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Newsletter of the
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

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Next Meeting 7.30 – 9.00pm

Tuesday 12 October 2021

Zoom connection details will be emailed

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*Bell bird River Bushwalk Mowbray Park Lane Cove North
and Lane Cove National Park surrounds*



*Field of Mars Reserve Lane Cove Mangrove Walkway
Valley Walk to SugarLoaf Point*

[Click here!](#) We have added a great selection of maps and walks on our website to help you enjoy exploring with a friend, until our guided walks can resume.

The Lane Cove area is home to diverse flora types and is part of one of the mega-diverse floras in the world. One of the most beautiful and spectacular is the Sydney sandstone flora on the upper slopes of the Lane Cove Valley. The main flowering is in winter/spring with a diverse understory of pea flowers, heathland plants, and banksias to name a few.

266 Longueville Road – Approved

The Society spoke at an online public meeting when the Development Application for 266 Longueville Rd (DA117/2017) was considered by the Sydney North Planning Panel (SNPP) on 1 Sept. 2021. The site comprises Lane Cove Council owned land adjoining bushland. Formerly the Women's Bowling Club, it was later home to the Music and Cultural Centre.

Honeyeater birds such as the New Holland and the Eastern spinebill can be seen feeding on the nectar flowers.

Still present in Lane Cove bushland are examples of the original major community types, wetlands, dry sclerophyll forest (open woodland or forest), heath and wet sclerophyll forest (tall forest).

Follow us on [Facebook](#) or our website to keep up to date.

The DA for a Seniors housing development was approved and the Statement of Reasons, dated 6 Sept. 2021 can be viewed on the [SNPP website](#). It comprises a 70 bed residential aged care facility, 82 independent living /self-contained units, basement car park for 122 vehicles, new park, facilities and landscaped through-site link.

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266 Longueville Road (cont.)

The land was rezoned by LC Council from open space RE1 Public Recreation to R4 High Density Residential in 2015 and then reclassified to operational land. Residents' pleas for it to remain recreational open space were not deemed a matter for consideration by the SNPP as the change of land use occurred many years ago.

The DA breaches the height limit of LC's Development Controls, but was approved by the Panel as the highest breaches are in the centre of the building footprint, reducing visibility impacts.

The Society Highlights Light Spill Effects and Set-Back

The Society's written submission, found [on our website](#), was made verbally to the SNPP on 1 Sept. 2021, and previously by executive member, Doug Stuart.

We primarily addressed the issue of 'Light Spill' from the 7 storeys shining into the bushland to the east, and appealed for the SNPP to enforce the eastern building setback of 10 metres from bushland, as required by LC Council's DCP to reduce its effects.

Support for the Biodiversity and Vegetation Management Plan

Potential impacts on the bushland were raised by numerous written and oral submissions. The Panel noted that Council's ecologists reviewed the Applicant's ecological assessment and concluded that it was satisfactory with additional conditions of consent to ensure the protection and enhancement of the bushland. In particular, a condition of consent has been included for a detailed Biodiversity and Vegetation Management Plan to be prepared to manage vegetation removal preconstruction and to address protection of native



The eastern boundary setback was not enforced and light spill reports only considered impacts on human neighbours. Light Spill at night will affect all native species, some threatened. The issues we addressed were:

- Protection of the bushland and the buffer zone
- Protection of Trees 92 and 93 • Light Spill
- Changes to height of building development standard
- Loss of open space • Bushfire hazard
- Consideration of climate change
- Support for Biodiversity & Vegetation Management Plan

vegetation, weed control and rehabilitation of disturbed areas post-construction. The built form had been adjusted to retain two significant Trees (92 and 93).

Councillor Vissel, a LCBCS member was successful in reducing the noise impact for neighbours with the addition of this amendment: "High noise generating activities, including rock breaking and saw cutting must not be carried out continuously for longer than 3 hours without a 1 hour break".

