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Newsletter of the
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

November 2022

LCBCS AGM and Dinner

Join the Executive or Committees

Wednesday 30th Nov. 6pm- 7pm

@ Lane Cove Golf Club Conference room

Diary Dates

3 November: film - Koalas – the Hard Truths

5 November: Conference – NCC

30 November: Meeting and AGM - LCBCS

6, 13 November: Repair Café

Sun. 4 December: LCBCS Stall @ Sustainability Lane

24 November, 6 December: LC Council Ordinary Meetings



Knitting Nannas Go Wild in Lane Cove Library!

Sign the petition to save Sydney's Koalas (see below)

Help make the March NSW State Election a good one for KOALAS!

Koala Film Screening and Speakers - Thursday 3 November 6:30 for 7pm

Koalas – The Hard Truths, by Simon Reeve.

All welcome, no booking needed.
Lane Cove Library meeting room
Longueville Rd, Lane Cove.

Speakers: Saul Deane, Sustainability Campaigner
for the Total Environment Centre and
Pat and Barry Durman from Save Sydney's Koalas.

Sign the petition to save Sydney's Koalas

Macarthur's Campbelltown Koalas are uniquely chlamydia free and the largest recovering Koala population in NSW. Please call on the NSW government to stop approving the destruction of Koala habitat and corridors in Macarthur (Airds, Campbelltown, Appin & Wilton).



If we get 20,000 signatures there will be a debate in parliament. This QR code takes you to the ePetition



Save Sydney's Koalas are asking the Legislative Assembly to:

1. Declare an Upper Georges River Koala National Park
2. Stop the rezoning of Stage 2 of the Gilead development & review the approval of Stage 1
3. Build 5 effective Koala crossings on Appin Road
4. Implement Koala corridors of a 450m minimum width cross Macarthur's rivers & creeks.

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Nature Conservation Council

The voice for nature in New South Wales



Saturday 5th Nov. 2022, 8.45am- 5pm, with conference drinks & dinner to follow.

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW Conference & AGM at **NSW Teachers Federation, 23-33 Mary St, Surry Hills** or via Zoom.

AGM & voting on motions from 9–11.15am.

RSVP: <https://events.humanitix.com/nature-conservation-council-annual-conference-2022>

Contact: **02 9516 1488** or by email [here](#).

NCC encourages **all** environmentalists, nature supporters and member groups to come in person if you can, to get together to discuss issues affecting nature and plan for the future.

NCC's Conference is one of the key events of the year for our network.

Registration includes access to watch the acclaimed **film 'Regenerating Australia'** on the day, and hear directly from its creator, award-winning director Damon Gameau.

Key speakers: the NSW Minister for Heritage and Environment, and environment spokespeople for Labor and the Greens.

The theme this year is ***For the Future We Can Win***. It will be interactive, with workshops after lunch (provided), that will provide participants with tools for reform and activism, from youth perspectives on their vision for the climate movement, to collective action starting at home, to making nature and climate the biggest issue at the 2023 NSW state election.

[Make sure you secure your tickets now.](#)

Field of Mars, Mangroves to Sugarloaf Point return 23 October

Report by Linda Falardeau & Leon Horsnell

This beautiful bushwalk went ahead despite the clouds and the rain, fully booked with 18 people and 15 on the waiting list. The walk took in the Field of Mars Buffalo Creek walk to the Kunzea track, Sand track, Doyle track, and back to the start. We then continued to the mangroves and then to Sugar Loaf Hill and Sugar Loaf Point, part of the Lane Cove National Park, and return.

Many birds were active, almost no wind, and the occasional rain made for a special, very pleasant time.

The walk was guided by Patrick Spiers, a teacher at the Field of Mars Education Centre. Patrick shared his knowledge and

magnifying glass with us all so we could clearly see the texture of the lichen and the moss on the big rocks.

We were introduced to the Trapdoor spider (we could see its rounded door in the moss!) and to various aboriginal cultural elements along the way. This was very interesting and a good addition to the walk.

Leon, a Walks team leader provided information about the plants on the way. It was a great success and Patrick has agreed to guide this walk again before Easter next year.

Love and Support Manly Dam Heritage Listing

Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee need your help!

Please write a letter or email of support

We are very excited because we've made it to the next step for recognising Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park (Manly Dam) as a State Heritage area.

