



SOUTH TURRAMURRA ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (S.T.E.P.)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1986 at

St. Philip's Church Hall, Parkinson Avenue, Turramurra,
7.45 p.m.

The General Meeting and election of office bearers will be followed by--

"BUSH REGENERATION PROJECTS IN KU-RING-GAI"

Presented by **HELEN PETERSEN** Australia's foremost Bush Regenerator. A fascinating speaker, Helen will illustrate her talk with beautiful slides of her award-winning projects. In her role with Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council she will be influential in mapping the course of Bush Regeneration in the Municipality.

ADDED ATTRACTION: A selection of goods, posters and gifts from the Australian Conservation Foundation shop will be on display and for sale.

SUPPER *** DONATION.

- * While on the subject of the A.G.M., there are several vacancies on the general committee to be filled. Acceptance of S.T.E.P.'s objects of conserving the natural environment is the only basic qualification necessary, or if you have a knowledge of legal matters, publicity or secretarial skills, we would be pleased to hear from you. The committee meets monthly.
- * Financial members are eligible to vote at the A.G.M. so please use the form at the end of the page to renew now or you may pay at the meeting.

THE EXPRESSWAY. The proposed Lane Cove Valley expressway will cause enormous damage to the remaining good bushland in our valley. Members can gain some idea of the impact by walking down the fire trail at the end of The Broadway and then under the power lines to the escarpment. The corridor follows the line of the power lines across the deep valley. Alternatively the opposite view can be obtained by walking into the escarpment below Field of Mars Ave at the power lines.

S.T.E.P. believes that the existence of the expressway corridor does not guarantee that the plans drawn up just after the second world war were correct-- either in terms of traffic engineering or in their assumption that bushland is one of our most disposable resources.

S.T.E.P. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1986-7.

NAME:
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Family Membership \$6.
Single Membership \$5.
Concession \$3.

KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL. Council work in bush regeneration is proceeding well with the team of four most capably led by Helen Petersen. The results have been so good in the various areas treated that there is a far higher level of acceptance among Aldermen and staff that regeneration is the most cost effective way of treating the degraded bushland for which Council has responsibility. If you would like to see a bush regeneration team working in bush near you write to Council, to the Mayor, and to your local Aldermen.

MUOGAMARRA NATURE RESERVE will be open from August 23 to September 28 on Saturdays and Sundays from 9.30 a.m. for members of the public to enjoy the magnificent spring wildflowers. There are a number of walks taking from one hour to one day, some guided by members of the National Parks Association. Entrance to the reserve is from the western side of the Old Pacific Highway, about 3 km north of Cowan. A bitumen road leads uphill into the reserve.

OTHER MEETINGS.

FESTIVAL OF WILDFLOWERS. Saturday and Sunday 13 and 14th September, Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden. S.T.E.P. will have an information table at this event.

WILDFLOWER EXHIBITION. S.G.A.P. N.S.W. Region wildflower display, Castle Hill Showground, Saturday and Sunday 20th and 21st September.

LANE COVE BUSHLAND & CONSERVATION SOCIETY. Tuesday September 9th, Centrehouse, Lane Cove, 8.00 p.m. well known bird authority JOHN DENGATE will speak on "GARDENS FOR NATIVE BIRDS". Enquiries Doug Graham 427-1735.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAM. WALK. Saturday, 11th October, 2-4.30 p.m. Meet at St. Andrew's Church, Corner of Vernon and Chisholm Streets, South Turramurra, for a walk in South Turramurra Bushland.

STOP PRESS: On August 19th Ku-ring-gai Council accepted a staff recommendation and voted to put the bush regeneration team on the permanent staff, a move which S.T.E.P. has been promoting for some years. This was a 9 to 1 decision and we commend the Aldermen for recognising the place of Bush Regeneration in Ku-ring-gai. The only vote against being recorded by our Comenarra Ward Alderman, Richard Lennon.