



Talking about climate change

The Mick Dark Talk For The Future was a triumph of Blue Mountains writing and conservation interests joining forces. If the pen is mightier than the sword then we should be able to lick this climate change challenge with writers like well known Dr. Tim Flannery, Rebecca Huntley and Ketan Joshi who were the panellists for the evening.

Bianca Nogrady, a science journalist and member of Varuna's board coordinated the discussion about the state the planet has reached in trying to prevent further climate change. We heard, of course, about the current intransigence of our federal government despite most of the population accepting that climate change is real, and the very immediate threat to efforts to slow its progress by the use of fossil fuels like gas.

The Digital News Report: Australia 2020 conducted by the University of Canberra at the end of the severe bushfire season in 2019 -20 found that the level of climate change concern varies considerably depending on age, gender, education, place of residence, political orientation and the type of news consumed.

More than half (58%) of respondents said they consider climate change to be a very or extremely

serious problem, 21% consider it somewhat serious, 10% consider it to be not very and 8% not at all serious.

Out of the 40 countries in the survey, Australia's 8% of "deniers" is more than double the global average of 3%. We're beaten only by the US (12%) and Sweden (9%).

And yet, as Tim Flannery said, since 2007, when he was Australian of the Year, the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has increased by 30%. This fact dropped like a very heavy stone into the shocked audience.

So how can we go about convincing individuals and politicians to act? Rebecca Huntley offers some ideas in her book 'How to Talk about Climate Change in a Way that Makes a Difference'.

Ketan Joshi made the very much appreciated point that the emphasis on growth must be removed and that instead the emphasis should be degrowth.

In subsequent issues of Hut News the main points from the talk and from Rebecca's book will be covered.



Click on the following book titles to connect with the panellists' publications.

Tim Flannery, (The Climate Cure: Solving the Climate Emergency in the Era of COVID-19), Rebecca Huntley, (How to Talk about Climate Change in a Way that Makes a Difference) and Ketan Joshi, (Windfall: Unlocking a fossil-free future.)

The host was science journalist and Varuna board member Bianca Nogrady, author of Climate Change (WIRED guides) How We Can Get to Carbon Zero).

Left: Tara Cameron, Society President welcomes everyone to the talk.

Report on the Management Committee monthly meeting on 17 April, 2021

The following were matters for discussion and/ or decisions by the committee:

- High level of interest in the Bodington/ zoo development. Discussed ongoing work on this campaign.
- The Society's 60th birthday will be celebrated later this year but there are no concrete plans yet.
- Members workshop to be held on May 1.
- Management Committee Planning Day to be held on 3 July. It will include ideas from the members' workshop.
- Senior Vice President, Madi Maclean reported on the campaign for the Gardens of Stone- see separate report.
- The Society brochure has now been reprinted.
- Katoomba Airfield on going campaign and work with KACG.
- Donation to Science for Wildlife. We await suggestions from Kellie Leigh for a project to support.
- Discussed the Give a Dam campaign and welcome contributions to the newsletter about this.
- Frog ID event to be held on May 8 at Blaxland Hall (see advertisement page 3).
- Nursery truck to be replaced and new laptop computer to be purchased. Funding discussed.
- Climate change membership drive update.
- Mick Dark Talk for the Future reported on and suggestions made about how best to use lessons learnt from it. One of the authors, Rebecca Huntley has offered to give a talk later in the year.
- Submission about Stuarts Road, Katoomba development made.
- Further funding for the Urban Fringe Fox Control Program approved.
- Donation to Lithgow Environment Group agreed for Destination Pagoda events at the Gang Gang gallery in Lithgow.



Left to right, Bianca Nogrady, Rebecca Huntley and Tim Flannery at the Mick Dark Talk for the Future, Ketan Joshi addressed the talk from Norway via internet streaming. Photo: From YouTube video by Varuna.

Hut News is for all members

Don't be shy. See your name and your thoughts in print.

Contributions by any member are very welcome and none has been, or will ever be rejected unless there is insufficient space, if an article is not consistent with the aims of the Society or if more variety in authors or topics are necessary.

Hut News is a publication not only for the management committee although so far most articles have come from members of the committee. But more and more articles are now coming from other members. Unfortunately Hut News is limited to 12 pages due to printing and mailing costs so if there are more contributions than can be squeezed in, articles will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Likely interest to the member audience
- Contribution to the overall standard and variety of articles in the newsletter.
- Articles can be news, letters, poetry or general information and must be about topics appropriate to the Society's mission.

