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NORTH SYDNEY

SAVE GRAYTHWAITE campaign steps up

The campaign to save the historic Graythwaite Estate with its three hectares of parkland has been stepped up in response to the State Government's efforts to have the Graythwaite trust lifted. Two preliminary hearings have been held in the Supreme Court; the next hearing has been set for 29 June.

The State Government plans for Graythwaite include allowing medium to high density building on the lower terrace and around the boundary. Shore School has also expressed interest in the site, which is adjacent to the school.

Tim Hughes from the community group Friends of Graythwaite said North Sydney residents are going to have to be very proactive if they want the estate to be retained in public hands.

"Graythwaite was given to the people of NSW, not to developers or private organisations," he said. "By going to the Supreme Court with plans for development, the State Government is showing it has no cognisance of Graythwaite's park, heritage or ANZAC values.

"Australians are tired of successive governments stripping us of our community assets. Graythwaite is just five minutes from the CBD. This is a rare opportunity to create regional parkland for the 120,000 plus people who live in or visit North Sydney each day."

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said Council had offered to buy the estate and pledged to restore the mansion and open the grounds to the public. "Our community needs to make its feelings clear before the court case is resolved. I urge everyone to write to the Premier asking him to accept North Sydney Council's offer."

In 1915, in the immediate aftermath of Gallipoli, Graythwaite was bequeathed as a convalescent home for "sick and wounded soldiers ... and in perpetuity for distressed subjects of the British Empire". In recent years it has been used as a nursing home, however, it no longer meets government standards and will need to close by 2008.



Graythwaite parklands in the heart of North Sydney.

CELEBRATE YOUR NEW community centre

An open day and sustainability fair will be held on Saturday August 12 from 10am - 1pm to celebrate the opening of the new North Sydney Community Centre in Civic Park.

After a year in temporary accommodation, centre staff moved into their new home last month and are now up and running with a wider range of daytime and evening classes, a new art and pottery room, and a great venue for corporate events and children's birthday parties.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said the new centre was a tremendous asset. "It's a terrific space that all of our community can be really proud of and enjoy. I'm particularly delighted that the building models energy efficiency and sustainability and everyone associated with its design is to be congratulated."

Jan Wong, marketing and development co-ordinator at the centre, said the new facilities have enabled centre staff to "do so many more things that we weren't able to do in the old centre. For example, we now have an art and pottery room with a kiln, so we can hold painting, drawing and pottery classes."

The centre has two large areas, with superb kitchen facilities, that can be hired for functions. Two new playgrounds, one for children under five years and the other for older children, are expected to be finished within the next two or three months.

On the open day, people will be able to take a guided tour of the new building and learn about its environmentally friendly features, which include an underground, recycled water tank and solar heating. As well as workshops and stalls on growing native plants, hybrid cars, organic food and green power, there will be entertainment, food and refreshments and give-aways on offer.



FROM THE MAYOR



Each week I receive dozens of emails, letters and phone calls. The range of issues people contact me about is amazing, from moving a traffic sign a metre down the road through to seeking support for heritage listing the Cape York Peninsula wilderness.

I know Joe Hockey and Gillian Skinner, the Federal and State members, also receive swags of mail, as do my fellow councillors. Writing to your elected representatives – at each level of government – makes a difference. An about face – or a ‘backflip’ as the media likes to put it – is not a loss of face for a politician. It is democracy at work.

And so I want to encourage you to continue to support North Sydney’s campaigns for a pedestrian overpass on Falcon Street and the sale of Graythwaite to Council for use as public parklands.

We were promised a pedestrian overpass when the on and off ramps for the Lane Cove Tunnel were first raised. It is not acceptable to give us six crossings, involving several small pedestrian islands, instead. Council has written to every politician in the state. I urge you to write to the Premier and the Minister for Roads, so that our voice is not a murmur but a roar.

Residents spearheading the Save Graythwaite campaign tell me that more than 10,000 signed postcards have been received by the Premier’s office. Not surprisingly, the Premier’s Office will no longer confirm just how many postcards have come in.

The State Government’s current plans for Graythwaite include carving off sections for development. Council has made an offer to buy Graythwaite so that it can be retained in public hands as was always intended. We will preserve the heritage manor and open the extensive gardens as public parklands for the North Sydney CBD. Again I urge you to write to the Premier and the Minister for Health asking them to accept our offer.

