



The Blue Mountains is not just another suburb of Sydney

From the Land Use Subcommittee

Following the profile of the Society's Land Use Subcommittee in last month's Hut News, members might be asking "why does the Blue Mountains Conservation Society concern itself with urban development and housing issues? Don't we need more housing in the mountains? Isn't this just a NIMBY issue? And what's this got to do with the environment anyway"?

Debates over a perceived lack of housing and housing diversity in the mountains regularly erupt in the pages of the *Blue Mountains Gazette*.

Certainly, access to housing is an issue and housing supply is just one factor among many. But what is often lost in these debates is the recognition that the Blue Mountains is not just another suburb of Sydney. It is a unique place, one of only two cities in the world located in a World Heritage Area.

A substantial threat to the health of our World Heritage Area is its proximity to urban areas. Unlike other World Heritage Areas there is no buffer between developed areas and the National Park. Everything we do on the ridge tops impacts on the National Park and the World Heritage Area downhill. Pollutant, sediment and weed-laden stormwater from the town centres, development sites, industrial areas, tips, roads, residential areas and sporting fields has to go somewhere. It runs downhill, impacting on the quality of water flowing into the World Heritage Area and, from some parts of the mountains, into Sydney's drinking water supply. Sewage from the nearly 80,000 residents in the Blue Mountains has to go somewhere – into the Nepean River and the water supply for Richmond and Windsor.

Increasing development on the ridge tops puts more stress on already overstretched infrastructure and adds to the cumulative impacts of human activity on the natural environment we live in and on which our local tourist economy depends. This is why the Blue Mountains Local Environmental Plan contains stringent planning controls and development standards for housing and other development.

State government policies like the new Low Rise Housing Diversity Code undermine these protections. This Code, now in force in the Blue Mountains, allows fast-track approval for medium density housing which meets state-wide 'one size fits all' development standards. Developments under the Code are not sensitive to local conditions, bypass Council development standards and approval, and neighbours have no say. Council continues its negotiations with the State Government to have the Blue Mountains exempted from the Code.

In the lead-up to the Council elections in September, we're likely to start hearing again from real estate agents, developers, chambers of commerce and some candidates talking up the need for more housing and development in the mountains. They may suggest cutting 'green tape' in our Local Environmental Plan and opening up the large-lot 'leafy green streets' of Glenbrook, Wentworth Falls, Leura and Blackheath to subdivision and more intensive forms of housing development.

When you hear these ideas, think about the impacts on our built character and the World Heritage Area and 'vote for the environment'.

Report on the Management Committee monthly meeting on 22 May, 2021

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

- Report on the members' workshop.
- The Society's 60th birthday will be celebrated in October this year and a lunch will be held at a venue yet to be determined. The history of the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and conservation in the Mountains will be launched at the event.
- Management Committee Planning Day to be held on 3 July. It will include ideas from the members' workshop.
- Don Morison attended part of the meeting and spoke to his proposal for a group to help the Society campaign against the raising of the Warragamba Dam wall. The group would work through the Protected Areas subcommittee and the Colong Foundation.
- Hut News editing. A style sheet and editing protocol will be prepared and a survey conducted to find out more about members' views about Hut News.
- The Landuse subcommittee is developing a submission about the Southern Escarpment Master Plan and is keen to have members involved.
- The committee approved further expenditure on the Katoomba airfield campaign and ongoing actions.
- The Society will cohost a conversation about the use of 1080 to be held on 8 June at Wentworth Falls School of Arts.
- National Parks and Wildlife Service will be holding consultation workshops about the Kanangra Boyd and Blue Mountains National Parks on 4 and 6 June and an information session about Govetts Leap on 30 May. We will send representatives.
- Council elections - see page 8.
- The Society is beginning the process of engaging a person to compile a history of the Society oral accounts.

Report on the Members' Workshop of 1 May, 2021



All eyes are on Tara Cameron, President as she speaks at the workshop. Pip Walsh was the facilitator in the foreground.

Photo: Madi Maclean

There were 24 attendees, including 10 management committee members, at the members' workshop held at the Mechanics Institute Hall in Lawson.

