



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

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NEWSLETTER --- JULY, 1986.

SPRING BUSH WALK.

SUNDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 2.00 P.M.

Meet at Howson Oval Car Park. We will follow the track on the ridge to Mitchell Crescent Oval and then go down along the creek towards Comenarra Parkway, returning to Howson Oval for afternoon tea. There should be plenty of heath flowers in bloom, flannel flowers, woolsia, epacris and acacias, on the dry ridge top and in contrast, moist type vegetation in the gullies. This is an easy walk with a short steep uphill finish. Bring the family and friends and wear comfortable walking shoes. Any queries or weather doubtful, phone Yvonne Langshaw, 449-1541.

S.T.E.P.'s 1986 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in **September**, date and place to be advised. Helen Petersen will be guest speaker on "**Bush Regeneration Projects in Ku-ring-gai**". It was decided to delay the A.G.M. this year in the hope that our application for Incorporation, currently under review by the Corporate Affairs Commission, will soon be finalised. In the meantime, S.T.E.P.'s financial year ended on 30th June, and Annual Subscriptions are now due for 1986-7. Please see renewal form at bottom of page.

BROWNS FIELD COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PROJECT. The project is going well with large quantities of weeds removed from new areas and some planting of replacement trees and shrubs. We are fortunate to have the help of the Society for Growing Australian Plants in propagating seeds and cuttings taken from the site. Peter Shears and his helpers from S.G.A.P. have taken up the challenge with enthusiasm. A tour of inspection was held on 29th June, when over 50 people were guided around the project by Helen Petersen. The project has won a Keep Australia Beautiful Award, Suburban Section, "in advancing the aims of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council in its campaign for a better environment."

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR SOUTH TURRAMURRA BUSHLAND. There are plenty of copies of the Second Edition of our booklet available at \$10. Please contact any Committee Member. These books make excellent gifts!

NETBALL CAR PARKING. Moves are afoot to extend parking for the Canoon Road facility. The easiest option for Council appears to be clearing more bushland adjacent to the Water Board track which runs off the present car park. S.T.E.P. is totally opposed to using good bushland for the purpose and has expressed this view in numerous letters to Council and at meetings with the Mayor, Aldermen and Engineers. If members also feel that the Netballers have had their fair share of the bushland, please write to Council expressing your concern. Alternative parking areas of already cleared land exist nearby in Barwon Avenue and Hall Street, and it is hoped that measures to improve traffic flow through the area will ease the problem.

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

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

TO: Geoff Suggate,
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MAPS. Our proposed map of walking tracks through the S.T.E.P. area is now well underway. Draft contour maps have been prepared and we are well advanced in plotting the main walking tracks.

F3 FREEWAY. The Department of Main Roads has recently invited comment from the public on their enquiry into "Roads 2000". Committee member, John Burke, prepared a submission on S.T.E.P.'s behalf pointing out the devastating impact the construction of the F3 Freeway would have on the Lane Cove Valley. The only reply from the Department so far is an acknowledgement of receipt. S.T.E.P. is continuing to collect information on this vital issue and if you have any information on any aspect please contact John on 487-3680.

WELL WORTH A VISIT--ASKANIA PARK, Ourimbah Creek Road, Ourimbah, Central Coast. A 55 ha property 1½ hours drive north of Sydney, is a rich coastal rainforest with a great diversity of subtropical and warm temperate rainforest flora. Over 150 rainforest species have been identified along a 3 km walk through the forest. Picnic and BBQ areas: open Wed. to Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

SGAP NORTH SHORE GROUP. Friday 8th August, Phil Hadlington, Subject: "Pests and Diseases of trees and shrubs." Willow Park Community Centre, 25 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby. 7.45 p.m.

A.C.F. Tuesday, 19th August, "Kakadu, The Kimberleys, Eden--the management of our Australian Heritage." An evening of film and discussion with Allan Fox. Hallstrom Theatre, Australian Museum, College Street, Sydney, 7.15 p.m. \$3.

FESTIVAL OF WILDFLOWERS. Saturday and Sunday 13th and 14th September, Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden. S.T.E.P. will have an information table at this event. If you can help man the table for a few hours during the weekend please contact Yvonne Langshaw, 449-1541.

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

BUSH REGENERATION GROUP. This group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month and spends a few hours removing weeds from local bushland. Helpers are always needed for this rewarding task--contact Yvonne Langshaw 449-1541.