- Legibility.

Editing is kept to a minimum and is intended only to improve an article based on any or all of the above criteria. If you prefer to see your article after editing but before publication, please say so when you send it.

Again due to the lack of space, there is a limit of 500 words and photos are encouraged.

Hut News appears in print in letter boxes as soon as possible after the beginning of each month and on the Society's web site

www.bluemountains.org.au The deadline for contributions is the **20th of each month** and they should be sent to susan@bluemountains.org.au

If you have any questions or suggestions for how to improve Hut News please email them to the above address or call Susan on 0409 829635.



**Australia's frogs
need your help**

FrogID is a national citizen science project that is helping us understand and protect Australia's frogs.

With Guest Speaker Brittany Mitchell
Australian Museum Research Institute

Saturday May 8, 2:30pm to 5:00pm
Sharon Burrigge Hall (Blaxland Community Centre)
33 Hope Street Blaxland



This is a free event and you can register for it <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/australian-museum-frogid-learn-about-the-frogid-app-to-help-protect-frogs-tickets-150854444705>

Focus on the Land Use Subcommittee

Carolyn Williams

Have you ever wondered what the Society's Land Use subcommittee does? This rather dull and obscure name may not be an attention grabber, but the subcommittee's work plays a crucial role in helping achieve the Society's objectives to protect, conserve and advocate for the natural environment of the Greater Blue Mountains.

Our main activity is keeping a look out for, and lodging submissions on, development proposals that we believe will cause unacceptable damage to the natural environment and World Heritage Area. We also engage proactively with local and state government plans, policies and legislation that determine what kind of future development will occur, and where it will occur, in the Blue Mountains.

Some specific examples will help illustrate the work of the subcommittee and its achievements.

- **Stopped intensive development of the lower Blue Mountains.**

In early 2013 the state government decided to categorise the Blue Mountains from Faulconbridge down as a 'Metropolitan Urban Area', earmarked for intensive residential development. Under intense pressure from the Council and the subcommittee's 'Blue Mountains – not another suburb of Sydney' campaign, the government dropped the idea and has not pursued a policy of intensive residential development or high housing targets in the Blue Mountains since.

Are you concerned about environmental damage or a development related activity in your neighbourhood but don't know who to contact?

The Society's Planning & Development Resource Kit may help you.

<https://www.bluemountains.org.au/pdrk-welcome.shtml>

- **Safeguarded environmental standards for development.**

In 2013-14 the Subcommittee organised a large public information and engagement campaign supporting the proposed new Blue Mountains Local Environmental Plan 2015. We wanted to ensure (as did the Council) that the high environmental protection standards in our current local environmental plans were carried through into the state government's mandatory new standardised local environmental plan. The huge public response and the strong stand taken by the Council and the Society delivered the most locally tailored Local Environmental Plan in the state, with most of our existing environmental protections preserved intact.

- **Facilitated the protection of Radiata Plateau.**

Most recently, the subcommittee led the Society's campaign to have Ngula Bulgarabang (Radiata Plateau) purchased by the state government for incorporation into the Blue Mountains National Park. The site's purchase in October 2019 was the culmination of a more than 30 year campaign by the Society and other nature conservation organisations, local groups and residents.

The lesson here is that what we take for granted today – the strong environmental protection provisions in our local environment plan and the preservation of the built character and natural heritage of the Blue Mountains – had to be fought for. And we may have to fight the same battles all over again, as we are with the 30-year-old 'zombie' 'croc park/zoo' development on Bodington Hill, Wentworth Falls. We urge members to keep this in mind and 'vote for the environment' in the September Council elections.

Finally, the Land Use Subcommittee has produced an online [Planning and Development Resource Kit](#) for members and the Blue Mountains community. It is meant to help you take appropriate action on environmental and development matters and learn more about the legal frameworks and institutions regulating development in the Blue Mountains.

Enquiries: landuse@bluemountains.org.au



We GIVE A DAM - Save the Blue Mountains Wild Rivers

Christine Davies

Plans to raise Warragamba Dam wall by 14 metres threaten to destroy 65 kilometres of wilderness rivers and inundate 4,700 hectares of world heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park. See this spectacular wilderness for yourself and meet the people fighting to save it. <https://www.giveadam.org.au/film>

The NSW Government has stated in its principle document advocating raising of the Warragamba Dam wall that, after the dam is raised, it plans to allow an additional 134,000 people to reside on western Sydney floodplains, doubling the population.