Members chose from a list of topics based on the current plan guiding the management committee and priority was given to the following:

- Bushfire
- Climate Change and Sustainability
- Communication
- Governance and Capacity

The discussion about each of these topics was summarised and sent to participants. It is available on request from Susan Crick (see page 12).

Recommendations for action will contribute to the management committee's planning day to be held on 3 July.

Note from the editor

One of the requests from the workshop was for more reporting on Society activities. This will be done to the extent that space in Hut News allows.

Gardens of Stone

The campaign to protect this spectacular area as a state conservation area

Madi Maclean

May has been a busy month.

Exhibition Pagoda at Lithgow's Gang Gang Gallery

The Pagoda Journey Forum on Saturday 15 May attracted a full house at Lithgow's Gang Gang Gallery. The gallery is currently hosting Exhibition Pagoda, an Australian Heritage Festival Event, celebrating the spectacular pagoda landscape near Lithgow.

There was a range of talks about art and nature, the inspiration and spectacular landscape of the Gardens of Stone and Lithgow's potential. Renowned environmentalist, Dr Haydn Washington (Colo Committee), talked about his long association with the Gardens of Stone and the wonder of this unique landscape. Haydn recounted where the term "Gardens of Stone" came from, his memory of this moment jogged by one of the photos on the gallery's wall. He also launched the Destination Pagoda economic report.

The Society spoke about the *Destination Pagoda* plan. This plan shows how visitors and activities in a Gardens of Stone state conservation area could be managed and help make Lithgow a new eco-tourism destination. Lithgow's potential lies in the Gardens of Stone area on its doorstep together with Lithgow's proximity to Western Sydney and to Australia's most visited national park (Blue Mountains National Park). Attracting even a small percentage of the Blue Mountains' visitors would be a boost to Lithgow's economy. You can read the full Destination Pagoda plan here: https://www.destinationpagoda.com.au/files/page/2021-05/final_destination_pagoda-300319_web.pdf

Lithgow Environment Group, the Gang Gang Gallery and Lithgow branch of the National Trust have done an amazing job in hosting and promoting the exhibition and talks.

The Gallery's *Exhibition Pagoda* features Anne Graham's installation, 'Gardens of Stone', surrounded by photos and watercolour works capturing some of its extraordinary landscapes. It runs until 20 June.

Other gallery talks are "Gardens of Stone for Beginners", a talk and walk led by Yuri Bolotin of the Bush Explorers (5 June) and "How Lithgow could be an environmental hub" from author Michael Keats, Bush Explorers (12 June). For more see: <https://gggallery.com.au/news-exhibitions/>

MPs supporting Gardens of Stone protection

A Gardens of Stone field trip for Parliamentary Friends of the Environment on 28 April showcased the amazing Lost City pagodas and other areas to demonstrate why the area should be protected. This led to a major media story on Destination Pagoda and strong statements of support for protection from the visiting Members of Parliament (MPs) in local media and state parliament. The four MPs were Catherine Cusack MLC, Justin Field MLC, Rose Jackson, MLC and Jo Haylen, MLA. Nature Conservation Council organised the visit, assisted by Lithgow Environment Group and Blue Mountains Conservation Society.



At the Gang Gang Gallery

You can be part of Australia's Largest Frog Count

Jordann Crawford-Ash

Research Assistant and FrogID Validator at the Australian Museum

You can directly contribute to the conservation of Australia's frogs using only your smartphone.

Jordann Crawford-Ash from the Australian Museum told a group of 27 members of the community about an app called Frog ID. The event, held on May 8, was organised by the Society and held at the Sharon Burrridge Hall in Blaxland.



Jordann speaks while showing a photo of a Southern Heath Frog, *Litoria watsoni*.