Better still, get your friends from other areas behind these campaigns. Although they may seem at first glance to be local issues, they will have an impact on people from across Sydney. It’s worth the time and the cost of a stamp or email to have your say. People power does work.

Genia McCaffery
Genia McCaffery
Mayor

NEWS in brief

More visitor permits

Each household in North Sydney is now entitled to 30 visitor parking permits each year. The number was increased from 20 as a result of a resident survey, which showed people valued the visitor permit scheme. A permit allows a visitor or tradesperson to park in a residential zone for the day without being subject to time restrictions. Permits cost \$1 each and are available from Council’s Customer Service Centre.

Falcon Street tolls too steep

The imminent \$1.22 tolls on the new Falcon Street ramps to Warringah Freeway show the need for a more equitable, standardised tolling system throughout metropolitan Sydney, says Genia McCaffery, Mayor of North Sydney. Council has recently endorsed a public position statement on transport which supports standardised tolling for existing and new toll roads, the introduction of demand management tolling, and a standardised parking levy across the Sydney metropolitan area. “Paying \$1.22 to drive 200 metres is just outrageous – it is this inequitable and uneven imposition of tolls that contributes to public backlash about tolls.” The ramp toll fees will be confirmed later this year.

New equipment at Lane 9

Ten new cardio exercise machines have been installed in Lane 9 Gymnasium, including two cross-trainers. Lane 9 caters for all age and fitness levels, from beginners through to elite athletes.

As well as aerobics, boxercise, Pilates and pump classes, Lane 9 offers fitness assessments, individually tailored programs and personal training. Gym users can also use the other facilities at the North Sydney Olympic Pool including the crèche, pools, spa and sauna.

As an added benefit, both casual and regular gym users can receive up to two hours free parking each day when they visit the gym. For more information about Lane 9 or the discount parking scheme, phone 9955 2309.



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North Sydney Vacation Care children with their entries, l-r: Molly McIntosh, Madeleine Vaz, Anna Mateffy, Aleksa Novicic, Sebastian Aguilar, Bryson Monaghan, Maria Novicic, Emma Tan, Bronte Zhang, and Oliver Lynn.

PAINTING poster power

Budding young North Sydney artists have created a range of colourful and creative posters to encourage residents to make the switch to Green Power.

Green Power is electricity generated by natural renewable energy resources such as the wind and sun.

A poster competition, organised by North Sydney Council and the NSW

Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability, attracted a swag of entries from local school students. Students could enter as individuals, classes or other groups.

Local artist Karen Atkins has judged the competition, but details of winners are under wraps until they are announced at a special awards lunch later this month.

Prizes include digital cameras, movie passes, book vouchers and passes to Taronga Zoo and Sydney Aquarium.

The overall winner will receive a digital camera for their school and the poster will be a key feature of Council's Green Power campaign, displayed on our website and in the next edition of *North Sydney News*.

ECO-LOGICAL for small business

Twenty small businesses have joined Council's sustainable business program in Crows Nest. The business owners will be guided through audits, workshops and training to help them identify and improve the environmental impact of their business. In particular, the program will focus on the areas of waste, water, energy, chemical use and transport.

Doug Smith of Village Green, which is delivering the program on Council's behalf, said each business can expect not only to improve its sustainability, but also to save around \$500 a year in direct operating costs.

"Small to medium enterprises are the largest sector in Australia but because of time and resource restrictions, are the least able to address sustainability issues. Our aim is to help these businesses improve their social, cultural, environmental and economic performance."

Mayor Genia McCaffery said that Council had been working with businesses in the North Sydney CBD for the past five years. "I am pleased that we now have this opportunity to support smaller businesses in other commercial districts.

"Research suggests that small business can reduce water use by 9%, waste to landfill by 15% and energy use by 5%. While each business may only make small changes, together they will be significant."

LIGHT on energy

More energy efficient lighting will be installed in 14 Council-owned properties across North Sydney this month. The new lighting will save Council \$44,000 each year, and reduce CO₂ emissions by 366 tonnes each year.

The project also includes installing other energy saving equipment such as infra-red movement sensors in the change rooms at the Indoor Sports Centre and variable speed drives on six pumps at the Olympic Pool.