Blue Mountains Conservation Society and its 900+ members are members of the **We Give a Dam Alliance**, a coalition of environmental and community groups campaigning to stop the destruction of the Blue Mountains national park and the over development of the Western Sydney floodplain. You will find our logo at the bottom of the home page. This campaign is being run by the Colong Foundation for Wilderness. We can all help, in any way we are able.

TAKE ACTION! Sign a petition, write a letter, donate, volunteer ... go to <https://www.giveadam.org.au/>

Floodplains aren't separate from a river – they're an extension of it. It's time to change how we connect with them.

The Conversation, 5 April 2021. Melissa Parsons, Senior Lecturer, Geography and Planning, University of New

England. Martin Thoms, Professor of Physical Geography, University of New England

Dramatic scenes of flood damage to homes, infrastructure and livelihoods have been with us on the nightly news in recent weeks. Many will be feeling the pain for years to come, as they contend with property damage, financial catastrophe and trauma.

But what if, for a moment, we removed the humans and their structures from these tragic images — what would we see?

We would see a natural process of river expansion and contraction, of rivers doing exactly what they're supposed to do from time to time. We'd see them exceeding what we humans have deemed to be their boundaries and depositing sediment across their floodplains. We'd see reproductive opportunities for fish, frogs, birds and trees. The floods would also enrich the soils. Floods can be catastrophic for humans, but they are a natural part of an ecosystem from which we benefit.

These scenes clearly depict the intersection of humans and nature, and it's not working out well for either side.

We must envision a new way of interacting with floodplains – these brilliant social-ecological systems that are not separate to rivers but rather *part* of the riverine landscape.

Read more: <https://theconversation.com/floodplains-arent-separate-to-a-river-theyre-an-extension-of-it-its-time-to-change-how-we-connect-with-them-157890?>

Bushfire Wildlife Recovery report

Lyndal Sullivan

Following the devastation to wildlife in the fires of the 2019/2020 summer, and in recognition of the huge community effort to assist, Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC) established a Working Group. This group was to look into strategies to support the recovery of wildlife in future bushfires, taking account of community led initiatives. The Wildlife Recovery Mayoral Reference Working Group (WRMRG) met on three occasions between October and December 2020. It had broad representation from volunteer wildlife groups, universities, government agencies and community groups (including Blue Mountains Conservation Society).

The main focuses of the group were :

- To identify gaps in the response to the recent fires, and suggest actions to prepare for the next fire or natural disaster.
- To determine ways in which the City of Blue Mountains could be more wildlife friendly.

The roles of the WRMRG were agreed as:

- Providing coordination and leadership in the wildlife recovery and protection in the local government area.
- Acting as a communication channel to affiliated stakeholder groups and support initiatives.

Needs identified, and actions commenced:

- Quality Statewide first aid and wildlife support guidelines to ensure a consistent approach between support groups, agencies and the general public.

NPWS Wildlife Recovery Project is developing guidelines.

- Wildlife support resources available for immediate deployment.

Katoomba RSCPA is planning an emergency hub for storage of materials and to provide an emergency wildlife hospital, as well as volunteer and veterinarian training.

- Clear communication for community.

Web information and a resource sharing portal was proposed by Science for Wildlife/World Wildlife Fund dependent on a successful grant application.

- Promotion of wildlife friendly behaviour and responsible pet ownership.

Council has applied for a grant to undertake an education program.

- A list of contacts to facilitate communication between stakeholder groups.

BMCC has commenced a list of contacts

Other needs identified were:

- A wildlife emergency response team for rapid professional deployment.
- Dedicated volunteer coordinator for wildlife volunteers.
- Mechanisms for screening spontaneous wildlife volunteers and assigning tasks according to skill level and training.
- Rural Fire Service volunteers to be trained in handling wildlife.
- Establishment of a staging area during fire incidents,

NPWS Wildlife Recovery and Support Initiatives

The lack of leadership in the 2019/2020 fires was acknowledged and the NSW government has now committed over \$1 million over four years to developing a better response to wildlife recovery across the state. The NPWS Wildlife Recovery Team is developing a draft strategy which will be released for comment this month.