Photo: Simon Crawford-Ash

FrogID is a free app for both Apple and Android devices. It is both an up-to-date field guide and a nationwide database of frogs. It allows the Museum to investigate frog species' distributions, diversity, and breeding preferences. Frog calls are unique to each species, like bird song, so the Museum is able to accurately identify the species merely from their call. Every single recording made with the FrogID app is heard directly by a frog expert, making the FrogID data scientifically sound and ready to use for research, conservation and

land-use decisions. Through the dedication of users over the past three years, the Museum has received over **380,700** records of frogs, and **204** out of the 240 known frog species in Australia have been identified. That is over **80%** of our frog species recorded by our wonderful citizen scientists.

This is an amazing achievement, however it's important that users continue to record our frogs to gather long term data to monitor frog populations over time and determine how they are responding to our ever changing planet. So the Museum still needs your help.

The Blue Mountains region has many wonderful frog species, including the Red-Crowned Toadlet (*Pseudophryne australis*) and the Giant Burrowing Frog (*Heliophorous australicus*), both of which are threatened. With much of the Blue Mountains unfortunately affected by the Black Summer fires of 2019/2020, the Museum is working alongside ongoing monitoring projects using the app to understand how the frogs are continuing to recover from this event.

You can help by downloading the FrogID app and recording any frogs you hear calling, particularly in fire affected areas, as often as possible, even if it's the same frogs calling from the same spot each evening. This helps to understand how their populations are surviving over time.

You can read more about the project, and your local frogs at www.frogid.net.au.

The Society will make a donation to Frog ID.

Katoomba Airfield campaign

The campaign against the development of Katoomba Airfield was revitalised in November 2020, following the review and reassessment of the application for a commercial license over the airfield.

The campaign was previously run by Katoomba Airfield Community Action Group (KACG) with the support of the Blue Mountains Conservation Society but the Society is now taking the lead with support from KACG as required. Working with a small sub-committee has been crucial in re-engaging the community and driving awareness.

The campaign continues to lobby Melinda Pavey, NSW Minister for Water, Property and Housing, to uphold Crown Lands' original decision to reject the proposal for a commercial lease over the site. We are also hoping that in parallel with this, the Government will recognise the threat it poses to the World Heritage National Park and that the land can be added to the Park.

In supporting the campaign we have achieved the following:

- a dedicated web site
- the community is writing letters to Minister Pavey

- flyers have been distributed from Mt Victoria to Lawson
- a mass letterbox campaign using flyers, alerting Upper Blue Mountains' residents of the current situation with the airfield. We thought it necessary to have a program that would alert members of the community to the situation regarding the airfield decision, particularly those who don't read the newspaper or participate in social media,. We drafted a flyer that would bring them up to date and ask them to send a letter to Minister Pavey. This has resulted in a steady stream of letters being sent to the Minister and members of the community have re-engaged with the campaign and have been added to the database.
- hundreds of signatories to a petition from both concerned visitors and the local community. It will soon be presented to the NSW Legislative Council.

We are really pleased with the re-engagement by the community and the strong support of the letter writing campaign in response to social media, flyers, e-blasts and newspaper articles. For some, the development of the site may have seemed intangible but when the profound impact it will have on the national park, in particular, is realised the threat becomes real.

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>

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

Fauna at risk

Judy and Peter Smith

The Greater Blue Mountains area was World Heritage listed in 2000 because its natural values, including the diversity of its fauna, were considered outstanding at the international level.

In 2019, we published a book on the fauna (*Native Fauna of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area*). Our objective was to document the native mammals, birds, reptiles and frogs of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWHa), with details of the distribution, abundance, habitat and conservation significance of each species. We intended to celebrate the outstanding diversity of native fauna, to promote greater appreciation of this fauna, and to provide benchmark information of value for the current and future management of the world heritage area (WHA).

Our book listed 68 mammals, 254 birds, 74 reptiles and 36 frogs reliably recorded within the GBMWHa since European settlement. Sadly, nine mammals appeared to be locally extinct, including one extinct at species level (White-footed Rabbit-rat), and one extinct at subspecies level (an unidentified bettong). At least one frog, the Green and Golden Bell Frog, may also be extinct in the world heritage area.

