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# BUSHRANGER

Newsletter of the  
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

## September - October 2020

**Next meeting 7.30 - 9pm**

**13 October 2020**

*Zoom details will be emailed*

*Visit us at*

<https://www.facebook.com/LCBCS/>

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## Free Guided Bellbird & River Bushwalk - Advance Notice



**Sunday 1 November, 9:30am – 12:00pm**

Local bird authority Ted Nixon and Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society's plant experts will lead our walk along the beautiful Lane Cove River and hillside tracks. Listen to the bellbirds' ring and sight other local birds while exploring the spring flowers and estuarine vegetation of swamp she-oaks and mangroves from the boardwalks.

The Sydney sandstone forest hosts a great variety of species. We will stop for a snack and chat beside the river mid-walk. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited to 20.

Details and booking will be available from 15 October at [www.lanecovebushland.org.au](http://www.lanecovebushland.org.au)

## A Bug's Life – Insects in your Garden

**Wednesday 7 October, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, online, [book online](#)**

Let's talk bugs! Insects and spiders and most bugs provide amazing ecosystem services for your garden and other urban green spaces.

Discover more about the life of mini beasts, how to attract beneficial bugs and the ways they keep our gardens healthy.

**A fascinating, interactive presentation by Macquarie University researcher Dr Lizzy Lowe.**



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# GET INVOLVED in the DEVELOPMENTS EATING OUR BUSHLAND

## Wildlife Corridor Impacts Tour

**Saturday 10 October 9am**

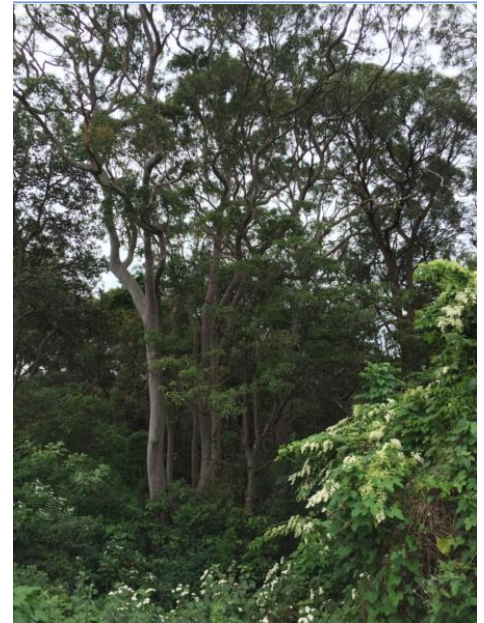
The wildlife corridor of mature trees and valuable bushland on Council land at the rear of the Northwood Shops 266 Longueville Rd (see photo) is not at risk of removal by the Northwood DA or DCP. However, Council has approved a 3 meter wide Shared User Path (SUP) in contradiction to the 'Plan of Management for Bushland' protection. To gauge the impacts first hand, **join our Site Inspection tour 9am, Saturday 10 October**. SMS or ring **0410041279** to book in.

## WRITE SUBMISSIONS - due 15 & 29 October

Several development proposals that adjoin Lane Cove bushland are open for community Comment/Submission. **The Society will email members with points to help write a personal submission on the 3 different sites, important as all adjoin bushland.**

Below are brief reports on current proposals which can be found on Council's website:

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/CouncilConsultations/Pages/CommunityConsultations.aspx>



## Northwood Shops Planning Proposals

### Draft Development Control Plan (DCP) & Development Application (DA) for 4 Northwood Rd 'Pathways'

Separate submissions should be made in relation to the DCP & the DA. Address your submission to the General Manager quoting 'Subject' **'Proposed DCP Plan for Northwood Shops Facility – SU8095'**

Email: [service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au)

<http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/CouncilConsultations/Pages/NorthwoodShopsDCP.aspx>

**Submission close on Thursday 15 October.**

Council is consulting with the community on an amendment to the Lane Cove DCP to ensure that any future Development Application submitted reflects many of the concerns of residents and government agencies raised during previous consultations. Council has received a Development Application for 4 Northwood Road. The Lane Cove residential care facility at 4-18 Northwood Road and 274 & 274A Longueville Road forms part of the Northwood Neighbourhood Centre (\*see below).

