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Newsletter of the  
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

## MARCH 2022

**Next Meeting 7.30 - 9.00pm**

**Tuesday 12 April 2022**

Lane Cove Tennis Club, Central Park

Kenneth St near River Rd, Longueville

*All welcome*

### Have your say

'Liveable Lane Cove' Community Workshops –  
submissions online by Fri 25 March

**New Dog Advisory Committee** - register by Fri 25 March

**Advisory Committees** - applications close Sun. 27 March

### WEBINARS & EVENTS

**9- 27 March: Into the Wild** - art exhibition White Rhino  
Artspace,

**Thurs. 17 March, 5:30pm - 7 pm: talk 'The Tough Life of  
Plants**, Macquarie Uni or online

**20-21 March: Sydney Edible Garden Trail Project** -  
Subscribe

**Tues. 22 March, 5:00pm – 6:30pm: Rainwater  
Harvesting** webinar

**Wed. 23 March 7:00pm – 8:00pm : Bird Friendly  
Gardening** zoom

**Wed. 23 March, 6:30pm - 8:00pm: Electrify Everything!**  
Zoom

**Sat 26 March, 8:30pm [Earth Hour](#)**

**Fri. 1 April, 10:30am – 12:30pm LC Community Nursery  
open day**

**Sat. 2 & 16 April tours, 10:30 am- 12:30 pm Coal Loader**

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### LCBCS Native Plant Stall

**Sat 19 March 9am- 12pm**  
**Lane Cove Plaza**

Our Autumn Plant Stall in the Plaza will sell low-cost native seedlings and plants found in our local area that will thrive here, creating habitat for wildlife. Our experts can tell you how to cultivate them on your balcony or in your garden.

Our popular cards and guides are also available so come and have a browse and a chat.

**Volunteers welcome**- learn as you go and enjoy meeting the members and community - Call Ruth: 0409 609940

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## Bushland Management Advisory Committee

### Thank you Maralyn and Yvonne & welcome Leon and Ruth



BMAC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2016. Norma 1<sup>st</sup> left, Yvonne 4<sup>th</sup> left, Maralyn far right.

The Society extends its gratitude to Yvonne Barber and Maralyn Lawson for their dedication to their voluntary work as representatives of the Society on Council's Bushland Management Advisory Committee (BMAC). Both members are stepping down from this role after many terms, but continue to work with native plants, Bushcare and our plant stall.

BMAC provides advice to the General Manager on bushland management within Lane Cove. It is comprised of the Bushland Manager, Councillors, and representatives from the Society (3), local Bushcare and wildlife groups, and the community. We are grateful that Leon Horsnell and Ruth Neumann are stepping in as Society representatives and that Norma Stuart will continue.

## Sport and Recreation Facility - Lane Cove Golf Club

### Council withdraws its DA from Sydney North Planning Panel

Only after the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 21st of Feb. 2022 was the full Business Case for the Sport & Recreation Facility (S&RF) DA 64/2021, produced by Xypher, made available to Councillors and the public. This was published on Council's website late on Wed. 23rd of Feb. and can now be [viewed here](#)

The Business Case reveals estimated visitation numbers that vary considerably from the figures in the two studies that the SNPP would use to determine the DA, the Statement of Environmental Effects and the Traffic Study produced for the DA. Consequently, an Extraordinary Meeting of Council was called for Mon. 28th February. Councillors voted 6:2 to pass a Motion to withdraw the DA for the S&RF from the Sydney North Planning Panel (SNPP) due to meet the next day, Tues 1 March.

The Bushland Society president spoke at both meetings in support of the Motion to withdraw the DA, particularly citing the total loss of over 120 mature indigenous trees (some hidden by separating

the Access Rd from the DA for S&RF) and loss of a large Covid safe community recreation space. We expressed support for Council providing more indoor sports courts in a less environmentally damaging location.