The area has since suffered a severe, prolonged drought accompanied by record-breaking and persistent high temperatures. These extreme conditions, a consequence of ongoing rapid climate change, culminated in the 2019-20 spring/summer wildfires. The severity and extent of the fires were unprecedented and about 80% of the GBMWHa was burnt. In early 2020, the wildfires were extinguished by deluges of rain which caused serious flooding and erosion. The full impact of these events is still unknown, but it is clear that much needs to be done locally to promote the recovery and resilience of the native fauna. In the face of the increasing impact of human-induced climate change on the GBMWHa, it is also clear that local management initiatives will not succeed unless the issue of climate change is addressed much more seriously at state, national and global levels.

We intend to provide occasional updates to our book in the form of annotated checklists of mammals, birds, reptiles and frogs, to be made available on the Researchgate and Blue Mountains Nature websites. With a new record of the Plum-headed Whistling-Duck and the Sugar Glider now split into three separate species, two of which occur in the WHa, the WHa's native fauna now includes 69 mammals, 255 birds, 74 reptiles and 36 frogs. Of these, 28 mammals, 38 birds, 4 reptiles and 7 frogs are listed as threatened species under national or state legislation.

We are yet to update the checklists to take account of the impact of drought, heatwaves, wildfires and floods. Populations and ranges of most fauna species in the area have been reduced. Many species are more threatened and some may now be locally extinct. If you have additional fauna records or other information, your feedback would be very welcome.



A Plum-headed Finch. It occurs in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. Photo: Peter Smith

Catching a killer



Fig 3. Fox visiting trap the day after it was deployed

Trapping invasive species such as foxes requires patience and persistence. It is an important method to use as part of a long term approach to managing the impacts of foxes on our local wildlife and pets in such an urbanised area. It can be achieved by a community given skills to deal with the issue.

The Upper Blue Mountains Fox Program (UBMFP) is a community, local and state government partnership aiming to reduce the impacts of foxes following the devastating 2019/2020 fires. It will protect native species and their habitat.

Activities focus on burnt areas and the adjacent buffer as well as swamp areas of the Upper Blue Mountains, particularly the habitat of the endangered Blue Mountains Water Skink, *Eulamprus leurolanensis*.

The program began in March 2021 with much effort during the early stages of COVID. Around 75 enquiries (Fig 1) have seen 45 traps lent (Fig. 2) to participants across the Upper Blue Mountains (Fig 4). Five fox trapping workshops have trained more than 50 people in using cage traps and have provided an insight into fox biology and impacts. Seven foxes and two feral cats have been euthanased.(Fig 6).

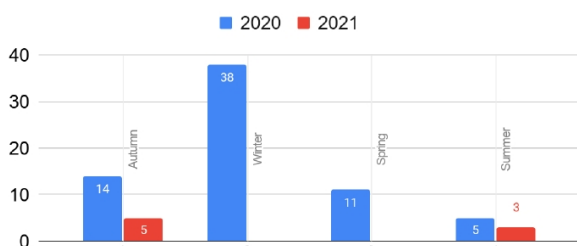


Fig 1. Enquiries - Season

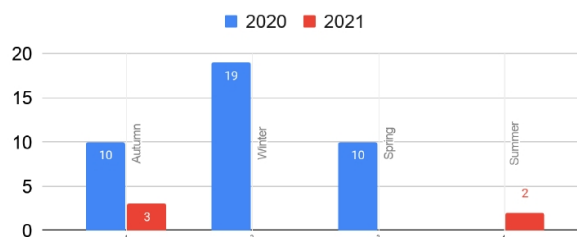


Fig 2. Trap loan - Season

Trap participants are also trained during trap delivery and sign an agreement stating they will adhere to best practice methods and follow program protocols.

An information workshop was held where participants were able to share experiences and discuss methods. The event was well received and helped to maintain the progress of the program. Seasonal emails are distributed to provide program updates.