The land at Northwood Shops was rezoned by the State Government from B1 Neighbourhood Shops to B4 Mixed Use (May 2020) to permit a residential care facility (nursing home) with retail/medical on the ground floor level and amends the height and floor space ratio (FSR) controls for the site, revised down to 3 storeys above street level and 1.85:1 (inclusive of 0.35:1 to be provided for commercial floor space).



*Northwood Shops Planning Proposal is adjacent to valuable bushland*

### Amendments that are of interest to the Society:

- Reinstate rear setback of 10 metres (as per Part H of Council's DCP)- (*note: bushland is at the rear*)
- Replace on-site where possible all indigenous trees removed by development;
- Add through-site links and view corridors of width 4.5m, but a preference for 6m width;
- Add to inactive edges and blank walls the provision of screening, public art or 'green' walls;
- Require adequate soil depth along the side and rear boundaries to permit tree planting;
- Consideration of other measures such as drainage protection of the downslope soil and landscape in the adjacent reserve. Also, sustainability measures such as solar panels and natural ventilation;
- Provide new street trees and permeable paving to the existing Northwood Road verge and within the 3m setback to the proposal, and require that street front awnings do not compromise street trees

## \*Development Application for 4 Northwood Road

Council has received a Development Application for 4 Northwood Road. This is being concurrently assessed as a result of the NSW Government's Planning System Acceleration Program. To view the DA, please visit the [Currently Advertised DA webpage](#) and refer to DA113/2020. Separate submissions should be made in relation to the DA, the below consultation relates the Development Control Plan.

## Redevelopment of Greenwich Hospital – Public Meeting 15 October.

### State Significant Development Assessment SSD-8699

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment recommended the proposed development of Greenwich Hospital be approved, subject to recommended conditions of consent. The application was referred to the **Independent Planning Commission** for determination as LC Council has objected to the application and more than 50 objections were received.

The Commission will host an electronic Public Meeting to hear directly from community members **from 10am on Thurs. 15 October 2020. Speakers must register by 5pm, Thurs. 8 October**

For further information and to register to speak [click here](#) or go to:

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2020/09/redevelopment-of-greenwich-hospital-ssd-8699>

[Click here to read Background Documents](#)



## The Bob Campbell Oval 'Upgrade' Proposal – Greenwich

**Submissions Close: 29 October 2020**

**Drop-in Sessions: 3:00pm to 7:00pm Tues., 6 October and Tues., 13 October**

**Terrace Function Room, LG Level of Lane Cove Community Hub, 1 Pottery Lane, Lane Cove.**

Council will also be hosting two community information drop-in sessions to provide the opportunity to review information provided by Council staff and ask questions which may assist you to complete your survey/submission. To assist with our COVID-Safe plan for the event we ask that you [register your attendance](#) in advance.

Bob Campbell Oval is Greenwich's only significant natural green open space so many are deeply unhappy with the LC Council's 'Upgrade' proposal to 'plasticise' the grass of the Oval. Some are found outside the Greenwich shops collecting signatures for a petition by the GCA's.

Issues raised include that primarily, it is out of keeping with what makes Greenwich special including the harmonious co-existence of dogs, walkers, families, soccer and cricket players - and the necessity to apply the 'precautionary principal' as research on the toxicological risks associated with artificial turf is inconclusive. Climate change mitigation is an issue as natural grass fields serve as important "carbon sinks" removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

The pressure of increasing population due to the DoP approval of high rise for St. Leonards South and demand for ever ready playing fields means the pressure to 'plasticise' the oval is immense.

Research of interest related to Artificial Turf:

[TOXIC PFAS CHEMICALS FOUND IN ARTIFICIAL TURF](#)

[Health Impact Assessment of the Use of Artificial Turf in Toronto](#)

## LOOK OUT! 2021 - Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We are planning an event to celebrate the founding members, Council staff and those many others who significantly contributed to the 50 years of environmental achievements – their work, care and activism has directly led to the protection and management of the leafy green suburb we enjoy today.

