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Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

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Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society

will meet at the

Lane Cove Library, Longueville Road

Tuesday 13 August. 7pm - 8.50pm

special Bush Kids presentation - all welcome



Valerie Holland will present an engaging illustrated report on the **Bush Kids** activities and program she leads, so popular with hundreds of local families.

Lane Cove Bush Kids is a joint initiative between Council and the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society. Established in 2011 by young mothers within the Society, LC Bush Kids aims to engage young children with nature and to encourage a life-long love and care of our environment.

January 2016, Council partnered with the Society to further develop and run the program. Since this time, LC Bush Kids has grown in the number of participants and the scope of activities.

The Lane Cove Festival 2019 Program

The full program can be viewed at www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/festivals.

Program booklets will be delivered to Lane Cove residents 1st to 8th August.

Hard copies will also be available in the Civic Centre and Library.

Please read for details on the three events being offered by the LCBCS:

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Climate Emergency Declaration and Mobilisation

Following a presentation by a member of the Lane Cove Sustainability Action Group to our LCBCS meeting in July, we voted to support a motion be put to Council that it declare a Climate Emergency.

Over 600 jurisdictions across the world, including the Vatican, UK Parliament, ACT Government, City of Sydney, and over 20 Australian Councils including North Sydney, have now declared a Climate Emergency.

The Campaign goal is for governments to declare a climate emergency and mobilise society-wide resources at sufficient scale and speed to protect civilisation, the economy, people, species, and ecosystems.

Find out more about the concept and implications: <https://climateemergencydeclaration.org/>

Key goal elements

- Building public awareness that we are in a climate **emergency** which threatens life as we know it. We can't take appropriate action if we don't recognise we are in an emergency.
- Demanding that governments **declare** a climate emergency as a public signal indicating that governments and society will be mobilised in emergency mode until the emergency passes.
- Demanding a climate **mobilisation** of sufficient scale and speed to protect everything we want to protect. War-time mobilisation examples indicate how quickly and thoroughly 'business-as-usual' and 'reform-as-usual' can change when we rise to the challenge of dealing with an existential threat.

Global Climate Action

On September 20, three days out from the United Nation's Emergency Climate Summit, millions of us will walk out of our homes and workplaces to join young people in the streets for **#ClimateStrike**.

Together, we will demand an end to the age of fossil fuels and urgent action to avoid climate breakdown.

Preserve Biodiversity in Bushland Reserves and Facilitate Adaptation

"**Anthropogenic climate change and its impacts are listed as key threatening processes in the Commonwealth**" *Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.*

Climatic modelling predicts that in the coming decades Eastern Australia will experience higher average daily temperatures, more extreme hot days, fewer cold days, more dry days, more intense rainfall events with associated flooding, and more.

This will "exacerbate existing pressures on biodiversity" according to Ecological Consultants P & J Smith in their *North Sydney Natural Area Survey 2010*.

They recommend that "Current management should aim to **build ecological resilience in bushland reserves** by reducing existing impacts such as invasive weeds and altered fire regimens."

"Opportunities to rehabilitate or re-establish native vegetation on currently degraded land and to enhance habitat for already vulnerable species should be identified and implemented" and "Linkages between bushland remnants need to be enhanced wherever possible."

https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Waste_Environment/Bushland_Wildlife/Biodiversity/Climate_Change



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.

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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COMMUNITY LAND PLAN of MANAGEMENT

In 2016 Crown Land Management legislation transferred 'local' (as distinct from State significant) Crown land to the control of Councils and required them to each prepare a **Community Land Plan of Management (CLPOM)**.

In Lane Cove about 20% of community land is Crown land, much of which contains our most environmentally sensitive areas, including bushland as defined in the Lane Cove Bushland Management Plan (BMP). This plan, together with the Open Space Plan (OSP) are together are more comprehensive than the CLPOM.

Types of Crown land



The Society has prepared a submission to Lane Cove Council raising concerns:

- That the definitions are inconsistent as they use a series of subcategories rather than refer to bushland as the whole eco system, as does the existing Bushland Management Plan;
- That funding, leases, licences and development are not adequately covered in the Council's draft management plan. Without proper funding, **will community land be converted to operational and sold for development?**

The Society has asked for further community consultation to understand the full implications

of this new management regime.

Read our submission in full on our Webpage: <http://lanecovebushland.org.au/>

The New Mindarie Park: Partial Closure of Pinaroo Place, Lane Cove

The Society supported the closure of part of Pinaroo Place so Mindarie Park can be developed as envisaged.

We also suggested Council purchase land to extend the road closure and the park by some 400 m² as the only access to the cycle and table tennis area appears to be via steps.

GOOD NEWS: IPC finds St Leonards South represents OVERdevelopment

A win for quality of life and green public spaces



The Independent Planning Commission's findings show it is worth taking the time to stand up and be counted, write submissions, sign petitions and show up when needed!

The IPC was not satisfied that the planning proposal would deliver enough public open space to provide "sunny tree-lined public spaces" and "lively and active streets", which are elements of the Department of Planning and Environment's draft St Leonards and Crows Nest 2036 Plan's Vision.

The proposal was unacceptable as it would overshadow the proposed new park, end-of-street parks, and add new and longer overshadowing of Newlands Park.

In her damning article on the loss of planning controls in Sydney, SMH Columnist & Architect Elizabeth Farrelly writes "Certification should never have been privatised". <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/sydney-s-stupidest-building-boom-was-born-in-a-bonfire-of-regulation-20190725-p52aq7.html>

Premier Gladys Berejiklian has conceded "We allowed the industry to self-regulate and it hasn't worked".

A huge Thank you to all who contributed to this hard won reprieve from developer driven decimation of our urban landscape. We now call on Council to consult fully with its community into the future.