Some key aspects in the draft strategy framework include:

- Direct funding to wildlife rehabilitation sector
- Improved coordination and capability. Wildlife technical advisor position on local Incident Management Teams.
- Wildlife Response Taskforce developed by NPWS as first responder.
- Firefighters trained in wildlife first aid.
- Veterinary support improved with twenty more veterinarians trained, and development of Televet Advice service.
- Standard operating procedures and guidelines developed and communicated.
- Communication – development of Wildlife Assist app by Taronga Zoo.
- Coordination role for local government.

Conclusion

There will be need for more detailed planning and coordination before the next fire season, which means there is less than five months to organise. We hope that Council will reconvene an expanded coordinating group soon.

In and out of lockdown for Saturday walkers

Diana Levy

It's one of the paradoxes of the Year of Covid that as the complexities of modern life ground to a halt, simple pleasures were rediscovered: walking, cooking. Right across the spectrum of Conservation Society walkers we've always known how refreshing for mind, body and soul is the walk in nature. During the shutdown the Saturday walking programme was put on hold, and the leaders could no longer meet to discuss issues, news and where to walk. But the solitary outdoor stroll or ramble or trail-run or hike offered a chance to get out of the safety of the quarantine house into the Great World. Our Coordinator, Harold, explored the area around Newnes Plateau, the Wolgan valley and Ben Bullen. I rediscovered Springwood tracks, on occasion inviting a companion from the city to showcase my good fortune in living in the Blue Mountains. Suddenly all the locals were walking, on streets and tracks, which was quite delightful - for a while.

But the novelty wore off. Harold was pestered by bored walkers. Finally restrictions on gatherings lifted and Maurice, the walks convenor, gave the go-ahead. We resumed the programme, following NSW government guidelines. No-one except the leader touched the sign-on pen. "How do you spell your name?" she/he asked, over and over.

The fires of the Black Summer of 2019-'20 meant that some places were now much more accessible. In one of the first walks Harold took the walkers out along Kamarah Ridge (in the upper Grose valley), now opened by fire, and into Kamarah canyon, a beautiful place with moss and ferns. He then led them to the abandoned Canyon coal mine and out again. When I resumed Saturday walking, Emanuel led us to Walford Walls and other places south of the Grose river valley. It was such a pleasure to be in company with old walking friends again, and to see an echidna who had somehow survived the inferno that swept across the valley. Geoff, a new leader, took the walkers into the

upper Kamarah and onto Koombanda ridge, which overlooks the Canyon coal mine. Duck orchids abounded on that walk, and later pink flannel flowers were seen in that vicinity. For me, it's been fascinating to see how the fire strikes here but not there and the upper Grose valley is a patchwork of black with lush green.

Some time after we had been learning the botanical name, *Actinotus forsythii*, a craze struck Sydney: pink flannel flowers. The media highlighted this rare flower experience, and people who perhaps couldn't walk very far, flocked to Narrow Neck and Mt. Victoria to see them. This is a good thing. A little bit of beauty goes a long way to open the public's eyes to the interconnectedness of our bush.

Harold said, *Fires do a lot of damage but after that things come back. Grasses are everywhere. There are lots of weeds in places too, where you don't normally see them. Down in the Wolgan Valley at Donkey Mountain, the carpark is almost head-high in weeds. I've been told that the mountain is also covered in weeds, but I can't confirm as it is out of bounds. One of the problems at the moment is difficulty of access with road collapses.*

If you'd like to see photos and short reports of some of our adventures, you can go to our Facebook page: BMCS Bush walks.

Better still join us! We welcome new members with a reasonable level of fitness. We sometimes go off-track, but currently the undergrowth has been cleared out, so it's easier to be going to new places - and exciting! Most walks are Grade 3 (Bushwalking NSW guidelines). See the 'tread softly' code under the 'Bushwalking' tab on the BMCS website. A newbie? There's good info on bushwalking at http://www.springwoodbushwalker.org.au/website/public/links_general.php.

Thanks to Maurice Kerkham for his many years of administrative services to the walkers.



What makes life worth living?

"After you have exhausted what there is in business, politics, conviviality, love, and so on — have found that none of these finally satisfy, or permanently wear — what remains?", the ageing Walt Whitman asked in his diary as he contemplated what makes life worth living while recovering from a paralytic stroke. He then answered: "Nature remains... the trees, fields, the changes of seasons — the sun by day and the stars of heaven by night."

From Brian Pickings newsletter.

Left: Harold, Saturday walkers leader, 2015

Why have the garden skinks gone?

Christine Davies

Every summer over 20 years I have seen large numbers of small skinks in my garden at Blackheath. They have included the common garden skink and several other species. During the summer of 2020/2021, I have not seen any.