The Motion moved by Cllrs Flood and Southwood was that Council:-

- "1. Advises the Sydney North Planning Panel that it formally withdraws DA 64/2021 for the Lane Cove Sport and Recreation Facility;*
- 2. Confirms that the two workshops from resolution 37/2022 will proceed as planned;*
- 3. Reaffirms Council's intent to consider all available options to meet the demand for indoor sporting facilities in the Lane Cove area; and*
- 4. In relation to point three (3), receive an updated project timeline at the March Council meeting"*

Cllr Brooks-Horn did not vote due to a conflict of interest The motion was opposed by Cllrs Bennison and Mort. A more detailed financial feasibility analysis is to be expected to accompany any future Sport and Recreation project proposal.

### Tree Loss at the 'Northwood Roundabout' and Stephenson St Access Road

The Society has always raised its voice on this DA and its Access Road. We recently wrote to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to request access to the Arboricultural Assessment and a final detailed design of the 'Northwood Roundabout' and the Stephenson St arm.

We are concerned for the species of trees to be removed, specifically indigenous trees, Sydney Turpentine and Ironbark. This Roundabout Plan & Access Rd to the proposed Sport and Recreation facility has never gone to public consultation.

## Tree Loss at the Roundabout cont.

The requirement for the roundabout is due to the lack of right turn from the driveways of 266 Longueville Rd and the Pathways developments (opposite Porters Liquor). The roundabout has 3 access points for River road East and West and Northwood road. Council has maintained that it is a safety issue.

The Biodiversity Assessment for the development has not included an assessment of the impact of the road yet they propose clearing 0.4 hectares of trees. **We expect some Councillors will soon join a guided walk through the bushland to discover the indigenous trees at stake.**

## "A New Approach to Rezoning in NSW" - the fox in the hen house!

The Department of Planning, Industry & Environment is seeking to speed up the process for changing planning rules by giving powers of initiating rezoning to developers without the right of community objections being heard, and removing merit assessment from Councils.

## A Renewable Energy Future in Lane Cove

### The Society Addresses Council

In 2019 the Society supported Council declaring a climate emergency. At Council's meeting on 21 Feb. Sally Kennedy, a LCBCS and LC Coal & Gas Watch member addressed the Mayor and Councillors in support of [the motion](#) by 6 Cllrs. to create a renewable energy future in Lane Cove. Sally spoke on behalf of several other local groups, including LC's Sustainability Action Group, Uniting Church and Chaplaincy.

## Community Dog Advisory Committee Needs Bushland Advice Too.

**70% of Lane Cove dog owners surveyed said they walked their dog in bushland.** Many residents do not understand the impacts all pets can have on wildlife. The Society's executive recently met with Councillors to express our concern that the interest of native species and habitat be represented. An opportunity for education may ensue. **RSVP by 12 noon Fri. 25 March** to help convene this new [Community Dog Advisory Committee](#)

## Liveable Lane Cove 2035 Community Workshops – Submission or Survey by 25 March

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

Council is reviewing [Liveable Lane Cove 2035](#) to ensure it is still relevant and reflects the aspirations of our community, and is hosting three workshops to hear your thoughts and ideas. What priorities should be pursued? **Liveable Lane Cove 2035** Click on this link to have your say.

The Society would like to know your views. Email the President: [bushlandpresident@gmail.com](mailto:bushlandpresident@gmail.com) with '2035' in subject line or make a submission to the General Manager by Email: [service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au) or have your say by: [completing our online survey](#)

## LANE COVE SPORT AND RECREATION PRECINCT



**The design & access rd. removes over 120 mature indigenous trees**

Our submission to The NSW Government's Planning Reform Action Plan, to [is found here](#). A big thank you to Sue Ingham for undertaking this task.

**The Society asks more members to assist with writing Submissions.**

## Council Opts for 100% Renewable Energy

Along with 24 other councils, Lane Cove has joined one of the largest renewable energy deals for local government that will see participating councils' retail electricity supplied by three NSW solar farms. The deal was announced this week by the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC), which brokered the deal with electricity retailer, ZEN Energy Retail Pty Ltd. [Read more](#).

Council will review all expressions of interest from residents who have RSVP'd. To register your interest to participate, [please take this short pre-screening questionnaire](#). Places are limited to 12 people and are only available to residents in the Lane Cove LGA.