Council's Property Asset Manager Albert Lo said Council had been given a grant of \$88,000 from the NSW Department of Utilities, Energy and Sustainability towards the total project cost of \$242,254. "Without a subsidy, the payback period on the proposal was 5.5 years. With the grant, it will be 3.5 years, which makes the project attractive and viable.

Keith Reay, owner of Bean Drinking in Ernest Place, is already quite environmentally savvy, but he still sees room for improvement.

"Our industry generates a huge amount of waste, especially take-away where the retailer doesn't have any control of how the paper cups are disposed of," he says. "With the amount of refrigeration and cooking equipment, we are also high users of electricity. I am hoping this program will look at the energy efficiency of our equipment."

Bean Drinking is an independent gourmet coffee shop that specialises in high-quality blended and single origin coffees from around the world.

"We are already aware of the need to reduce waste going to landfill," says Keith. "Some coffee shops use take-away cups and plastic plates regardless of whether you are eating in or taking away. Our customers are increasingly demanding larger sized coffees. We held off introducing this size until we could source porcelain cups big enough as we didn't want to produce additional waste by having to serve eat-in customers their coffee in a paper cup. We should always be looking for areas where we can convert to more sustainable practices."



"Small changes can make a big difference. For instance, the variable speed drives at the pool will cut the amount of electricity used by the pump motors by more than 40%."

The program is the next step in Council's ongoing improvements in energy efficiency. Council's administration building currently has a 4.5 star rating and is the fifth most energy efficient building in Sydney and Council currently purchases 25% Green Power for its major buildings and street lighting.

INAUGURAL

EXCELLENCE by design

Sydney landscape architects McGregor and Partners won North Sydney's inaugural award for design excellence for their creation of the BP Parklands on the Waverton Peninsula (pictured). The award is the latest in a string of national and international awards the parklands has won since it was completed last year.

Two commendations were given for residential developments and one commendation was given for a mixed-use development.

The awards were judged by an independent panel comprising architect and lecturer Catherine Lassen, landscape architect and horticulturalist Sue Barnsley and NSW University Associate Professor of Multi-disciplinary Design Davina Jackson.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said Council introduced the awards to encourage quality design in North Sydney.

"As a Council, we can proscribe the uses for different areas, we can give guidelines for how we would like developments to look and feel, but ultimately, the quality of a development lies with its architect and builders and their client.

"While I recognise that there are always economic restraints on development, I hope that developers in North Sydney will be inspired to create beautiful and innovative buildings and that North Sydney will be recognised as a place that embraces good design."

Mayor McCaffery acknowledged that design is subjective and that a good design could sometimes polarise the community. "I don't expect everyone to like the same things and our aim is not to promote one-size fits all design. However, I do believe the community as a whole can recognise good design.

"Buildings that are appealing and functional stand the test of time and become treasures. We have examples of these in Sydney from every decade for the past century. Council's aim is to promote development in North Sydney that will be liked and valued by the community for many decades to come."

Mayor McCaffery said Council followed the principles of consultation, heritage and sustainability in its own developments.

"Developments should consider the neighbours and take into account things the community values, such as a slot view to the harbour. When people are consulted about the development around them, they are much more likely to value the result, than when it is imposed upon them.

"We value heritage and consider it in all our projects. I don't mean to imply that development should be locked into the architectural principles of the past. When heritage is worth preserving, it is appropriate to incorporate heritage elements rather than start from scratch with a whole new design.

"I believe sustainability will increasingly begin to influence design in Australia. Within Council it is driving innovation and I am confident we will see some very innovative buildings entered into next year's awards."



DESIGN AWARDS



6 Bromley Avenue, Cremorne Point



599 Pacific Highway, St Leonards - 'Abode'



32 Shirley Road, Wollstonecraft



6 Cliff Street, Milsons Point - 'Cavill'

SHORT-LISTED entries

Residential - including new dwellings, alteration and additions and heritage design

Linda James for 32 Shirley Road, Wollstonecraft – new detailing matched the original on the additions to this family home.

Elisabeth Peet for 300 West Street, Cammeray – environmentally responsible additions created a better relationship with the outdoors.

David Snashall for 22 Richmond Avenue, Cremorne – the modern extension hidden behind the original house conserved its heritage appearance.

