of lots of white *Woolisia pungens* and the beautiful bright yellow flower heads of *Dillwynia florabunda*. Large numbers of *Phyllothea myoporoides* and *Phyllothea buxifolia* with their pink and white flowers surprised everyone. *Allocasuarinas* with the golden haze of their terminal foliage brightened the horizon.



Philotheca buxifolia

A very enjoyable day finished with delicious coffee and conversation at the very popular North Fort coffee shop after a look at the interesting displays at the Visitors Centre with its Powerful Owl, Bandicoot & other taxidermy.

Thank you Ron and Barbara Gornall for sharing your plant expertise once again with us all!

Lane Cove Coal and Gas Watch at the Moocooboola Festival



The LCC&GW attended Hunters Hill Moocooboola Festival on the 5th August. With the help of 12 volunteers on a beautiful warm, sunny day they collected nearly 300 signatures for the Time to Choose (clean air and clean water) campaign, while at the same time raising awareness of the issues of coal seam gas and coal mining on prime agricultural land.

A highlight of the day was speaking to our Lane Cove MP and NSW Planning Minister Anthony Roberts who was visiting the fair to speak with his constituents. He stopped by at our stall giving us the chance to talk to him about the strength of public opinion against CSG and remind him that our group is still going strong. **A very big thank you to all our volunteers.**



Lane Cove Coal & Gas Watch stall @ Hunters Hill Moocooboola Festival, Sunday 5th August 2018