



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

NEWSLETTER -- FEBRUARY, 1982.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING -- WEDNESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1982,
8.00 p.m. ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH HALL,
Cnr. Comenarra Parkway and Parkinson
Avenue, Turramurra.

VISITORS WELCOME

Our guest speaker will be Marjorie Sullivan who is the Salvage Archaeologist with the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Marjorie will talk on aboriginal relics in Ku-ring-gai as they relate to the pre-history of N.S.W. These relics include rock engravings, occupation sites, burial sites and stone arrangements.

Ku-ring-gai is fortunate to have many of these relics to remind us of the days when the Ku-ring-gai tribe lived in the area.

Our guest speaker will explain how these relics have enlightened us about aspects of aboriginal life, and what measures are being taken to preserve this important part of our heritage.

Slides will be shown and question time will follow the talk.

Members and visitors are welcome.

KU-RING-GAI CCUNCIL'S BUSHLAND MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CCUNCIL!

S.T.E.P. is delighted to report that Council has accepted the recommendations of this Committee and allocated \$35,000 for a survey of all Ku-ring-gai's bushland and the publication of a pamphlet on urban bushland. An additional sum of \$25,000 has been reserved for the production of an educational film on Ku-ring-gai's bushland.

SURVEY. The survey is long overdue. It is essential that the Committee has detailed information on the components of bushland in each locality before a management policy is formulated.

S.T.E.P. led the way with its Plan of Management for the Upper Lane Cove Valley, and is hopeful that the end result of Council's funding of the bushland survey will be enlightened management policies for all bushland areas of the municipality.

EDUCATION--FILM AND PAMPHLET. The funding for the film and the pamphlet on urban bushland is also most welcome. The Committee is very conscious of the fact that some people have the mistaken idea that bushland is indestructible.

Urban bushland varies greatly from other bushland in that we who

live nearby place tremendous additional pressures on it. Some of these pressures include the dumping of lawn clippings and garden rubbish; the dispersal of seed into the bush from non-indigenous plants in our gardens; the increased run-off of water carrying fertilizers from our lawns and gardens into the bush; the removal of plants, rocks, leaf mulch and soil; the damage, noise and pollution from trail-bikes and the recent pressures from BMX bikes riding through vegetation.

The aims of the film and the pamphlet will be to promote an increased awareness in the general public of these pressures placed on urban bushland, and to enlist their support in conserving this valuable resource.

*** S.T.E.P. STALL ***

SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH, 1982, 9.00 A.M.
KISSING POINT SHOPPING CENTRE

Our yearly stall will be held on Saturday, April 24th, from 9.00 a.m. at Kissing Point Shopping Centre, Auluba Road, Turramurra.

This is a most important aspect of S.T.E.P.'s work, in that it gives us the opportunity to meet the general public and to recruit new members. It is also our only fund raising event of the year.

As in past years we will sell National Parks and Wildlife Service posters which are most popular, together with a good selection of native plants of all sizes.

As this is the United Nations Australian Year of the Tree, we will also be selling advanced trees at reasonable prices.

If you can help man the stall or have any native plants we can sell please contact the Treasurer, Yvonne Langshaw on 449-1541.

PLEASE SUPPORT S.T.E.P. AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT BY BUYING A TREE ON APRIL, 24.

CCOUNCIL'S 1982 CCNTRCL BURNING PROGRAMME. The following areas are due to be control burned. If you live in any of these areas and prefer S.T.E.P.'S method of hand-cleared fire-breaks to control burning, we can offer you support and useful advice. Phone Alan or Janet Catford 449-1658 or Helen Petersen 449-4526.

1. Rofe Park--Rear of Shand Crescent to Taylor Street.
2. Fox Valley, The Comenarra Parkway to Morona Avenue.
3. Warrawee--Campbell Drive to Mitchell Crescent.

MAPS OF LOCAL WALKING TRACKS IN S.T.E.P. AREAS. The S.T.E.P. Committee has started work on the production of a map showing walking tracks in our bushland.

The map will also show public rights of way, and it is hoped that it will encourage many more people to walk through the bush without the fear of becoming lost, or of encroaching on private property.

Watch for news of the map's completion in future newsletters.

BUSH REGENERATION. Our first weeding afternoon for this year will be on Sunday, 14th March, 1982, (not the usual fourth Sunday of the month.) We will meet at the right of way in Ashburton Avenue, South Turrumurra, at 2.30 p.m. Please phone Yvonne Langshaw 449-1541 if you would like to join in this rewarding activity.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING. The next committee meeting will be held on March 3 (1st Wednesdays of month) at the Auluba Road Clubhouse, South Turrumurra, at 8.00 p.m. Members are welcome to attend and meet the Committee.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS.

If you are an unfinancial member your newsletter will be marked with a red spot.

S.T.E.P. considers that it has kept faith with all its members in that it has worked diligently to represent their interests over the past four years. We have made tremendous headway in our dealings with Ku-ring-gai Council which manages our bushland.

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter Council has allocated \$60,000 to the promotion of bushland this year. These gains do not come easily. Your committee has worked hard for them.

Your support will keep our membership strong. We continually need to prove to Council that a large number of people care about their bushland.

S.T.E.P. needs your support, and urban bushland needs friends. Please re-join us!

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S.T.E.P.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL.

NAME..... PHONE.....
ADDRESS..... Family membership \$2-00
..... Single membership \$1-00

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