



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

NEWSLETTER.

MAY, 1982.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING.

THURSDAY, 10TH JUNE, 1982, 8.00 p.m.

AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH HALL,

Cnr. Comenarra Parkway and Parkinson Ave., South Turrumurra.

This will be S.T.E.P.'S FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and WILL START PROMPTLY AT 8.00 P.M.

We are pleased to have DR. HAROLD COGGER as our GUEST SPEAKER. Dr. Cogger is a resident of South Turrumurra, is CURATOR OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS AT THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM and is the Author of "Reptiles and Amphibians of Australia" (Reed 1979).

The topic of Dr. Cogger's talk is "Reptiles and Frogs of the Sydney District."

The Lane Cove Valley is extremely rich in reptiles and frogs. Unlike mammals which have been considerably reduced since urbanisation, they continue to thrive even in quite small pockets of bushland.

The growing of native plants in gardens also helps to provide the necessary shelter for reptiles and frogs and at the same time attracts food for them in the form of insects.

Dr. Cogger will explain which species are found in Sydney, which are dangerous and which are harmless.

Questions will be invited and slides will be used to illustrate the talk.

MEMBERS AND VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

S.T.E.P. STALL. The yearly S.T.E.P. stall held on 24th April was most rewarding in several ways. New members were recruited, and sales of Plans of Management, Wildlife posters, T-shirts and native plants raised \$70-00. Many thanks to those members who manned the stall and to those who contributed plants.

REMEMBER WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, JUNE 5. This day marks the beginning of the United Nations Australian Year of the Tree. S.T.E.P. is concerned that our larger indigenous trees are dying in parks and gardens and are being replaced with other species, many of which are exotics. Please-keep this in mind, and where practicable plant trees such as ANGOPHORA COSTATA (Sydney Red Gum), EUCALYPTUS PIPERITA (Sydney Peppermint), EUCALYPTUS SALIGNA (Sydney Blue Gum), EUCALYPTUS PILULARIS (Blackbutt) and SYNCARPIA GLOMULIFERA (Turpentine).

For smaller gardens remember the Banksias, and the smaller Eucalypts. BANKSIA ERICIFOLIA (Heath Banksia), BANKSIA SPINULOSA (Hairpin Banksia), BANKSIA ASPLENIFOLIA (no common name, but has beautiful brown velvet-like new growth), BANKSIA SERRATA (Old man Banksia), BANKSIA MARGINATA (Silver Banksia), EUCALYPTUS HAEMASTOMA (Scribbly Gum), and EUCALYPTUS GUMMIFERA (Red bloodwood) are all easy to grow and allow you to feed the local birds in the correct way.

Two small local trees which thrive in shady gardens are CALLICOMA SERRATIFOLIA (Black Wattle) and ELAECCARPUS RETICULATUS (Blueberry Ash). Play your part and plant indigenous trees and shrubs to help preserve the character of your area.

PLANS OF MANAGEMENT. Copies are getting scarce. There will be a limited number for sale at the A.G.M., at \$5-00 each.

BUSH REGENERATION GROUP. Our band of weeders has been active removing weeds and exotics from the cleared firebreak in Ashburton Avenue. We plan to meet again on Sunday 27th June, 2.00 p.m. at the Pathway to Reserve in Ashburton Avenue. Anyone interested in joining us, please phone Yvonne Langshaw 449-1541.

GLASS RECYCLING. The South Turrumurra area has now been included in the free glass bottle collection. Please give support to this joint Council and A.C.I. Ltd. project as it is a means of conserving our natural resources. Collections are every fourth Thursday of the month.

MEMBERSHIP FEES. Membership fees are due on 31st May. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS NOW \$3-00, and SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$2-00. Please pay fees at the A.G.M., or return the form below to the Treasurer with your remittance as soon as possible to save costly reminders.

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