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Newsletter of the
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

September 2019

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- Sunday 1 September, 10.00am: Spring Wildflower Walk
Friday 6 September, 6:00pm: Climate Emergency discussion
Tuesday 10 September, 7.30pm: LCBCS Meeting in Tennis Club
Saturday 14 September, 9 am: Native Plant Stall in the Plaza
Friday 20 September, 10am: Global Climate Strike- Bridge walk
Sunday 22 September, 10am: Guided Waterfront Walk
Saturday 13 October 9am: LCBCS Stall in Sustainability Lane

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Next Meeting **7.30 – 9.00pm**

Tuesday 10 September

Lane Cove Tennis Club, Blaxlands Corner
Kenneth St & River Rd, Longueville

All welcome

Spring Native Plant Stall

Spring is a great time to plant!

On **Saturday 14 September** from 9am -12 pm
the Lane Cove Bushland and Conservation
Society will hold a native plant stall in Lane
Cove Plaza. Experts will be on hand to help
with plant selection and care.



Society members provide advice and leaflets about native plants indigenous to the Sydney region with a specific focus on how to grow them in Lane Cove.

Take the opportunity to talk with those on the stall about attracting bees in your garden

Guided Waterfront Bushwalk *with Mark Wolff*

Ventemans Reach, West Lane Cove

Sunday 22 September, 10am- 11.30am

Easy walk - children are welcome



Join us to see stunning bushland and water views along the Lane Cove River with excellent bird watching and an appreciation of the native trees, sandstone outcrops, history, flora and fauna.

Mark Wolff worked here and for the Lane Cove Council for more than three decades in the field of Bush Regeneration. He will guide you through the most expansive and diverse tidal wetland area of the Lane Cove River. 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 & 530 buses go nearby.

Meet @ end of Lloyd Rees Drive, BBQ area in Blackman Park.

Free but signal your interest SMS: **0410 041279**

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Bush Kids Talk

With special guest **Valerie Holland**

Lane Cove Bush Kids (LCBK) coordinator, Valerie Holland opened our last '2019 winter' meeting in the Library. Valerie acknowledged the partnership between LC Council and the Society and the Society's three innovative young mothers who successfully founded LCBK: Corinne Fisher, Alyson Fisher and Ann Proudfoot.

Valerie demonstrated a mindfulness activity and a progressive story. Six volunteers listened to Val's story and drew a variety of pictures arising from it.

Bush Kids emphasises connecting families to other families, to their natural environment and bushland reserves. Val sees LCBK as an opportunity not only for young children, but also for adults to learn, so holds a special grandparents days/activities.

LCBK has grown since the Society first partnered with Lane Cove Council

Numbers have increased from 199 in 2015 to 1,073 in 2018. In 2019 there have already been 761 participants. Most come from Lane Cove with up to 16 children and 16 adults per activity. Val runs four programs with up to 45 activities per year, each comprises three parts:

Acting on the Climate Emergency

On **Friday 6 September 2019 at 6:00pm** the North Sydney parish of Our Lady of the Way invite you to join them as they consider Action for the Climate Emergency as declared by Pope Francis.

Speakers include Thea Ormerod (chair of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) and Felicity Wade (Sydney Archdiocese Social Justice Group).

- (1) awakening enthusiasm usually through a story
- (2) a tactile and experiential bushwalk and,
- (3) a craft activity eg. a Nature's Nightshift activity in Blackman Park is followed by a spotlight walk.



Bush Kids, founded by these mothers, has grown in leaps & bounds

Basic statistics and demographics on participants are collected from bookings and through the feedback/evaluation sought at the end of each activity. Some reflected the desire to return to the bush, some expressed surprise at the proximity of the bush in Lane Cove and interest in returning more often.

The majority find out about LCBK by word-of-mouth, followed by Facebook (837 followers) and Instagram. Despite the strength of LCBK, few councils have a similar activity. Is there a role for the Society (you?) in promoting the establishment of Bush Kids to other Sydney areas?

Corinne Fisher (Pacific Calling Partnership) will talk about the situation facing Pacific island countries. Clare Vernon (Catholic Earthcare) will chair a panel of young leaders engaging with the audience in a lively Q&A session on action.