Fig 4. Location of traps

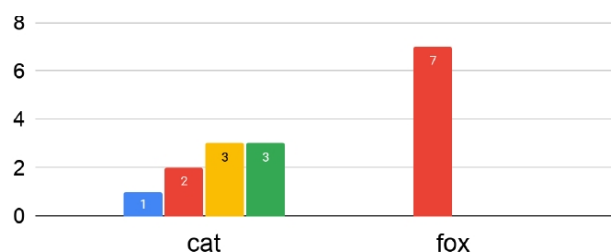
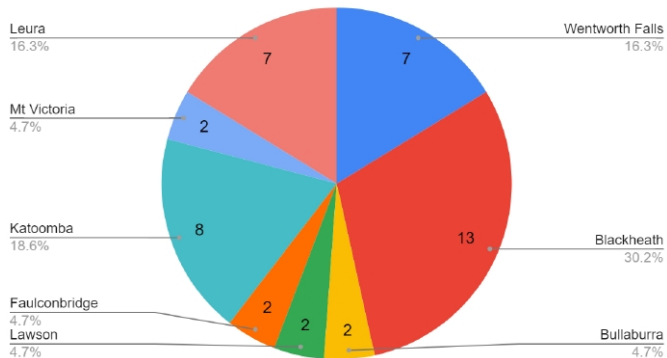


Fig 6. Species

This article has been extracted from a report sent by Alison Towerton at Greater Sydney Local Land Services.



The 2021 Council election will be held on Saturday 4th September. We propose to provide an assessment of the Blue Mountains City Council's environmental decisions and activities since the 2016 Council election.

Once nominations close in August we'll be sending a questionnaire to all 'lead' candidates and independents. Their response and an analysis will be provided before pre-poll voting opens on Monday 23 August. We do not recommend or support candidates.

Electoral rolls for this election close on Monday 26 July.

Our 2021 Council Election webpage provides details of -

- the BMCC wards
- where you can check your enrolment
- how you can enrol to vote
- the Council's election website.

You'll find our webpage at <https://www.bluemountains.org.au/elections/bmce21/>

Farewell to Warwick Mosman

Warwick and Robin Mosman came to live in the Blue Mountains 23 years ago and were soon active and valuable members of the Conservation Society and the local community.



Warwick's love of the bush and especially the Blue Mountains started in his early teens when his scout

troop camped at Govetts Leap and walked into the Grose Valley and to the Blue Gum Forest. He loved walking in the bush, but with that came a strong sense of personal responsibility to care for it. He did bushcare and remote bushcare, and when broom was blooming in Wentworth Falls went out every morning to deal with it. He was the oldest walker on the centenary of Dunphy's Kowmung Adventure in 2014 and he loved Hugh Spiers' walks exploring the Gardens of Stone. He was unfailingly supportive of Robin's environmental campaigns, and together they started The Citizens Climate Campaign in 2005 and joined the Leard Blockade in 2014, trying to save critically endangered white box woodland from the predations of coal-mining company Whitehaven.

At Warwick's funeral his grandson Tom said "Pa's full and adventurous life is an inspiration to his grandchildren. He possessed great determination, ingenuity, enthusiasm, and an unwavering commitment to the things he believed in: the value of the natural world, the importance of holding yourself to high standards, and his great dedication to the people he loved."

Warwick passed away on 10th May 2021 at the age of 83.

Book review

Christine Davies

'Blue Mountains Byways' by John Low

In 2009, historian John Low agreed to write some articles for Hut News. Under the heading "*Down the Wallaby Track – a backward glance, with John Low*", these fascinating and entertaining stories about the Blue Mountains and its local history were so enjoyed by the newsletter editor (me) and other members of the Blue Mountains Conservation Society that they continued for six years.

A new book, **Blue Mountains Byways**, offers these stories and others written by John for the Blue Mountains Historical Society's newsletter, 'Hobby's Outreach', to a wider audience. The book was published by Tom and Wendy Whitton (Second Back Row Press). Tim and Wendy were founders and ex-proprietors of Megalong Books in Leura. The historical photographs which illustrate the

stories are fascinating viewing in themselves, many seldom reproduced elsewhere.