## Success! Saving trees on 1 Giraween Ave, Lane Cove North

Congratulations to Ruth Neumann, Margaret Bergomi and Norma Stuart on the success of the Submission they wrote for the Society on the amendment to the Development Control Plan (DCP) for the redevelopment of land (formerly a park) at 1 Giraween Avenue, Lane Cove North. The land, owned by the 'Land & Housing Corporation' was rezoned from RE1 Public Recreation to R4 High Density Residential by Council in 2018 as part of a land exchange. The DCP amendment addressed location of any development proposed for the site.

### The value of the LCBCS Submission for future apartment residents can be seen in part in its Comments and Recommendations:

*"The DCP Plan, Concept Plans and Design Review do not address the existing trees or future landscaping. The DCP*

*and accompanying plans should provide guidelines to ensure that as many of the existing trees as possible should be retained, particularly several mature eucalypti at the western end of the site. We recommend that this area should be restored, upgraded and replanted to retain a grassed area, together with a green canopy that would remain visible from the surrounding streets".*

**The Council report took both of our two suggestions on board - the loss of green space and mature native trees and also on the southern driveway impact on amenity of the houses in Kullah Pde.** Council recommended off-setting on site and increased planting of native trees and shrubs including as screening for adjacent properties, and increased the driveway width by 2m. The Submission is on our website.

## The Greater Sydney Parklands

### a new mysterious government agency?

Established unexpectedly two months ago as part of the NSW government's draft "Fifty-year Vision for Sydney's Open Space and Parklands", the GSP overarching, single board of eight has replaced the separate boards of the Western Sydney Parklands Trust, Centennial and Moore Park Trust, and Parramatta Park Trust.

All three parks are legislated statutory trusts. Thankfully, no legislation has been changed ... for now. The new agency will also administer Callan Park in the inner west and Fernhill Estate in western Sydney near the foot of the Blue Mountains. If Greater Sydney Parklands is a good idea, it must be legislated by Parliament. [Read the SMH article](#)

### BUSHLAND @ RISK - New Design & Place State Environmental Planning Policy

**Greener Places Framework: An urban green infrastructure design framework for NSW and Draft Greener Places Design Guide: Government Architect NSW**

Urban bushland is a discrete entity fundamental to Sydney's ecological biodiversity. The LCB&CS expressed serious concerns about the new **Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)** [in our Submission](#), found on our website. We detailed our major concerns that:

The documents do not specify strong statutory protection of urban bushland. Urban bushland requires a specific SEPP and guidelines with site specific Bushland Plans of Management because

1. fundamental aspects in the recognition and maintenance of urban bushland require stronger recognition and recommendations in the *Greener Places Framework and Design Guide*
2. urban bushland requires separate and specific recognition and protection and should not be confused and merged with general notions of the green space of parks, gardens and playing fields.

**Government Information:** <https://www.governmentarchitect.nsw.gov.au/policies/greener-places>  
<https://www.governmentarchitect.nsw.gov.au/guidance/greener-places-guide>

## Repair Café Sydney North is reopening!

Sundays 4 and 11 in October

Book early - LIMITED places available

All repairs must be booked online:

<https://repaircafesydneynorth.net/book-repair/>

Read the Covid 19 visitor requirements on our website: [repaircafesydneynorth.net](https://repaircafesydneynorth.net)

Living and Learning Centre, 180 Longueville Road, Lane Cove.

Parking: free all day on Longueville Road or 3 hours free in Little St Car Park

Contact: Wendy on 94204884 or 0410280912 or Email: [enquiries@repaircafesydneynorth.net](mailto:enquiries@repaircafesydneynorth.net)

- There will only be 4 repairers on duty for each opening.
- Oct 4: 2 gadgets/household appliances, 1 sewing and 1 jewellery/ceramics repairers.
- Oct 11: 2 gadgets/household appliances and 2 sewing repairers.

