

Blue Mountains Conservation Society



Mission Statement

The Mission of the Society is to help conserve the natural environment of the Blue Mountains and to increase awareness of the natural environment in general.

The Aims and Objectives of the Society are to:

- Foster increased awareness of conservation issues in the community
- Promote ecological sustainability as the basis for all human activities
- Preserve the natural environment: flora, fauna, habitat, water, land and air
- Actively oppose those human activities which degrade or destroy the natural environment
- Repair the adverse effects of human activities upon the environment
- Increase the pool of expert knowledge about the natural environment

The Strategies of the Society are designed to develop and implement plans for:-

- Continued preservation of the natural environment, flora, fauna, habitat, water, land and air of the Blue Mountains
- Educational programs for conservation of the natural environment, especially for children
- Combating unnecessary and unwarranted destruction of native flora, fauna and habitat
- Assisting in the minimisation of pollution of the natural environment by effective controls of urban run-off, chemical contamination, water quality, soil degradation, air quality and weed-dispersal
- Monitoring planning policies and regulation of the Blue Mountains City Council to ensure optimal, balanced outcomes.
- Expanding the financial capacity of the Society

The long-term continuing activities should give effect to the Aims, Objectives and the Strategies of the Society which are to:-

- Encourage participatory Membership
- Hold regular meetings on topics of interest and to include relevant guest speakers in monthly general meetings
- Address all matters of conservation significance with particular emphasis on those in which the Society can make a difference
- Organise regular conservation-oriented walks, trips, and visits
- Inform members and allies by regular issue of quality newsletters and information on the Society's Website
- Publicise in the media the Society's achievements and activities
- Foster continuing co-operation between the Society and other organisations eg. BMCC, NPWS, BMWRS, AEE, SCS, RTA, Sydney Water, Bushcare groups, SGAP, CALM, HNCMT, Telstra, Optus, Integral Energy, NCC, ACF, AGL
- Grow and sell native plants of local provenance for regeneration/revegetation projects and for sale to the general public
- Engage directly in bush re-generation and re-vegetation
- Acquire independently, or with the help of allies, selected parcels of real estate for conservation purposes
- Participate in schemes of pollution control as appropriate
- Prepare and publish BMCS pamphlets and expert reports concerning conservation matters
- Ensure, through a dynamic and focused Management Committee, that the Society keeps its Aim and Objectives moving forwards
- Make use of technological developments to improve the Society's effectiveness

The Criteria for Success: are that at regular intervals the Society should conduct reviews of activities and measure them against the following criteria:-

- An increase in the number of active members
- A membership age profile reflective of the wider community
- A willingness for members to stand for office
- An increase in activities that achieve long term positive effects for the Environment
- Positive publicity in the local, regional and national media
- Acceptance of BMCS reports by other organisations, with the goal of obtaining positive action
- Community awareness of expertise within the Society evidenced by growing consultation from individuals and organisations
- An efficient and business-like conduct of the Society's affairs
- A healthy and competitive spirit within the Society in relations to the disbursement of funds