

# 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