Events & Activities

Unless otherwise specified, contact the Bushland Interpretation Officer via telephone (02) 9911 3566 or email bushinterp@lanecove.nsw.gov.au to subscribe for upcoming events and activities.

Flora of Lane Cove - Thurs. 16 September, 7:00pm - 8:00pm Zoom presentation. [Book online](#)

From saltmarsh to woodland and littoral rainforest, Lane Cove bushland hosts a wide variety of plant communities, some which are now considered rare. In some places, native plants are threatened by weed infestation. Join ecologist Meredith Brainwood from Applied Ecology who will discuss the results of a recent flora survey of Lane Cove's bushland, including updated vegetation maps, the condition of our bushland reserves and interesting species discovered during their investigations.

Butterflies of Sydney- Tuesday 28 September, 7:00pm - 8:15pm. Zoom online presentation Bookings essential: [Book online](#)

Edible Australian Native Plants Workshop- Wed. 15 September, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Join our native food expert Narelle Happ online for an hour of exploring edible Australian plants. Narelle will teach you how to identify, grow, harvest and cook with native bush food.

Cost: \$25 **Bookings essential to Sydney Wildflower Nursery: [Book online](#)**

Greenwich Baths re-open Saturday 18 September
Council is re-opening Greenwich Baths early on Saturday 18 Sept. for exercise during lockdown. This currently means swim-and-go only, no sunbaking or picnics.

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More Events & Activities!

Virtual Edible Permaculture Garden Tour – Tues 14 September, 12:00pm - 1:00pm Zoom webinar - a virtual tour to the award-winning food garden of Moss House.

Explore a local permaculture garden located in suburban Northern Sydney, growing an abundance of herbs, fruits and veggies. The session will cover topics such as soil preparation, watering and the fruit forest. The garden incorporates wildlife habitat, a chicken forest, raised vegetable garden beds, a composting and worm-farming set-up and native stingless beehives. You'll also have the chance to get your permaculture questions answered. **Bookings essential to Willoughby Council:** [Book online](#)

Virtual Spotlight Tour - Nocturnal Wildlife of Willoughby Tues 14 September, 6:30pm - 7:30pm Zoom online webinar. Join us on a virtual spotlight tour from the comfort of your home.

Council officer Simon Brown will talk about how you can look for wildlife at night, what sort of lights and how to use them, how and where to listen for calls and working out what they might be. We will then go for a virtual tour of the bush at night with all the sights and sounds of our local animals and find out what they get up to when we are not looking. There will be an opportunity for Q&A. Participants are also encouraged to prepare and share any photos, videos or sound recordings of wildlife they have encountered. **Bookings essential to Willoughby Council:** [Book online](#)

Rainwater Tanks - Monday 11 October, 12:00pm - 1:00pm Zoom online webinar- This lunchtime webinar will give you all the information you need to set up and maintain your own rainwater tank. Our presenter will provide you with expert advice on selecting the right tank for your household needs, first flush diverters, water quality guidelines and any other tank-related queries. **Bookings Willoughby Council:** [Book online](#)

Climate Action Now – free event 7th October

Join Lane Cove Sustainability Action Group (LCSAG) and Council for an evening of conversation and interactive discussion on Thursday 7 October with climate change experts Ian Dunlop and Glen Klatovsky as they run through the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report. Learn what progress has already been made in the community and be inspired to take action now that will make a real difference.

Thursday 7 October, 7:00pm – 8:30pm, online

[Visit Council's website to find out more and register](#)



Nature Conservation Council of NSW Annual Conference & AGM Saturday 6th Nov 2021

The day will include an exciting program of keynote speakers, and opportunities to network and build new connections for your important work.

The AGM elect the Executive, pass important motions and debate on key organisational issues will also take place.

The LCB&CS usually has 1-2 voting delegates at the NCC Annual Conference, but others can book to attend independently. **Voting** entitlement for delegates is based on membership status and/or number of members.

The program will follow shortly. Register your attendance at the conference [HERE](#) before **Friday 22nd October 2021**.

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