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

NEWSLETTER -- MAY 1984.

A.G.M. S.T.E.P.'S 1984 Annual General meeting will be held:

THURSDAY 7TH JUNE * 7.30 p.m.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH HALL, Parkinson
Avenue, South Turrumurra.

After the business, Mark Spencer, underwater photographer, will present his magnificent colour slides of the submarine world under--

- * The Caribbean Sea (audiovisual)
- * Jervis Bay, and (time permitting)
- * Sydney Harbour.

Also, members will be available to identify weed samples and there will be items for sale--

- * Native Plants
- * S.T.E.P. Management Plan "South Turrumurra Bushland"
- * Bush Regeneration Booklet by Joan Bradley
- * A.C.F. "Habitat"--5 old issues for \$2 (a terrific bargain) --latest issue with articles featuring Jervis Bay by Mark Spencer (underwater) and Alan Catford (the surrounding lands.)

This will be a night to remember--BE THERE!

BROWN'S FIELD--THE DIATREME. S.T.E.P. has applied for Community Employment Program funds to ~~employ selected workers to regenerate the Diatrema~~ an interesting pocket of true rainforest, rare in Sydney, off Campbell Drive, Wahroonga, which has considerable scientific value.

HAZARD REDUCTION. The price we pay for maintaining safety from bush-fire in the South Turrumurra bushlands around Kissing Point Road is annual maintenance. The really hard work has been done. Do your bit to help keep control burning out of at least this section of our precious bushlands.

S.T.E.P. is arranging a working bee for the weekend of May 26/27th for the area between Cove Street and Vernon Street, South Turrumurra:

Saturday 26th -- 2-5 p.m. (meet end of Cove St.)
Sunday 27th -- 9-12 a.m. (meet end of Vernon St.)

FRASER PARK. S.T.E.P. Committee member and past President Helen Petersen is being employed by Ku-ring-gai Council to train and supervise 5 young, previously unemployed people in bushland regeneration and restoration at Fraser Park in North Wahroonga. The restoration will involve some planting of natives around the margins. The work will be under the control of David Costello, the new Parks director for the Council and will be spread over a year. The project is funded by the Community Employment Program.



ANTARCTICA AWARENESS.

FILM: "ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE"

TALK: Dr. Keith Suter, United Nations Association (Aust.)

How much does the Australian public know about the "Great White South?" What are the Treaty Nations planning for its future use? Should it be "used" at all, or left alone forever as the world's only wilderness Continent? Come to the Australian Conservation Foundation's public meeting, aimed at increasing public awareness of Antarctica, on---

Tuesday, 29th May, 8 p.m.
The Hallstrom Theatre,
Australian Museum,
(College and William Sts., Sydney: enter from William Street)

No charge * Donations appreciated.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER. After the recent State election and ensuing ministerial reshuffle, the former, recently appointed Minister for Planning and environment, Mr. Terry Shanahan, retained his portfolio. Whilst we still await some indication of the Minister's environmental sympathies and allegiances, it is perhaps comforting to hear from a reliable source that he has performed well in Parliament in his new role.

BUSH REGENERATION. It is suggested that S.T.W.P.'s bush regenerators join with the hazard reduction team this month. (See front page.) Additional tools such as a rake and bush saw would be useful.

The National Trust of Australia (N.S.W.) conducts courses in bush regeneration techniques. These courses run over 3 weeks and three courses are held each year, coinciding with the school terms. Lectures and practical training take place on Saturday afternoons, outdoors. Cost is \$100. Anyone interested should write or phone the National Trust, Observatory Hill, Sydney, 2000, Phone 27-5374 to obtain an application form. (The course commencing early June is full.)

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