Joshua Farkash and Associates for 24 McKye Street, Waverton – each of the five apartments has a strong sense of identity, layout and lifestyle.

Nicholas Dunn and Associates for 6 Bromley Avenue, Cremorne Point – a duplex was converted to one house

with car parking in the excavated basement.

HPA Architects for 6 Cliff Street, Milsons Point-HPA Architects – this seven-level residential building was designed to take advantage of extensive water views.

Mixed-use Development

Squillace Architects for 34-36 Oxley Street, St Leonards – Precision Apartments is a mix of residential and commercial spaces.

Nettleton Tribe for 599 Pacific Highway, St Leonards – Abode is a luxury mixed-use development with an iconic curved façade.

Landscape Design and Ecologically Sustainable Development

McGregor and Partners for BP Parklands – the first in a series of waterfront areas to be transformed from industrial sites into public parkland.

what the judges said

BP Parklands

“A seminal work of landscape architecture that has been formed with clarity and restraint. It evokes its industrial past, offering new ways of seeing the site and recalling memories of Sydney’s working harbour.”

6 Cliff St, Milsons Point

“Cavill Apartments integrates multi-level apartments and parking on a difficult cliff site ... the building responds to both street and water front.”

599 Pacific Highway, St Leonards

“Abode offers a new type of residential mixed-use community. It has been strategic in rationalising its corner position...”

300 West St, Cammeray (pictured)

“The addition of a split level extension has been simply and competently handled ... light and an intimate connection with the garden have transformed the expanded living spaces of this dwelling.”





Ruby Graham, centre, with Dorothy Hyde left, and Council's arts and culture coordinator Narelle Spooner at the launch of Ruby's Garden.

RUBY 'S garden

A five-decade labour of gardening love is the subject of a short film, commissioned by North Sydney Council and launched during Seniors Week celebrations in April.

The 20-minute documentary tells the story of Ruby Graham who, with her late husband Lex, transformed a neglected area of Cremorne Point Reserve into a haven of tranquility and beauty.

The couple began clearing the site in 1959, removing

not only thickets of weeds, but dumped rubbish ranging from whalebone corsets to refrigerators. They planted whatever would grow happily, accepting cuttings from their friends' gardens.

Lex and Ruby worked in the garden six days a week, always stopping in the evening to enjoy a drink and watch the sun go down from their patch of paradise. Since Lex died 18 years ago, Ruby has continued to care for the garden with the help of friends.

North Sydney film makers Cris Parker and Helen McGrath, of Browns Lane Productions, say they were constantly surprised throughout the two-month creation process. "I think as we make more and more films the lesson we learn is to expect the unexpected," says Cris.

"Here's a 90-year-old woman who gardens – you think 'how quaint, how sweet' – but Ruby is very funny and she tells great stories. She's a special woman and a perfect example of a senior; she still gets up, gets out there and does it."

Ruby's Garden will soon be available on DVD for borrowing from Stanton Library. The DVD will include sub-titles for the hearing-impaired.

KNC uplift

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) is now more accessible for all, thanks to a new outside glass lift.

Carlie Spencer, chairperson of the KNC Board of Directors, said the lift would vastly improve access for everyone who used the Centre, as the Victorian staircase was very steep, narrow and carpeted.

"We have a lot of seniors and people in wheelchairs who use the Centre so the lift makes it much easier for us in terms of allocating rooms and space."

The upstairs Gallery room was the Centre's main area of events so the lift and the renovation of the first floor deck, plus a new kitchen and bathrooms will increase KNC's attractiveness as a venue to hire for functions. "Room hire is a key revenue stream for us so that's really important."

"We think we're going to be cooking; we're really thrilled."

The grounds at the back of the Centre on Bligh Street, are also set to get a new look over the next few months, with some landscaping planned, and the creation of a new right of way for the local community.

But Mrs Spencer said there would still be a lot of space out the back for the little kids who attend the numerous playgroups at the Centre "to rumble around".

The renovations mark the 30th anniversary of the Centre's opening in 1976 followed soon after by the beginning of day and evening classes. Since then the Centre has grown in leaps and bounds, providing a range of art, yoga and pilates classes, library, counselling and legal advice services, an internet centre, after school care programs, play groups, and bridge and rummy sessions.