John Low was for 25 years the Local Studies Librarian at the Blue Mountains City Library. He has always enjoyed researching the forgotten corners of local history and has no shortage of interesting and sometimes quirky stories about the history and legends about people and localities in the Blue Mountains. John now lives in the Central Tablelands but is still a member of Blue Mountains Conservation Society and the Blue Mountains Historical Society.

The book is a blend of local history and folklore intertwined with the Blue Mountains landscape. There are stories of aristocrats, convicts, Irish revolutionaries, botanists, artists, photographers, environmentalists and old Mr Murphy. There are stories about old horse troughs, the map of Australia in Lawson Park, "celebrity" lyrebirds in Springwood, mishaps which led to names of localities on walking tracks, war clouds and war memorials, "grand projects" which today seem bizarre but are no sillier than some of the development proposals today, and much more.

Over the years our interpretive bushwalking group has visited many of the places in the Blue Mountains towns and their bushland fringes that are described in the book.

There are 64 stories in the book. I highly recommend it.

To quote Jim Smith, Blue Mountains historian, in the preface: "Although this volume is not intended to be a guidebook, the 'legend laden' places described by John Low, with their 'aura of romance' are rarely more than a few kilometres from the Blue Mountains townships. They can all be visited by anyone who wishes to follow in the author's footsteps ..."

Blue Mountains Byways is available now from bookshops and selected retailers.

Photo: Track to Linda Falls. This is the cover photo of the book, taken in the Valley of the Waters. It comes from the White Family collection in the BM Library's Local Studies Collection.



Walks Program, June - July 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
June 12th	Porters Pass. 11km. Map Katoomba	Chris 0412263006	Blackheath Station car park 8.30 am	3
June 19th	Bellbird Point, Iron Pot Mt. and Tinpot Hill. 10 km Map Jenolan	Harold 0409010737	Blackheath Station car park 8.30 am	3
June 26th	Newnes Railway Walk. 9 km Map Ben Bullen	Geoff 47589113	Mt Victoria Station car park 8.30 am	3
July 3rd	Pierces Pass to Victoria Falls. contact Chris re car pooling. 11 km. Map Mount Wilson	Chris 0412263006	Mt Victoria Station car park 8.30 am	3
July 10th	Springwood to Martins Lookout via Sharks Head Cave and Lost World. 11 km. Map Springwood	Harold 0409010737	Springwood Station car park 8.30am	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	Meeting Place	Activity Leader	Grade
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.	Mt Victoria Station 8.50 am	Wayne Read 0429 021 296	3
14 June	Sassafras Gully Road Springwood to Fairy Dell, via Perch Ponds and Magdala Creek. Approx 10 km. A pleasant walk but a lot of creek crossings, steep ascent out of the valley and some fallen trees to be negotiated. Also a chance of lyrebird sightings.	Springwood. Car park behind Westpac 9.00 am	Colin Ford 0421 502 954	3
21 June	Lions Head track off Tableland Road, Wentworth Falls. Out to Kedumba edge of the tableland, and then along the ridge to the Lions Head. About 7 km.	Wentworth Falls Station car park 9.30 am	Dave Ph. 0416 109 141	2
28 June	Victoria Falls Mt Victoria. Pleasant walk down to Falls and return.	Mt Victoria Station 8.50 am Car pool	Tracy 0434 362 611	3
5 July	Birdwood Gully and Madoline Glen Springwood.	Springwood Commuter car park (North side) 9am	Colin Ford 0421 502 954	2
12 July	Blue Gum Swamp and Bees Nest Hill Winmalee. 13 km. with 270m ascent/descent, otherwise it's all on track with a couple of minor water crossings.	Springwood Station car park (nth side) 8.35 am. Car pool to beginning of walk at the end of White Cross Rd, Winmalee.	Angela Berry 0427 133 327	3

