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Newsletter of the
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

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Events

- Tuesday 11 June, 7pm:** LCBCS meeting at the library
- Wednesday 26 June, 6:30pm:** Pilliga Rising movie
- Monday 1 July:** NAIDOC week (local events advertised)
- Tuesday 9 July, 7pm:** LCBCS meeting
- Sunday 7, 14 July, 2-4pm:** Repair Café (details below)
- Sunday 1 September, 10am:** Guided walk North Head
- Sunday 14 September, 9am:** LCBCS Spring Native Plant Stall
- Sunday 14 September, 10am:** Guided walk Ventemans Reach

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Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Meet at the Lane Cove Library, Longueville Road

Tuesday 7pm - 11 June, 9 July, 13 August 2019

The next three LCBCS winter meetings will be held at the Lane Cove Library, Longueville Road

arrive at the earlier time of 6.50pm for 7pm start – ending 8.45pm

Please try to arrive with time to settle in to our warmer venue and help the meetings start on time.

Pilliga Rising

don't miss this amazing film!



Lane Cove Coal & Gas Watch has invited us to a screening of a beautiful new film about the campaign to protect communities, water and the Pilliga forest from coal seam gas (CSG) in northwest NSW.

"Mesmerising, heartbreaking, exhilarating" Elizabeth Farrelly, SMH

"Pilliga Rising reminds me that the power of community and everyday people coming together to protect each other and their most treasured resources can move mountains and change the world for the better." John Butler, Musician

WHERE: Lane Cove Library, Library Walk, Lane Cove

WHEN: Wednesday June 26, 2019 at 6:30pm - 8:30pm

COST: Entry by donation. [RSVP here to reserve your seat.](#)

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Greenwich Hospital Site Redevelopment: Update

The Society was invited to meet with Hammondcare in response to the LCBCS's Submission on the planning proposal for the Greenwich Hospital site, which can be found on the Society's website

[Redevelopment of Greenwich Hospital Site SSD 17 – 8699](#) under Communications, Planning- Submissions, Letters: http://lanecovebushland.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Submission_GreenwichHospital2019.pdf

Last week, Doug & Norma Stuart (Architect & BMAC representative) and Society President Shauna Forrest met in Pallister house, a late Victorian historic residence built in 1892, with four representatives of Hammondcare (three very new to their jobs) regarding their proposals for the Greenwich hospital site.

Only one of the many contentious points for the community and outlined in our submission is the height, scale and environmental footprint of new multi storied dwellings, apartments and villas for residential aged care. We did not view this new use as complying with the site's zoning- 'SP2 – Health Care Facilities', which also permits, with consent "*any development that is ordinarily incidental or ancillary to development for that purpose*"

It was a very constructive meeting with both side raising points about the proposal. Hammondcare seem to have taken on board the disquiet of the community and are answering these comments in their reply to the Department of Planning (DoP).

This will include a reduction in the footprint of the buildings, increase in trees to remain, more detail in the internal planning of the buildings and more research into the environmental aspects of the site such as hydrology and pollution.



Greenwich Hospital: <https://www.maps-streetview.com/Australia/Greenwich/>

We expressed our concerns about bushland and the effect that runoff and subsoil water had on the bushland on site as well as in the reserve and oval below. We also raised concerns about the residential towers and the Development Control Plan (DCP) requirements

It does appear that the residential part of the proposal will remain but could be reduced as this is in part used for their palliative care and home care services. Some will provide short term visitor accommodation for carers and relatives.

The next step is for a revised proposal to be put to the DoP which will then be re-exhibited. In the meantime Hammondcare will engage more fully with the community and local groups including our own, admitting that the previous consultation was inadequate.

Documents on The NSW Govt. Planning & Environment website (Major Projects Assessments) show the concept proposal for the redevelopment of Greenwich Hospital incorporating new health care and allied health facilities, residential aged care and seniors housing, in an integrated care campus including building envelopes, car parking and site access arrangements. View them at http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=8699



Figure 40 - Street view along St Vincent's Road showing the relationship between Pallister, the Hospital and the Villas. (Source: Bickerton Masters Architects)

Figure from dwg S 03/T3 used in the Heritage Report shows an inflated height for Pallister House (red line is indicative of real height from Survey) – see attached Mark-up of B-cross-section Hospital S04/T3 for corrections: <https://majorprojects.accelo.com/public/0892900cea8de2960ee4d3fbd4ddb6e/Attachment%20to%20submission.pdf>

LCBCS article in The Village Observer

'Our Disappearing Urban Tree Canopy' is featured on pages 9-10 of the current June edition of The Village Observer (TVO) and is also available online. Thankyou those who contributed to this article, especially Norma Stuart.

The TVO has brought the magazine into a new era by creating a digital edition so go to page 9 to view the article - use the link

<http://villageobserver.digitaleditions.com.au/html5/>



Lane Cove Community Expo Stall

Thank you Ron Gornall for organising the LCBCS stall at Council's first 'Expo' of community groups and services in the Terrace Room on Pottery Lane, and to those Society volunteers who helped set-up and work on the stall.

The Terrace Room as a 'destination' did not lend itself to capturing 'passing trade, being a little too hidden for the purpose of a mostly daytime Expo.

On the positive side, many community groups got to meet each other and our hand-made nature cards sold well very throughout the day.

Bridget Kennedy

Lane Cove Citizen of the Year for 2018-19

Congratulation to Bridget Kennedy for receiving this recognition and award. Bridget helps our Society with **Web Maintenance** and was chosen for her tireless and varied volunteer work focused on sustainability and the environment, including as a founder of Lane Cove Repair Café.



BROKEN ITEMS we fix for FREE include: jewellery, ceramics, shoes, toys, clothes, bags, household battery operated items, sharpening knives, secateurs, pruning tools. Contact us about items not mentioned.

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/ 0410280912**

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Don't forget to check out our news on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LCBCS

and... Contributions (short article &/or photos) to the monthly **Bushranger** newsletter are most welcome!
Send in content by the last Sunday of the month to Shauna Forrest: shaunaforrest@bigpond.com