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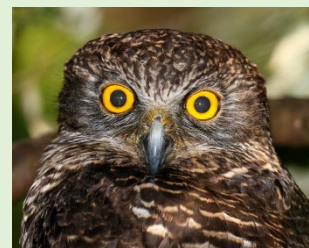
BIODIVERSITY-COMMUNITY PROTECTING AND IMPROVING FAUNA AND FLORA

SUNDAY 26 October 2025

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Ku-ring-gai Council Library, 799 Pacific Highway,
Gordon, Opposite Council Offices**

PROGRAMME and SPEAKERS- Pages 1 and 2
Free event open to all people interested in Wildlife



13:00 – 14:00	Enrolment and Tea/Coffee	
14:00 – 14:05	Welcome by Christine Kay, Ku-ring-gai Council Mayor	
14:05 – 14:35	Broadscale Biodiversity Initiatives – setting the stage for local success	Sophia Findlay Ku-ring-gai Council
14:35 – 15:05	The Nature Laws-What can we do about them?	Maya Abourizk Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF)
15:05 – 15:35	Beyond 'Business as Usual' – from grey to green infrastructure	Fleur Rees Ku-ring-gai Council
15:35 – 15:45	Break	
15:45 – 16:15	Challenges and Solutions for the Protection of Local Wildlife	Cate Turner Sydney Wildlife Rescue
16:15 – 16:35	The National Truth Plan: Net Zero Roll Out: Negative Effects on Biodiversity	Steven Nowakowski Rainforest Reserves Australia
16:35 – 16:50	Why an International Standard ISO 17298 on Biodiversity has been Launched.	Chris Smallbone WildThings NSW
16:50 – 17:00	Final Discussions and Future Actions	
17:00	Close of Forum	



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Event Registration

Registration is easy and **FREE OF CHARGE**; however it would greatly assist with our catering plans if you would register your interest in one of the following ways:

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Mail: WildThings NSW, PO Box 58, Gordon, NSW 2072 (complete & send details below)

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There will be door prizes (\$ donation to enter). People may also become WildThings NSW Members at \$25.00 per household.

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SPEAKERS IN ORDER OF PROGRAMME

Sophia Findlay, Ku-ring-gai Council, Natural Areas Team Leader

Broadscale Biodiversity Initiatives – setting the stage for local success

Ku-ring-gai Council manages and protects local biodiversity through many initiatives operating at different scales of implementation.

Often, the most tangible and recognisable biodiversity success stories are those that are site specific and implemented at the local scale. However, underpinning these local achievements, so often celebrated, there is a wealth of broadscale planning, strategy and engagement that is essential for the overall success of biodiversity conservation and enhancement. This presentation will discuss how Ku-ring-gai's key strategies and policies help set the platform for our biodiversity success stories.

Maya Abourizk, NSW Community Organiser, Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF)

The Nature Laws-What can we do about them?

Maya will cover the nature laws we need to protect wildlife and biodiversity particularly with the current state of nature decline. What the Australian Conservation Foundation is doing to meet the challenges and provide solutions as well as what we as communities can do to protect and re-wild nature will be highlighted.

Fleur Rees, Ku-ring-gai Council, Senior Landscape Architect.

Beyond 'Business as Usual' – from grey to green infrastructure

Imagine cooler streets, shady walkways, and thriving green corridors weaving through our suburbs. In this talk, we'll explore how street trees, urban greening, and the Green Grid can transform everyday spaces into healthier, more connected places to live. Join us to reimagine what our neighbourhoods could look like when we go beyond 'business as usual' and embrace a greener future together.

Cate Turner, Volunteer, Sydney Wildlife Rescue

Challenges and Solutions for the Protection of Local Wildlife

Sydney Wildlife Rescue has a mission to rescue and care for sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife and release them safely back into the wild. When one considers the estimated number of native wildlife killed each year, the negative effect on biodiversity is staggering. Specific causes include deforestation, bushfires and cat predation. A 2024 report by Greenpeace found that 100 million animals were killed, injured or displaced each year by deforestation in NSW and Queensland between 2016 and 2021. An Invasive Species Council report stated that roaming pet cats killed over 62 million native animals in Sydney alone in the past year.

The presentation will cover some of the possible solutions to reduce these horrendous figures.

Steven Nowakowski: Steven Nowakowski Publishing and Rainforest Reserves Australia

The National Truth Plan: Net Zero Roll Out: Negative Effects on Biodiversity

An electricity transition is underway in Australia. Electricity however is different to 'energy' and an entire 'energy' transition is required. The task at hand to achieve this with just wind and sun is epic in all proportions and vast construction of new infrastructure is required. It is this vastness of new infrastructure and the siting of it that is now causing serious alarm among conservationists. To achieve Net Zero, it is predicted that bushland and forests twice the area of Tasmania, including its flora and fauna, will be wiped out.

Steven Nowakowski will introduce the National Truth Map launched on 6 October 2025, World Habitat Day. All Australians can search the Truth Map for what's happening in their backyard: 📍 31,000 wind turbine towers 📍 150+ million grid solar panels 📍 44,000 km of roads 📍 \$1.38 trillion in costs.

Chris Smallbone, President, WildThings NSW

Why an International Standard ISO 17298 on Biodiversity has been Launched.

The International Standardisation Organisation (ISO) estimates that nearly half of global GDP (USD 44 trillion) depends on nature's services from supply chains and food security to finance and infrastructure.

Unfortunately, biodiversity loss is accelerating and putting business resilience and competitiveness at risk so ISO is launching ISO 17298, the first ever International Standard for Integrating Biodiversity at the organisational level. The Standard is designed to be scalable, practical and action orientated helping organisations to assess impacts and dependencies across value chains, align with global biodiversity goals and disclosure frameworks and turn risks into opportunities for innovation