Tuesday walks

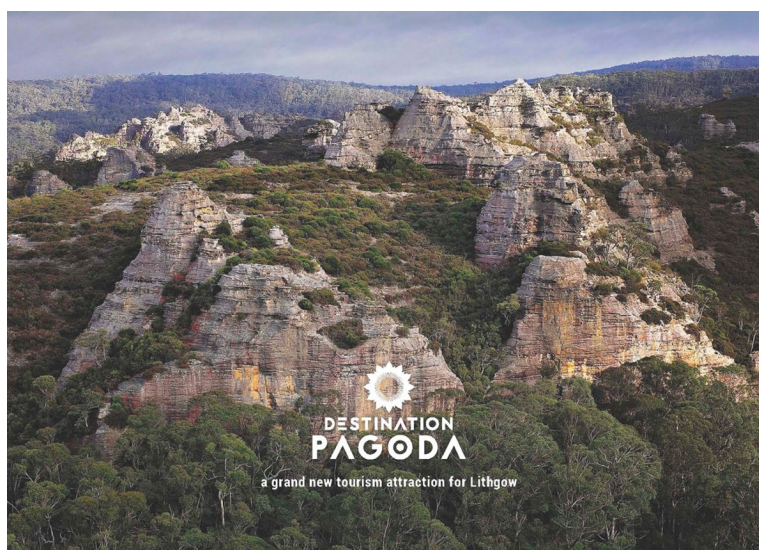
Tuesday walks are "Medium Day Walks" of 3-5 hours suitable for walkers of average fitness. Bring morning tea, lunch and adequate water. Co-ordinator: Susan Nicholls phone: 4754 1516, email: suerosn@bigpond.net.au

Date	Walk description	Contact	Meet at	Grade
1 June	Penrith Bridge to Bridge Loop Walk and Nepean Weir. Easy 10 Km. Optional lunch at O'Donoghues Irish Pub	Marek Bowman 0412 347 478	Emu Plains Station Car Park 9.20 am	1
8 June	Pool of Siloam, Lyrebird Dell, Gordon Falls Lookout Easy / Med 5.5 km	John Blanche 0402 906 161	Leura Station 9.18 am	2
15 June	South Lawson Waterfalls. Easy / Med 5 km	Rob Hunter 0400 672 336	Lawson Station, south side 9.03 am	1/2
22 June	Blaxland to Warrimoo via Cripple Creek Fire Trail. Easy / Med 7.5 km	Roger Blane 0449 902 774	Blaxland Station, north side 9.05 am	1/2
29 June	Meadowbank to Parramatta. Easy 10 km River, Parks, Nature Trail and board walks	Judith Dyer 0419 780 640	Strathfield Station 9.37 am	1

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
17 June	Marges and Elizabeth Lookouts Glenbrook. Take lunch	Dinia 0412 879295	Glenbrook Station car park 9.30 am	1
24 June	Asgard Swamp and Thor Head, Mt. Victoria. Carpool, take lunch	Tracy 0434 362611	Mt. Victoria Station 8.50 am	2
1 July	Birdwood Gully, Springwood Carpool, take lunch	Mary 0410 691396	Springwood Station car park 9.00 am	2
8 July	Cranebrook Waterways. Morning tea at Whitewater Kayaking Cafe. Carpool, take lunch.	Maurice 0402 402783	Glenbrook Station car park 9.30 am	2



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: bmcnsnw

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

The Management Committee

There are 22 positions on the management committee and a full up to date list of members occupying those positions can be found on our web page.

The following are some of the officers who you may want to contact.

- President: Tara Cameron, taracameron4@gmail.com, 0419 824974
- Senior Vice President: Madi Maclean, gos@bluemountains.org.au
- Second Vice President: Susan Crick, susan@bluemountains.org.au
- Treasurer: Elizabeth Howard, eh.mistover@bigpond.com
- Land Use Officer: Angela Langdon, landuse@bluemountains.org.au
- Publicity Officer: Rebecca Knight, publicity@bluemountains.org.au

Contact us

- Call the Membership Secretary, Ross Coster on 02 4739 2987
- By mail at PO Box 29, Wentworth Falls, NSW 2782
- By phone at 02 4757 1872 (leave a message)
- By emailing bmcns@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:

Kathe Robinson
Brad Crossman
John Speelman
Dawn Stubbs
Margaret Cross
Justin McKee

There are now over 900 members.