LONG AWAITED LIGHTS delivered to cremorne

Taking a night-time walk in Cremorne Point Reserve has just got better – and brighter – with the installation of long-awaited new lighting.

Park-style lights have replaced the former street lights on the walkway, and bollard lights are being installed in the most open and popular section of the reserve between MacCallum Pool and the toilet block.

Work began rather dramatically in April when helicopters delivered 17 timber poles, on which some of the lights are mounted, into the reserve.

The new lights will make it safer for people walking or running in the reserve at night and will reduce light-spill for surrounding homes.

Director of Open Space and Environmental Services Rob Emerson said special thanks were due to the Cremorne Point community for their patience because it had taken years for Council to obtain a final contract price for the work.

"There has been a long history of concern about inadequate lighting and obtrusive light-spill. I am confident the new lighting will provide much better light for people who walk through the reserve while protecting the amenity of the hundreds of residences that line the reserve."

LEARNING from our young

Precincts went back to school, in a sense, at a forum on Sustainable Community Living in 2015.

The forum, held earlier this year, was organised by the Combined Precincts Committee, and comprised a range of short presentations from local high school students.

One of the organisers, June Horne, said the idea for the forum came out of a discussion at her local precinct meeting. “We were talking about the fact that the same old people attended and we desperately needed new blood and new ideas.”

They were keen to get young people involved in thinking about important community issues.

“I felt it was really important to let our young people know that we very much want to hear their opinions on community living and that we could learn from their ideas.”

During the three months of organisation June and her colleagues got to know the teachers and students involved in the forum. “Their enthusiasm was inspiring, as was the content and presentation on the night.”

Topics ranged from concerns about North Sydney community’s increasing reliance on plastic water bottles and how few were recycled, through to finding ways of ensuring young people continued to support the North Sydney economy.

“We learnt that the students were very interested in the North Sydney community as a whole and their ideas were very worthwhile. It was wonderful to see and hear these students who were great ambassadors for their schools and their age group.”

And the feelings were mutual, as far as the students were concerned. Monte Sant’Angelo Mercy College student Emma Berry (pictured left with her co-presenter Emma Callanan) said the forum was “truly invaluable. The topic was very relevant to our lives.”

Emma said she learnt a lot from the other presentations. “To have our ideas recognised and appreciated by the Council means a lot to me as a young citizen.”

And all involved say they are very keen to do it again.



PRECINCTS' plan of action

Some people may wonder what strategic planning has got to do with North Sydney precinct groups but it’s becoming quite a trend – and making a real difference.

About 40 precinct representatives attended a strategic planning workshop earlier this year where they learnt to develop a plan, outlining the objectives of their precinct, setting some goals and creating steps to achieve those goals.

Council’s consultation officer Bronwyn Clarke, who facilitated the workshop, said strategic planning was an essential tool for precincts.

“It’s like any organisation in that unless you identify why you exist and what you want to achieve, you won’t have a definite direction and people won’t feel there’s a reason to belong.”

Jane Greenop, chairperson of Hayberry precinct, thought the exercise was very worthwhile. “I do a lot of business planning in my work so I’m very familiar with it but it was great to sit down with other people from the precinct and develop a formal plan. And we are actually going to do things as a result.”

Hayberry precinct now has its own website, a schedule of guest speakers for precinct meetings is being developed, a precinct gardening project is under way and preparations are being made for a monster garage sale in Spring.

But Jane says as well as planning, precincts need people. “We’re lucky to have people in our precinct who are taking on these activities, not just talking about them.”

PRECINCTS under the spotlight

A comprehensive review of North Sydney Council’s precincts strategy will begin next month.

The review will focus on finding ways to increase levels of involvement in precincts, determining whether the precincts’ role should be widened, determining whether additional Council resources should be dedicated to precincts, and identifying the most effective precinct boundaries.

The review was proposed by Cr Evan Predavec who described himself, when raising the issue at a Council meeting late last year, as “a great believer in the precinct system and what it has to offer Council and the community”.

“The potential of the precinct system is not, however, always fully realised. Precincts are not always logically focused in an area or active participants in the range of council activities in an area. It is I believe timely that we take a positive look at the precinct strategy.”

The review will engage, precinct members, councillors and staff in the process. It will also involve broader research into public participation in decision-making processes.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery encouraged all precinct members to have their say. “These are your precincts – your input and views will be a vital ingredient.”