Why? New arrivals to the garden this summer are some water skinks which are larger. Is that a coincidence? We have had a long drought and now lots of rain. Is it the weather? I saw an enormous blue tongue in the springtime. The blue-tongue lizard eats plant matter and slow moving prey like beetles, caterpillars, crickets, snails and other small lizards, but this one didn't look energetic enough to go chasing little lizards around my bush garden when there is lots of other food to choose from.

I asked a former WIRES snake handler – he thinks there might be fewer reptiles around this year. I asked an environmental expert who didn't have an answer, but my question raised lots of other questions and started a conversation.

My questions to Society members who live in the upper Blue Mountains are: Did you see small skinks in your garden this summer? Have you noticed any changes in the population and any changes in your local environment? I'd be really interested to hear yes or no.

If you can help, please email me (davica@bigpond.net.au) or phone me on 4787 7246.

Blue Trail Village Scenes No 10.

Name dropping in the bush, Faulconbridge

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The Reverend Colin Burgess and state parliamentarian Joseph Jackson have both come to be associated with the trees of the intriguing town of Faulconbridge. Faulconbridge was the maiden name of the mother of the most famous person buried in Faulconbridge cemetery, Sir Henry Parkes. His monument declares that he was “five times Prime Minister of New South Wales” – obviously before Australian federation.

Reverend Burgess was a clergyman who gave long service in the Blue Mountains in the early 20th

century. Botany was a passion for him. He made trips to multiple parts of New South Wales, recording his observations. Fellow plant lovers named the rare and beautiful mallee eucalypt found in Faulconbridge and a few other locations, *Eucalyptus burgessiana*, in the clergyman’s honour.

Joseph Jackson became associated with exotic trees. He initiated the planting of oak trees by prime ministers of Australia to form the Faulconbridge “Corridor of Oaks”. The park across Sir Henry’s Parade from the corridor is named for Jackson.



Rev. Colin Burgess



Above left: Reverend Colin Burgess

Above right: Stanley Melbourne Bruce, Australian Prime Minister 1923-1929, plants his tree in the Corridor of Oaks. (Blue Mountains Historical Society)

Left: Faulconbridge mallee ash, *Eucalyptus burgessiana*. (Euclid: *Eucalypts of Australia*)

<https://apps.lucidcentral.org/euclid/text/intro/index.html>



Gardens of Stone Visitors Map

The Visitors Map is full of suggested walks and trips. It is in full colour, 60 by 85 cm in size, and covers the entire Gardens of Stone region at a 1:100,000 scale, making it ideal for planning your next trip to the area. You can buy a map on the society’s website at www.bluemountains.org.au/GoS_VisitorsMap.htm

Walks Program, May - June 2021

The three month walks program appears on our web page: <https://www.bluemountains.org.au/bushwalking.shtml>

Saturday walks

Saturday walks are usually a full day, longer walk at a faster pace. Bring morning tea, lunch and adequate water. Coordinator: Harold Thompson phone: 0409 010737 email: harold.thompson@bigpond.com

Date	Walk description	Contact	Meet at	Grade
8 May	Yileen Spur, 8 km, Mt. Wilson map	Harold 0409010737	Katoomba Stn Car park 8.30 am	3
15 May	Redledge Pass. 9km	Harold 0409010737	Katoomba Stn Car park 8.30 am	3
22 May	Mount Wilson 9km Map Mount Wilson	Diana 0432619305	Mt Vic Stn Car park 8.30 am	3
29 May	Mount Victoria and Sugarloaf 8km Map Hartley	Harold 0409010737	Mt Vic Stn Car park 8.30 am	3
5 June	Lawson's Long Alley, Mount York 8km Map Hartley	Geoff 47589113	Mt Vic Stn Car park 8.30 am	3

Monday walks

Short day walks of 3-5 hours, Suitable for walkers of average fitness. Bring morning tea, lunch and adequate water. The Group Coordinator is Keith Dorrian 0411 162 345 keithdor53@hotmail.com