Any members of the community or other interested parties are invited to make a written submission regarding the proposed **listing and significance of Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park.**

Submissions should be posted to Heritage Council of NSW, Locked Bag 5020, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or emailed to heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

The public submission period **closes 9 Nov. 2022.**

Click here for application details and the email link for a submission:

<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/protecting-our-heritage/nominate-listing-on-the-state-heritage-register/nominations-being-considered/>

A comment from the Heritage department of Dept Planning & Environment:

"Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park is likely to be of State heritage significance as an urban cultural landscape rich in natural biodiversity and Gayamaygal sites, shaped by engineering and science because of the construction of the Manly Dam and its catchment. As the only War Memorial Park incorporating an extensive natural catchment it is significant to NSW as a whole. "



The Repair Café Sydney North

is on **Sunday Nov 6 and Sunday Nov 13.**

2pm to 4pm

(always the 2 first Sundays of the month).

Address: 180 Longueville Road, Lane Cove.

From Nov. 2022, visitors may make a booking in person for a repair to be done that day.

Write something as simple or detailed as you like.

Do please forward to your friends to gather as many letters of support as possible. The Northern Beaches Council assisted in the preparation of this application so are supportive of this listing.

Some key points could include reference to any or all of the 7 categories:

- 1. Historical Significance** (Criterion A) - An item is important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's or an area's cultural or natural history.
- 2. Historical Associational Significance** (Criterion B) - An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's or an area's cultural or natural history.
- 3. Aesthetic Significance** (Criterion C) - An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and / or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW or an area
- 4. Social Significance** (Criterion D) - An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW or an area for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.
- 5. Technical Significance and Research Potential** (Criterion E) - An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's or an area's cultural or natural history.
- 6. Rarity** (Criterion F) - An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of NSW's or an area's cultural or natural history.
- 7. Representativeness** (Criterion G) - An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW's or an area's cultural or natural places or environments.

On registration you will be given a time slot for the repair. We ask you to still wear masks.

There is no charge for the repairs, but donations in cash or PayPal are welcomed.

For more information: ring **94204884**, visit www.repaircafesydneynorth.net or email us: enquiries@repaircafesydneynorth.net

LCB&C Society AGM & Dinner

Wednesday 30th Nov. 6pm - 7pm

@ the Lane Cove Golf Club conference room.

All members are encouraged to attend, a Quorum is needed for the AGM to proceed.

Members are invited to nominate for even simple roles or for the Executive or Committees.

All types of skills are useful and needed for running the Society, training or help is provided too.

Dinner and/or Drinks: If you can stay, join us for a chat, drinks or dinner in the Club afterwards, order on the night or to see menu in advance:

<https://www.cinnamonklub.com/s/order>

For further information: Call 0410 041279

Finalisation of an Eight Court Design for the Sport and Recreation Facility



The Minutes of the Council's 27 October Meeting will be on [Councils website](#) soon.

The Report presented on the Agenda of this meeting discussed the feedback from formal consultation. The Concept Plan was passed by six Councillors (4 to 3 votes) with the Mayor needing the 'extra' 1 Mayor 'Casting' vote to get it passed. Three Cllrs. were absent for the vote.

Cllr. Bryla, an architect, was successful in getting sustainability measures into the design and added an extra community consultation into the final Recommendation, but voted against the plan.

at the Lane Cove Golf Course site

The interiors of the building (not finalized) and the Business Case are just some of the contentious matters.

The DA will go to the Sydney North Planning Panel in Nov. or Dec 2022. Parts of the initial Recommendation were that Council:-

- Lodge a Development Application based on the 8 Court Option (**AT-1**), for a Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) 5 Star Equivalent building;
- Prepare design documentation, tender specifications, and a draft contract for approval by Council prior to the release of tender and RFT documentation for the project.
- Commit to a total project budget of \$75M, to be targeted through design development for the project; and Adopt the Business Case for the project.

Data Centre, 706 Mowbray Road Lane Cove on public exhibition soon

Several members of the Society with expert plant knowledge have been on site and in discussion with Microsoft representatives about the retention, care and revegetation of native plants, trees and landscaping on and around this site.

Microsoft will own and operate the data centre for Australian businesses. Arup, a design and planning firm is managing the planning, design, demolition and construction process for Microsoft.

The Department of Planning & Environment will soon place the proposed design and supporting details for the State Significant

Development application on public exhibition, on the NSW Major Projects website:

<https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mowbray-road-data-centre>.

During the public exhibition, feedback can be provided directly to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. In response to community feedback, the design is now almost half the height, with about a 40% reduction in gross floor area than the original concept and also has a refreshed façade, so it blends with the surrounding streetscape.

The project team can help you navigate the various technical studies and reports in the application – for any enquiries: feedback@apa.net.au.