WHAT'S ON

In North Sydney in Winter

Arts/Music/Literature

Jun - Jul	Exhibition of published and unpublished artworks, dating from 1916-1941, by May Gibbs - Nutcote Museum, Wallaringa Avenue, Neutral Bay	9953 4453
7 Jun	17th Bill Coppel Young Writers Award Presentation, Stanton Library	9936 8424
13 Jun-22 Sep	Performing Arts Challenge, Crows Nest Performing Arts Centre	9261 8366
18 Jun	Sydney Jazz Club Picnic with Jack Wiard & Friends, 12pm - 3pm, Berry Island Reserve, Wollstonecraft	0417 417 586
25 Jun	Mozart to Puccini, Pacific Opera and the Sydney Mega Ensemble, Independent Theatre, 2.30pm	
1 Jul	Isabella Brierley History Prize entries close	9955 1921
6 Jul	Artwork Delivery Day – North Sydney Art Prize, Hutley Hall	9936 8187
23 Jul	Sydney Jazz Club Picnic with PB3 (Paul Baker), 12pm - 3pm, Berry Island Reserve, Wollstonecraft	0417 417 586
23-31 Jul	North Sydney Art Prize Exhibition, Hutley Hall	9936 8187
1 Aug	Artwork Collection Day – North Sydney Art Prize	
20 Aug	Sydney Jazz Club Picnic with Play It Again Sam, 12pm - 3pm, Berry Island Reserve, Wollstonecraft	0417 417 586

Community Events

3 Jun	Child Restraint Check, Council Car Park, McLaren Street, North Sydney	9936 8246
12 Aug	Open Day & Sustainability Fair, North Sydney Community Centre, Civic Park, Miller Street	9922 2299

Bushcare

21 Jun	Feral Footprint – Impact on the Natural Environment, Mosman Council Chambers	9978 4018
17 Jul	Field trip to Cumberland Plain Woodland	9936 8100
5 Aug	Aboriginal Sites Awareness Workshop	9936 8100
12 Aug	Wet Area Plants Seminar	9936 8100
26 Aug	Weed Identification Workshop	9936 8100

Markets

North Sydney Market - second Saturday of every month in Civic Park, Miller Street, North Sydney. Enquiries: 9922 2286

Northside Produce Market - third Saturday of every month in Civic Park, Miller Street, North Sydney. Enquiries: 9922 2299

Crows Nest Market - third Saturday of every month at Crows Nest Centre, 2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest. Enquiries: 0412 210 084

Kirribilli Market - fourth Saturday of every month, corner of Fitzroy and Albert Streets (western side of the Harbour Bridge). Enquiries: 9922 4428

Kirribilli Art and Design Market - second Sunday of every month Burton Street tunnel. Enquiries: 9922 4428

PLANT A TREE at primrose park

Get some fresh winter air, enjoy stunning water views and give the environment a helping hand by planting a tree at Primrose Park on National Tree Day, Sunday 30 July. Trees will be planted this year on the northern boundary of the park which has been capped with sandstone. Planting will be done from 9am – 12pm, followed by a barbeque so everyone can relax and enjoy the view. For more information, see Council's website or phone our bushcare team on 9936 8100.



NORTH SYDNEY art prize

Local artists, photographers and sketchers have just over a month to put the finishing touches to their entries for this year's North Sydney Art Prize.

Entries for this much-loved event need to be delivered in person to Hutley Hall, at Council Chambers, on Thursday 6 July between 9am - 5pm.

There are more than \$10,000 worth of prizes, including the Open Prize of \$5,000, provided by North Sydney Council.

Winners will be announced at the launch of the exhibition on Saturday 22 July.

For an entry form and more details, see Council's website or phone 9936 8187.



CUMBERLAND PLAIN woodland fieldtrip

Take a journey out west to the threatened Cumberland Plain woodland plant community with North Sydney Council's friendly Bushcare team. We'll stop at the Greening Australia nursery and find out about the fantastic work that the nursery and volunteers are doing to save this vegetation. Lunch will be held at a local kiosk. Our trip will take place on Monday 17 July with the minibus leaving North Sydney at 9.30am and returning at 2.30pm. RSVP by 7 July to our bushcare team on 9936 8100.

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