Date	Description	Contact	Meet at	Grade
10 May	Wentworth Pass Loop Track, via Wentworth Falls, Slack Stairs, Valley of the Waters and Overcliff/Undercliff tracks; some rough sections and lots of stairs. Shaded most of the way. 6 km loop with 400m descent/ascent. 4-5 hours	Lyn Bevington 0432 352 850	Start at Falls Rd Car Park, end of Falls Rd, Wentworth Falls 8.30 am. For a ride from the station ring Lyn 0432 352 850	3
17 May	Murphy's Glen Woodford Walk along the ridge top, ending in a fairly steep track into the Glen through turpentine's and blue gums. Approx 10 km return	Bernie 0428 364 438	Woodford Station Car park (south Side) 8.30 am. Car pool to start of National Park (about 2Km)	3
24 May	Walk from the Megalong Rd Megolong Valley along the Six Foot Track to the Cox's River and return. Approx 14 km	Mary Read 0429 021 296	Blackheath Station Carpark 8.40 am Car Pool Fare \$5-00	3
31 May	Pippas Pass and Florabella Pass beginning and ending at Blaxland Station approx 10 km	Barbara Crighton 0428 962 460	Blaxland Station Carpark 9.15am	2
7 June	Walk from Mt. Victoria Station down past Bush Rangers Cave onto Rienits Pass through the Little Zig Zag and finish at Mt Piddington before returning to the Station	Wayne Read 0429 021 296	Mt Victoria Station 8.50 am	3

Tuesday walks

Tuesday walks are "Medium Day Walks" of 3-5 hours suitable for walkers of average fitness. Bring morning tea, lunch and adequate water. Co-ordinator: Susan Nicholls phone: 4754 1516, email: suerosn@bigpond.net.au

Date	Walk description	Contact	Meet at	Grade
11 May	Summerhayes Circuit. Med 4K	Ken Robinson 0417 514 534	Summerhayes Park Soccer Field. 0930	2/3
18 May	Frank Walford Park Katoomba: History Walk. Easy 5K	Judith Dyer 0419 780 640	Katoomba, front of Carrington Hotel. 0930	1
25 May	Taronga Zoo to Balmoral. Easy / Med 7K	Marilyn Savic 0409 924 663	Circular Quay Wharf 2. 1020	1/2
1 June	Red Hands Cave Circuit. Med 8K	Marek Bowman 0412 347 478	Glenbrook Station Car Park. 0850	2/3

Thursday walks

Thursday walks are walks of 2 - 3 hours conducted at a leisurely pace. Bring morning tea, adequate water and lunch. Coordinator: Beverley Thompson, phone: 4757 2076, email: denfenella12@bigpond.com

Date	Walk description	Contact	Meet at	Grade
13 May	Fairy Dell, Lawson's Lookout and Picnic Point and return Springwood 3 km, quite a bit of climbing	Colin 0421 502954	Council car park behind Westpac 9.15 am	2
20 May	Walls Cave, Blackheath Car pool	Tracy 0434 362611	Blackheath Neighbourhood Centre 9.45 am	2
27 May	Undercliff and Overcliff walks Wentworth Falls	Mary 0410 691396	Stockyard car park, Wentworth Falls 9.30 am. Car pool.	2
3 June	Moya Point, Leura	Beverley 4757 2076	Cnr Leura Mall and Megalong St. 9.30 am. car pool	2
10 June	Rickard Rd., Warrimoo to lookouts overlooking Long Angle Gully	Bronwyn 0488 296929	Warrimoo Station, north side 9.10 am	2

A yellow bellied water skink (Eulamprus heatwolei) . Photo taken in Leura by Alan Page



About us

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society (BMCS) is an incorporated voluntary group of more than 900 members helping to conserve the World Heritage Blue Mountains region. It was originally the Katoomba and District Wildlife Conservation Society, formed in 1961.

We are governed by a management committee and much of our conservation work is undertaken by sub-committees and campaigns. We also have a native plant nursery, several bushwalking groups and a Bushcare group.

Visit us

www.bluemountains.org.au.

Facebook: Blue Mountains Conservation Society

Twitter: <https://twitter/bmcsnsw>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/blue_mts_conservation_society/

The Management Committee

There are 21 positions on the management committee and a full up to date list of members occupying those positions can be found on our web page.

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Contact us

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- By emailing bmcs1@bluemountains.org.au

Become a member

You can become a member by

- Contacting our Membership Secretary, Ross Coster on 02 4739 2987
- Emailing Ross at membership@bluemountains.org.au
- <https://www.bluemountains.org.au/joining.shtml> or scan this with your mobile:



Welcome to new members

A warm welcome to our new members who are as follows:

Jan Cregan
Carmel Pujic
Louise Upshall
Cilla Norris
Ray Norris
Katrina Khoupongsoy
David Howell
Sarah Howell

There are now over 900 members.