

BLUE MOUNTAINS BUSHCARE NETWORK CONFERENCE

BUSHCARE AND LIVING WITH FIRE

WHEN: 29 August 2015
8.30 am – 3.30 pm

WHERE: Mid Mountains Community Centre, Lawson

WELCOME

Blue Mountains Bushcare Network welcomes you to its second Bushcare Network Conference.

The Blue Mountains Bushcare Network has been established to represent Blue Mountains bushcare and landcare volunteer groups and to support the work of the Bushcare program of Blue Mountains City Council. The network has a particular contribution to make to the management of bushland in the Blue Mountains. In this role, it fosters communication on a range of issues.

This year's conference is related to the issue of fire, fire management and our role as bush and land carers. Hence our theme: *Bushcare and Living with Fire*.

Please find details about the conference below:

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Location and access

The Mid Mountains Community Centre is in New Street (behind the new shops), a short walk from Lawson Station. Parking is available next to the Centre.

Catering

Morning tea and lunch are provided. Vegetarian options will be available. Please advise us of any dietary requirements, if you have not done so already, by phoning 4780 5528.

Registration

Registration is from 8.30 am for a 9.00 am Welcome to Country and Conference opening by Mayor Mark Greenhill

Conference overview

Feedback from our 2013 Blue Mountains Bushcare Network conference supported the idea of a mix of speakers and workshops.

The program for this year's conference includes:



The Role of Fire in Blue Mountains Plant Communities



Greater Sydney Local Land Services (GS LLS) – From Catchment Management Authority to LLS; the catchment approach to bushcare; comparative models of fire management from other bushcare and landcare groups



Catchment-based approaches: what's working?



Endangered Ecological Communities and Shalecap Communities: The Fitzgerald Creek story



Concurrent breakout sessions on Indigenous fire management and the Hotspots project



A panel discussion about fire regulations in relation to Bushcare

What to bring

Bring your ideas relevant to the conference theme.

The Conference will provide opportunities throughout the day for you to suggest ideas for Blue Mountains Bushcare Network future conference themes and presentations, workshops and field trips.

Prior to the conference check out our conference blog at

<http://bushcarenetwork.bushcarebluemountains.org.au>

The full conference program is attached, and is correct at the time of printing.

Blue Mountains Bushcare Network reserves the right to alter the program without notice.

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PROGRAM

Time	Activity
8.30 - 9.00	Registration - Tea & coffee available
9.00 – 9.10	Welcome to Country
9.10 – 9.20	Opening by Mayor Greenhill
9.20 - 9.45	Bushcare Network update and Report on Feedback from Conference 2013.
9.45- 10.45	Guest Keynote Speaker "The Role of Fire in Blue Mountains Plant Communities"
10.45 -11.00	Morning tea
11.00 – 11.25	Greater Sydney Local Land Services update and Catchment model; models of fire management from other bushcare and landcare groups - Bill Dixon
11.25 - 11.45	Catchment-based community conservation Review of past 5 years, with updates on Popes Glen, Leura Falls Creek, the Gully, North Katoomba.
11.45 – 12.30	EEC/Shalecap communities and The Fitzgerald Creek Story
12.30	Lunch and individual networking (3/4 hour)
1.15 – 2.15	Fire Management breakout sessions (Concurrent Sessions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Fire management – Dennis Barber, Blue Mountains Fire Sticks. Information on Blue Mountains Fire Sticks - a community initiative to practice cultural fire, and how it can be applied to bushcare and environmental management. • Hotspots Project – Mark Graham, Nature Conservation Council of NSW. An overview of issues coming out of NCC's bushfire conference and information about Hotspots. Hotspots provides landholders and land managers with skills and knowledge for fire management planning.
2.15 – 2.30	Report back from Breakout Sessions.
2.30 – 3.15	Panel discussion on "Fire Regulations in relation to Bushcare" with representatives invited from National Parks NSW, Rural Fire Service NSW, Blue Mountains City Council and NSW Fire and Rescue.
3.15	Summary, wrap-up, evaluation and draw the raffle prizes.
3.30	Close.