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Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

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- **Sunday 14 Oct. 9:00am-4:00pm:** LCBCS Stall at Lane Cove Festival – Sustainability Lane, Lane Cove Plaza.
- **Saturday 20 Oct. 9:00am – 5.45pm:** NCC Annual Conference & NSW Environment Awards dinner, 6.30-8pm. outreach@nature.org.au / Jacqui: 9516 1488
- **Sunday 28 Oct. 10am-11.30am** Ventemans Reach guided waterfront bushwalk (see below)
- **Tue. 30 Oct. 2018, 7:30 – 9:30 pm**
Planning Forum -LC Planning Alliance (below)

The AGM of the

LANE COVE BUSHLAND & CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.

We would love to see you at our usual meeting in October as it will also be...

**The Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Tuesday 9 October 2018, 7.30pm
at the Lane Cove Tennis Club, Kenneth St / Blaxlands Corner, Longueville**

Lane Cove Fair Stall

Our stall at the **Lane Cove Fair- Lane Cove Plaza in Sustainability Lane on Sunday 14 October** promises to be another enjoyable social occasion where we engage with the community to promote understanding of the Society's role and value in protecting our unique bushland reserves & nature. Books & cards on our local environment for sale.

New members are needed to step forward so the Society can continue its work advocating for our natural environment. Can you volunteer 1 hour of your time at the Stall?

Ring Ron: 9427 1125 or Helen: 9427 4845 OR email: lanecove_bushland@yahoo.com with 'LC Fair Volunteer' in the subject bar



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Lane Cove Planning Alliance

Planning Forum



Meet the people who will decide Lane Cove's future development

DATE & TIME: Tue. 30 October 2018, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

LOCATION: Terrace Function Room, 1 Pottery Lane, Lane Cove

BOOK: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/lane-cove-planning-forum-tickets-48718400046>

COST: Free Admission but a small donation at the door would be appreciated

Confirmed attendance:

Councillor Pam Palmer- Lane Cove (LC) Mayor;

Councillor Andrew Zbik- LC councillor and Labor candidate in the 2019 State elections

MP David Shoebridge- Member NSW Legislative Council & Greens NSW Spokesman for Planning

Invited, yet to be confirmed:

The Hon. Anthony Roberts- MP for Lane Cove and NSW Minister for Planning.

Come along, hear what the Speakers have to say and ask your questions

The LCPA has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LaneCovePlanningAlliance>

At the 2016 Census, more than half our dwellings were flats and apartments & the number is growing. **Is this what we want?**

Council and much of the community think it's time to pause, take stock and consider carefully what our future should be, and retain the right to have a big say in Lane Cove's future. As a community we need to demand good planning. A great place to live is more than your own home- it's also the community and amenity around you.

The LC Bushland & Conservation Society is a member of the Lane Cove Planning Alliance (LCPA), a non-party-political, independent alliance of community groups in the Lane Cove Council area.

LCPA Objective 1 aligns with the Society's work (since 1971) protecting our urban bushland from encroachment by 'overdevelopment' - it states that "all future developments in Lane Cove respect and comply strictly with zoning, height limits, floor space ratios and set back limits as set out in the Lane Cove Local Environmental Plan 2009 and Development Control Plans."

Of special significance to the Society is Objective 3 of the LCPA:

maintain and promote the bush character of Lane Cove including large old growth trees and require all new developments to reflect and respect the importance of trees and green open space to the well-being of the community and the environment.

All trees removed for development must be replaced with a suitable native tree either within the development site or on adjacent public land within the Lane Cove Council area, as determined by Council.



A Moratorium - on the motion of Councillors Zbik and Vissel:

On 17 August Lane Cove Council unanimously resolved not to accept any new residential planning proposals until either July 1 2020 or the completion of any gazetted amendments to the Lane Cove Local Environmental Plan (LEP) arising from any Land Use Infrastructure and Implementation Plan produced by the Department of Planning's Priority Precinct planning process.

Many locals are of the belief that neither the housing targets, Councillors Zbik -Vissel's Moratorium, nor the matter of 'Medium Density Complying development' for Lane Cove's R2 zoned (low rise residential) properties will be resolved before the State Election in March 2019.

Guided Waterfront Bushwalk - Ventemans Reach

Sunday 28 October 10am- 11.30am. Meet @ end of Lloyd Rees Drive, BBQ area in Blackman Park. **Children are welcome as it's an easy walk**



A riverside walk will be led by LCBCS members Frances Vissel (LC Councillor) & Meron Wilson, both bringing decades of experience working in bushland. The guides will cover many aspects of Ventemans Reach, the most expansive and diverse wetland community in Lane Cove, including history, flora and fauna.

Boardwalks through the mangroves enable an exciting close-up look without getting your feet wet. Blackman Park has plenty of car parking, toilets, barbeques & children's bike track near picnic facilities. 252, 254 & 530 buses go nearest (10mins walk)

Call or SMS: 0410 041279 to signal your interest.

Thank You! Our Spring Native Plant Stall !

Ruth Neumann, coordinator of our Spring plant stall sends a huge thank you to everyone for your contribution in making our Plaza stall such a success on Saturday 8 September. Our plant and card sales exceeded expectations! With a lot of interest in growing local native plants, over 150 plants were sold and 15 gorgeous mauve flowering orchids that Norma so skillfully propagated sold like 'hot cakes'.

Many thanks to Robbie Renu - it was great to have Robbie, a maker of bee/insect hotels and a green wall specialist – Gecko Landscapes, discuss the benefits of insects in our gardens. Robbie is also the horticulturist at Cornucopia, one of the Society's very long term plant suppliers.

The team undertook a variety jobs: Plant selection and labelling, plant advice and sales, promotion of the Society, publicity, and overall help on the day. Congratulations Ruth and the team, thank you again for all your hard work! We'd love some new volunteers at the next stall in March 2019.

