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Newsletter of the  
Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

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## **Your chance to comment on the future direction of our Society!**

The final draft report of our Strategic Workshop is now out for your feedback (see over).

Please, LCBCS members, take a moment to look at the report (especially recommendations for future activities listed in Section 7).

Tell us what you think... please email Corinne at [cmfisher@tpg.com.au](mailto:cmfisher@tpg.com.au) or call on 0421 831 889.

We plan to produce a list of recommendations to be voted on at our March 2012 meeting. These recommendations will guide the activities and focus of the LCBCS in the next 2 - 3 years.

You can comment on the Report until the end of January 2012. Thanks for your input!

## **What have we done**

**Lane Cove River archival project** - We now have the use of Greenwich Flying Squadron's tender to vigorously pursue the photographing of the foreshore of the municipality. We now need one or more photographers for about 5 half-days so that we can repeat the photographic record of the foreshore of the Lane Cove River that Don Dove did 30 years ago.

It has also been suggested that Don Dove's photographic record should be digitised and we may apply for a grant for this.

Please contact Doug, 9428 2527 if you can help.

## **History of the Society.**

We have at long last signed an agreement with the library to publish the history of the Society. The launch will be in late February 2012 – further details in the February newsletter.

## **Next Meeting Tues December 13**

At 7.30pm in the Lane Cove Tennis Club at Blaxlands Corner, Kenneth St & River Rd.

This will be a very short business meeting, since we are joining the Bushkids at their Christmas picnic for our seasonal celebrations (see below)

## **A Bush Christmas Party** **Picnic 11am Sunday 11 December**

### **Come and join us - Tambourine Bay**

- there will be bush crafts for kids to do and yummy food in a relaxing bush atmosphere. Bring a plate for the common table so that people can mix and enjoy each other's company. (BBQ facilities are also available). Drinks will be provided.

**We hope to see you there!**

**New members very welcome!**

**Any enquiries: Corinne : 0421 831 889.**

## **What is Coming Up**

### **Bushkids program for the New Year**

These guided walks and craft activities for parents and young children are very popular. Thanks to Lane Cove Council, Bush kids have received a \$1990 grant from the Sustainability Small Grants program. Watch out for details of next year's program, to be published in January.

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## What we have done

Society members have been closely watching proposals that have come before Council, and providing Council with community feedback (by letter, or as submissions presented at Council meetings).

For example, we objected to an application to lease part of a Longueville street adjacent to a house, on the grounds that a street is public land, and should remain so. (submission on the DA for 41 Stuart St).

At the most recent meeting, amendments to the DCP were passed. There were many submissions by the Society. Not all of our submissions were adopted - but of significance was the following: " For medium/high density residential, commercial and industrial development, all substantial trees and that part of the landscaping scheme visible from the public domain shall comprise *indigenous* plants". (We were alerted to a suggestion that this requirement was likely to be watered down)

Not successful was our submission to disallow development of foreshore land... our hopes were that Council might be able to buy river and Harbour frontage strips as future public walkways and amenity space.

We replied to the Minister for Emergency Services after his letter to us did not address any of the issues that we raised initially in our letter regarding the Rural Fire Service.

**Our core business.** The above illustrates the continuing important role for the Society in ensuring that the development controls are closely scrutinized for the environment's benefit. This is what we do. No one else is doing it. Tell your friends!

## What is coming up:

Doug reported that stage 2 of Plaza refurbishment is to go on public display, probably in February. It has been suggested that some of the Plaza trees may be removed.

We need to monitor this and we urge members to make individual submissions.

150 Epping Rd; the Department of Planning will respond to the development application and the applicant can respond to that. It can then go to the Planning Assessment Commission. There is likely to be a public enquiry in the New Year.

Our thanks to Doug Stuart for his detailed, exhaustive analysis and submissions.

And because of the hard work of Matt Fisher, we were able to put in a substantial submission on changes to NSW State-wide planning review. Thanks Matt.

## How to Run a Plant Stall

Lidia has been the organizer and administrator of the Society's twice-yearly plant stall for a number of years, in particular co-ordinating the work of volunteers in the preparations and on the day. It's time for someone else to have a go.

There is no need to invent any wheels! Lidia has prepared a delightful account, easy to follow and detailed, of what is needed to run this activity. Below are extracts from her procedures. It's well worth reading in full - contact Wendy 9420-4884 for a copy.

### *AUTUMN & SPRING PLANT SALES- HOW TO DO IT:*

**DATES & PUBLICITY:** Firstly the two dates of the plant sale have to be confirmed by e-mail to Annette Marsh at Lane Cove council and two tables at the western end of the plaza under the lilli-pilli trees must be booked and confirmed. Time taken: under half an hour.

LCC will contact about a notice in the Harmony & the Cameraygal festivals programs. Check that dates & info are correct. An update of the description of the event may be needed. Time: around three quarters of an hour.

Someone usually runs off A4 notices of the event & a volunteer puts them up on notice boards around LC and Greenwich. Also a notice for the North Shore Times. Time: around 2 hours for putting up notices.

### ORDERING PLANTS

There are two nurseries we use. (See full text for details.)

Order three weeks before the event - 50 or 70 plants, on sale-or-return. Allow time to pick up the plants. They need care & watering before the day.

Someone with a good knowledge of local plants is needed to make the choice. Check that individual plants are identified; you may have to write labels yourself. Two people can get the job done in a reasonable length of time.

### BEFORE THE DAY:

Phone around to get volunteers, usually two hour shifts. That means about 4 people plus a couple more to keep the stall looking reasonably fresh. On a sunny day it's good to have extra volunteers poking around as this seems to attract customers. A bush regenerator has to be there to answer tricky questions.

Have the plant descriptions typed up for the plants, to hand out on the day. Lidia has a description of most of the plants ready on her computer.

**OTHER SUNDRY THINGS:** planting instructions, frog info. Pricing of plants, type of plants, pamphlets, all ready to take to the stall on the morning. Also a money float.

**ON THE DAY:** Someone to take banners & other things from storeroom to plaza to dress the tables.

**AFTERWARDS:** Pack up, count unsold plants, and return unused plants to the nursery. Count money!