Where: Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College - Auditorium RY10, 128 Miller St, Nth Sydney

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEYAB>

Support the Students' Climate Action Strike

By Meron Wilson ex President of LCBCS

76% of Australians are concerned about CC, and 63% accept the science that spells out its implications. If you are in the concerned camp, now is a very good time to share your thoughts with others. Adults have been invited to support the next Climate Action strike organised by school students around the world, planned for **Friday 20th September**. We in Australia have to make our governments recognise that this is not a partisan issue. It doesn't matter who you vote for or what you believe, the problem won't go away.

Ask your workplace managers if they will support staff taking time off to join the students on Friday 20th September. Maybe put a poster on your fence. To find out more: schoolstrike4climate.com/



SEP 20 Climate Strike: Harbour Bridge Walk with Marching Band
Public - Hosted by Lower North Shore Climate Action

www.facebook.com/events/1056335878090804

GREENWICH LOOSES TREES TO AGED CARE

The Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society continues to have an interest in major development applications that affect Lane Cove's natural environment. Our informative submissions to DA's can be found on our website: <http://lanecovebushland.org.au/>

Residential Aged Care for 'Billy Blue'

The LCBCS recently wrote a submission on the application to develop an Aged Care facility on the old 'Billy Blue' hostel site fronting River and Greenwich roads.

As two thirds of the trees on site will be removed (42 require approval and 13 don't) including many canopy trees, we had much to consider. And although 46% of the site is 'landscaped area', this includes paved courtyards and walking tracks with no indication of the deep soil areas necessary for growing trees.

The protruding basement levels, sub-station and OSD tank further exclude areas from deep soil planting.



We also recommended that 'Greater sustainability measures are taken in the planning and materials used in the building' as these are not mentioned at all.

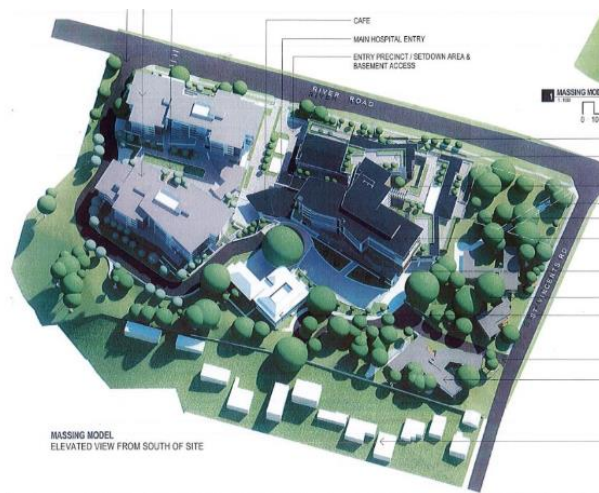
Other sustainability measures we recommended included: design for sub-surface water; put in sediment controls and maintain them for the entire duration; and provide and use a water recycling tank.

DA 103/2019 is still available for comment on Lane Cove Council's website.

Lollypop street trees in planters – no deep soil over Pottery Lane carpark

Greenwich Hospital Site Redevelopment

As a significant number of public submissions were received opposing the proposed application, the Department of Planning (DoP) recommended further engagement with the community be undertaken to respond to these concerns.



[original Hammondcare scheme](#)

With our 'Conservation' hats on, some LCBCS members attended HammondCare's information session on Wednesday 28 August in heritage listed Pallister House (built in 1892) on the Greenwich Hospital site (built in the 1960's) to view the amended concept plan.

Alongside some still unhappy residents, we viewed the modifications made to setbacks to enhance Pallister house, with assurances that the mature Moreton Bay Figs surrounding it were to be retained. The overall bulk and scale proposed for Serviced Seniors Living (at odds with its Hospital zoning) has been changed to reduce its impact and retain existing trees.

It is expected that the DoP will put the DA (with fine detail reports from arbourists, architectural details etc) for public exhibition in late September 2019 and a chance to again make a submission.

Documents can be viewed at: majorprojects.planning.nsw.greenwich.hospital and planningportal.nsw.gov.greenwich.hospital Updates will be available on: www.hammond.com.au/greenwich



Sunday 8 September 2pm to 4pm

What: **Free repairs.** Donations welcomed

When: **First & second Sundays** of the month

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

Park: **Free** all day on Longueville Rd / 3 hrs free on Little St Car Park

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