

# 2019 LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NSW NATURAL HISTORY FIELD SYMPOSIUM



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## WORLD HERITAGE ON SYDNEY'S DOORSTEP: THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS, GEOLOGY, FLORA, FAUNA AND HUMAN IMPACTS

### FIRST CIRCULAR

#### Scope

The Linnean Society of New South Wales has had previous field symposia in the Snowy Mountains and the Warrumbungles (last September), and now we are bringing one to the Blue Mountains, right on Sydney's doorstep. The previous symposia have included a field trip and a day or two of presented scientific papers. This time we have decided to add a session on general natural history for the public, to be held on Saturday 9 November at the Springwood Sports Club. We see this as a way of promoting the study and awareness of natural history in the region.

The symposium will take place from 7-9 November, 2019, and will comprise three sections:

- 1) a geological /botanical field trip in the western Blue Mountains on Thursday, 7 November, leaving from Katoomba.
- 2) a session of scientific papers held at the Springwood Sports Club on Friday, 8 November.
- 3) a series of lectures on general Blue Mountains natural history held at the Springwood Sports Club on Saturday 9 November.

Participants can register for any combination of the three-day sessions. However, seats are limited for the field trip.

## Costs and logistics

The Springwood Sports Club Auditorium holds 150 people and is located at 83 Macquarie Rd, Springwood NSW 2777; phone: (02) 4349 7796

Lunches and teas as well as program booklets are included in the registration fees for Springwood Sports Club sessions on Friday, 8 November and Saturday, 9 November. Participants must provide their own lunch for the field trip on Thursday, November 7.

Participants can register for any combination of the individual day sessions, or a combined three-day session. However, due to limited numbers of seats available on the field trip, preference will be given to those registering for at least one of the presentation sessions. Costs are shown in the table on the registration form.

Members of the Linnean Society of NSW will enjoy a modest discount on registration and field trip fees. Non-members are welcome to apply for membership of the Society to access these discounts.

For details of membership categories and our low subscription rates, please refer to the website: [http://linneansocietynsw.org.au/menu\\_pages/membership.html](http://linneansocietynsw.org.au/menu_pages/membership.html)

**Cancellation policy:** 50% refund will apply to cancellations notified up to September 30. No refunds will be given in October or November.

**Train connections to Springwood.** The Springwood Sports Club is about a ten-minute walk from Springwood train station. People may prefer to travel by train to the Friday and Saturday sessions.

Timetables with train and bus links to Springwood Station can be found here:-  
<https://transportnsw.info/stop?q=10101259#>

**Accommodation in and around Blue Mountains :** For participants requiring accommodation in the Blue Mountains, see this website:-  
<https://www.bluemts.com.au/accommodation>.

## Publication of papers presented at the symposium

Relevant papers presented at the Scientific Session are invited to be submitted (though not mandatory) for publication in the *Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales*, subject to editorial standards and peer review. This journal, first published in 1874, is available online and is open access, and has no page charges (even for colour figures). A detailed set of Author Guidelines is available on the Linnean Society of NSW website. **Deadline for submission of manuscripts will be March 31, 2020** with publication likely in late 2020.

## Contact

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## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM – BLUE MOUNTAINS 2019

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7: Field Trip – The Geology and Vegetation of the Western Blue Mountains**

- a). Tour leaders - John Pickett & Doug Benson
- b). Transport via hired buses from Katoomba – maximum group 50.
- c). Depart and return Katoomba, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.
- d). Participants requested to bring their own lunch and drinks for the day (bring along or purchase at cafes and supermarkets in Katoomba before trip departs). Participants should also bring hats, sunscreen and wear sturdy footwear.
- e). A booklet and guide for the trip will be provided.

It is anticipated that demand may exceed the number of seats, so up to one month before the field trip we will only accept paid field trip bookings from those attending either the Scientific Session on the Friday, or the Public Lecture session on the Saturday, or both.

People who wish to participate in the field trip only will go on a waitlist. On October 8, unsold seats will be made available to those on that list.

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8: Scientific Session**

Held at the Springwood Sports Club, 83 Macquarie Rd, Springwood, which has seating for up to 150 people and is near the train line. Registration includes lunch and teas, and abstract booklet.

The registration desk opens at 8:30 am for a 9:30 am start of session.

This session will comprise approximately 24 talks of 15 minutes duration on various technical subjects relating to Blue Mountains geology/ geomorphology, botany, zoology, anthropology and conservation science. Submissions from interested parties are welcome.

### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9: Public Lectures**

Held at the Springwood Sports Club, 83 Macquarie Rd, Springwood, which has seating for up to 150 people. It is near the train line which helps people avoid the increasingly crowded Saturday Sydney traffic. Registration includes lunch and teas and abstract booklet.

The registration desk opens at 8:30 am for a 9:30 am start of lectures.

This will be a great opportunity to engage and interact with the natural history community of both metropolitan Sydney and the Blue Mtns. The lectures will comprise ten 30-minute talks on a range of topics related to general Blue Mtns natural history.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>9:30</b>	<b>WELCOME TO COUNTRY, INTRODUCTION</b>	
9:40	Geology, Geomorphology	John Pickett
10:30	Vegetation & Flora	Tim Hagar
<b>11:00</b>	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
11:30	Mammals	(to be announced)
12:00	Birds	Carol Probert
12:30	Hydrology, Invertebrates (aquatics)	Grant Hose
<b>1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
2:00	Archaeology & Aboriginal culture	Jim Smith
2:30	Scientific exploration of Blue Mtns.	David Goldney
3:00	Conservation Issues in the Blue Mtns	Hayden Washington
3:30	Fire in the Blue Mtns	Ross Bradstock
<b>4:00</b>	<b>FINISH, DISCUSSION, AFTERNOON TEA</b>	

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Name** (please print): .....

**E-Mail (and/or postal address):** .....

**Affiliation:** .....

**Fee category (please circle):**

Full member / Student member / Retired member / Associate member / Non-member

**Please send completed registration form to**

- i) **secretary@linneansocietynsw.org.au** as attachment (indicate date & method of payment), or
- ii) **Linnean Society of New South Wales, PO Box 291, MANLY NSW 1655.**

<b>Fee Category</b>	<b>Field trip 7 Nov</b>	<b>Scientific Session 8 Nov</b>	<b>Public Lectures 9 Nov</b>	<b>All three Sessions</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Students</b>	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$95.00	
<b>Retired,&amp; Associate Members</b>	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$95.00	
<b>Full Members</b>	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$110.00	
<b>Non- members</b>	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$140.00	

- 1) Bank transfer: St George Bank. Account name "Linnean Society of NSW"  
BSB 112-879, Account # 466447867. **Please label payment 'BlueMt\_yoursurname'**  
If we don't know who the payment is for, we will not be able to assign you tickets.
- 2) Cheque made out to The Linnean Society of NSW, posted to the above address.

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Please indicate any special dietary preferences e.g., vegetarian, gluten-free.