Council's consultant will facilitate a workshop with residents, an opportunity for direct input to inform the Committee's role, functions and objectives.

## Applications for Council Advisory Committees are open to 27 March 2022.

Committee information and Nomination forms are found [here](#). Appointments will be made by Council in April and the nominees notified after the April meeting.

## Events

### Into the Wild Art Exhibition-

White Rhino Artspace, St Leonards

Several Bushland Society members are involved or exhibiting sculpture, ceramics, art and photography until 27 March: Level 1, Atchinson St, St. Leonards. More information can be found [here](#)



### Royal Society of NSW Clarke Memorial Lecture



### From Bulldozers, Pests and Pathogens to Climate Change and Urban Futures: The Tough Life of Plants

Click this title link to register.

Thurs.17 March 2022, 5:30pm - 6.30pm.

Macquarie Uni and online

Distinguished Prof Michelle Leishman will deliver the Lecture. Michelle is a life member of [STEP](#) and was president from 2000–06. The life of plants on our planet today is tougher than ever before. The UN FAO estimates that 1 million hectares of forest globally were cut down each year over the last decade. Over 20,000 plant species are considered to be threatened with extinction, numbers are likely to be far higher.

In NSW alone there are 111 ecological communities and 672 plant species considered to be endangered, yet our knowledge of their biology and ecology is limited. Michelle explores Key threats to these plant species. She will also discuss the benefits provided by plants in urban spaces and the challenges: increasing urbanisation and extreme climate and ways to improve the resilience of our urban forests into the future.

**INTO THE WILD**  
Curated by Ann Proudfoot

Featuring work by:  
ceramicist Alyson Hayes; photographer Kat Seward;  
sculptor Wendy Bishop and young artist, Tiia Marsh

Through art, *Into the Wild* explores the beauty, delicacy and complexity of the natural world and the complimentary symbiosis of nature and humans. In a homage to our natural environment, it unpacks the concept that nature is both our sanctuary and our responsibility.

OPENING HOURS WED-FRI 10AM-4PM, SAT/SUN 10AM-2PM  
OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 11 MAR 6-8PM  
TALK ART FINISAGE EVENT SATURDAY 26 MAR 2-3PM  
WHITE RHINO ARTSPACE, LVL 1, 82 ATCHINSON ST,  
TW1 CREATIVE PRECINCT, ST LEONARDS

WHITE RHINO ARTSPACE IS PROUD TO PRESENT INTO THE WILD AS PART OF ART MONTH SYDNEY 2022



### The Sydney Edible Garden Trail Project 20-21 March

This has been a major project of one of our members, Bridget Kennedy. On 5 March, Bridget's garden was on [ABC Gardening Australia](#) as part of the Project.

To do live feeds on [YouTube](#) they need 1000 subscribers - and ask that you Please 'SUBSCRIBE' to the [Sydney Edible Garden Trail YouTube Channel](#). Go to [youtube.com](#) and search for it.



**Rainwater Harvesting Tues. 22 March, 5:00pm – 6:30pm** – webinar hosted by Willoughby Council  
[Book online](#)

**Electrify Everything! Wed. 23 March, 6:30pm – 8:00pm.** Free! Online via Zoom.  
[Book online](#). Australian visionary Saul Griffith, from [Rewiring Australia](#) has a plan to help stop climate change. Hear what it would take to transform our infrastructure, update our grid and our households to an all-electric future.

**Bird Friendly Gardening Wed. 23 March 7:00pm – 8:00pm,** Zoom hosted by Lane Cove Council  
[Book online](#)

**Earth Hour 2022 Sat 26 March, 8:30pm** Switch off and #ShapeOurFuture this Earth Hour.

**Lane Cove Community Nursery Open Day Friday 1 April, 10:30am – 12:30pm**  
[Bookings essential - RSVP online](#) Visitors must be double-vaccinated

**Free Coal Loader Tours Sat. 2 & 16 April, 10:30am - 12:30pm** Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability, Waverton. [Bookings essential](#)