



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

NEWSLETTER

JULY, 1982.

S.T.E.P. BUSHWALK

A beautiful afternoon walk is planned for Sunday 15th August, starting at 2.00 p.m. from Aleta Close, Fox Valley.

Some uphill work is of course involved, but it is not excessive and the walk is entirely on tracks.

Everyone is welcome. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Further information: office bearers (p. 2)

"REPTILES AND FROGS OF THE SYDNEY DISTRICT" was the title of the A.G.M. talk by Dr. Harold Cogger, Curator of Reptiles and Amphibians and Assistant Director of the Australian Museum. Harold amazed us with the great diversity of reptilian and amphibian fauna around us. His impeccable and artistic photography, coupled with recorded sounds, completed the picture of a fascinating group of animals.

S.T.E.P. offers advice and limited help to residents and groups with bushland problems. We also welcome ideas and information.

NATIONAL CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR AUSTRALIA. A discussion paper "Towards a National Conservation Strategy" is available from the Department of Home Affairs and Environment, P.O. Box 1252, Canberra City, A.C.T. 2601. This is the precursor of a draft strategy which will have taken into account public comment on the paper. Everyone is invited to comment. The Strategy is being prepared in response to the WORLD CONSERVATION STRATEGY for living resources, a basic document, which, when finally implemented, will mark a significant leap forward.

BUSH REGENERATION GROUP is meeting monthly in Ashburton Avenue. Our present objective is to ensure the cleared firebreak area is kept free of weeds. We have not yet covered the whole firebreak area but have made significant progress in weeding a large section and removing garden escapees along boundary fences. Next weeding is Sunday, 29th August at 2.30 p.m.--Meet at Pathway to Reserve in Ashburton Avenue, South Turramurra--Phone Yvonne Langshaw, 449-1541, if you are interested in joining the group.

MEMBERSHIP FEES. Membership fees were due on 31st May, 1982. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS NOW \$3-00, and SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$2-00. Please return the form over leaf to the Treasurer with your remittance as soon as possible.

OFFICE BEARERS. The following new office bearers were elected at the Annual General Meeting on June 10th:

PRESIDENT	--	MR. ALAN CATFORD	449-1658
SECRETARY	--	Mrs. Margaret Booth	449-3746
TREASURER	---	Mrs. Yvonne Langshaw	449-1541.

The great contribution by retiring President, Mrs. Helen Petersen, to the striking success of S.T.B.P. as a local bushland watchdog and practical advocate was recognised in a brief word of thanks by the President elect. Under Helen, the group has made significant contribution to urban bushland conservation, particularly in regard to its plan of management, initiative in introducing its bushfire fuel reduction by hand tools and by representing S.T.B.P. on a Council working party on bushland conservation.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

NAME.....	SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$2-00
ADDRESS.....	FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$3-00
PHONE.....	(31/5/82 to 31/5/83.)	

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