

# **NEWSLETTER**

November 2010

## **The 416 Group**

As previously advised the Group is now unincorporated, however it will still continue to actively represent residents of Killara and Lindfield living west of Lady Game Drive.

Keeping Members informed on issues is extremely important and current lines of communication will be maintained. Members will also be advised of the results of committee elections and the financial status of the Group at the beginning of each financial year.

It is not intended to hold a general meeting each year however special meetings will be called when it is in the interests of Members to discuss important issues or if we are offered the services of a prominent speaker.

## **City Of Ryde Draft Development Plan**

The City of Ryde Council is producing a draft Ryde Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011. The draft plan, in part, proposes to rezone 160-162 Wicks Rd from RE1 Public Recreation to IN2 Light Industrial. This address is the old tip site at Porters Creek where grinding of road fill is now being carried out by Ryde Council.

The Committee believes any changes to the plan could adversely affect the wildlife in Lane Cove National Park as well as the Ku-ring-gai residents living adjacent to the park and opposes any industrial development along the Lane Cove River side of the M2.

Ku-ring-gai Council will be sent a copy of the draft plan for comment and we have asked them to distribute the plan to all residents adjacent to Lane Cove National Park so we can all comment on the plan.

## **Hazard Reduction Burn-off**

A hazard reduction burn was carried out along Terrace Road by National Parks and appears to have been successful.

We believe that National Parks have changed the burn-off cycle from 5 years to 7 years. National Parks have been asked to confirm the change and advise the reasons for the change.

## **Lady Game Drive**

After a great effort on everyone's part it is pleasing to report that the Safety Railing along Lady Game drive is now complete. The railing has significantly reduced the possibility of more vehicles running off the road, causing the occupants serious injury or worse.

## **Ryde Waste Management And Recycling Centre**

There are still smells and excessive metal noise coming from the Centre. It is important that all smells and excessive noise emanating from the Centre be reported to DEEC (EPA)

on 131 555 and WSN (the operators of the Ryde Waste and Recycling Centre) on 1 800 062 086.

The NSW Government sale of WSN is expected to be announced by the end of the year. We have been advised that the successful tenderer will be a “good neighbour” but rest assured that your Committee will be keeping a close eye on future operations of the Centre.

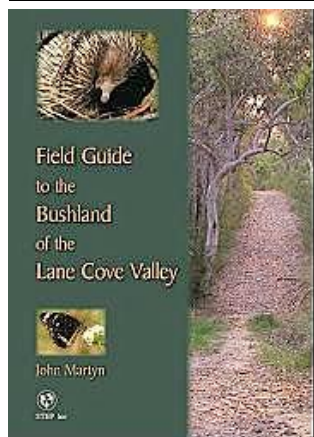
### **M2 Motorway**

The NSW Government recently announced that the M2 Motorway will be widened and additional on/off ramps built. A review of the proposal indicates that road noise, in our area, should not increase as a result of this work, however we have asked RTA for an assurance that residents will not be disturbed by noise, etc. during the construction phase.

### **Nominations For 2011 Committee**

Nominations are called for the 2011 Committee. If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member please contact Cec Morgan for a Nomination Form. Nominations close on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

### **Field Guide to the Bushland of the Lane Cove Valley**



A new edition of this guide by Dr John Martyn is being published by STEP (South Turrumurra Environmental Conservation). Revamped and updated and in full colour this hard-back book is beautifully produced and illustrated. If you want to make better sense of the fauna and flora (700 species!) of our back yard then this is the book for you. Copies can be ordered by downloading a form from [www.step.org.au](http://www.step.org.au) and are at a price of only \$45 (STEP members \$35) and makes excellent value for a handsome and informative book. Due from the publisher any day, books will be delivered in December in time for Christmas. There's even a picture of a Powerful Owl, the emblem of the 416 Group.

### **2011 Subscriptions**

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