



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

INC.

NEWSLETTER --- FEBRUARY, 1987.

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Our first activity for 1987--

BREAKFAST IN THE BUSH.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, 7.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.--A wonderful time to enjoy the bush and birds.

Meet at end of Cove Street, South Turrumurra.

Self-cater: cooking facilities and hot water available,

Organisers: Elizabeth and Vic Dokulil 44-2690.
(cancelled if wet.)

The Committee is currently embarking on a drive to increase membership. We need strength of numbers as well as financial support to continue to be an effective voice in the community. Why not bring a friend or neighbour and potential member to our gatherings?

You will see from the following draft program for 1987 that we will be having fewer General Meetings as these have not been well attended. It is disappointing to organise a speaker and venue for only small numbers. It is our hope that the A.G.M. meeting will be well supported to hear the recently appointed Manager of Parks for Ku-ring-gai Council speak on "A Landscape Plan for Ku-ring-gai" which should be of interest to all members and residents.

It should be noted that Committee Meetings are open to all members and are held on the second Monday of the month at 26 Chisholm Street, Turrumurra at 7.45 p.m. If you have any matters of concern to raise or would like to attend please phone Yvonne Langshaw on 449-1541.

DRAFT PROGRAM.

APRIL Saturday 11th HERITAGE WEEK WALK--"BUNGARCC." Meet at access to bush in Hunter Avenue, St. Ives (near bend in road) Gregory Ref. Map 62, B-1. 2.00 p.m. Refreshments at conclusion. (Further information--Y. Langshaw 449-1541.)

DRAFT PROGRAM (Continued).

MAY	Sunday 17th	<u>S.T.E.P. TRACK WALK</u> , 2.00 p.m. Meet end of Kingsford Avenue, South Turramurra.
JUNE	Saturday 13th	<u>DAY WALK IN S.T.E.P. AREA</u> . Picnic lunch.
JULY	Sunday 26th	<u>BUS TRIP TO ASKANIA PARK</u> --Rainforest at Curimbah.
AUGUST	Saturday 23rd	<u>SPRING BUSHWALK</u> --Heath areas of Fox Valley.
SEPTEMBER	Thursday 10th	A.G.M. Speaker: Mr. Robin Grimwade, Manager of Parks, Engineering and Parks Department of Ku-ring-gai Council-- "Landscape Plan for Ku-ring-gai."
NOVEMBER	Weekend 6/7/8	<u>MYALL LAKES CAMPING WEEKEND</u> . Bushwalking, swimming, canoeing, flora and fauna observation in varied habitats.

AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL GRANT FOR SUGARLOAF PROJECT.

The Willoughby Environmental Protection Association (W.E.P.A.) has received a grant of \$80,000 from the Federal Government for bush regeneration and restoration on the Sugarloaf Creek and Camp Creek catchments, Castlecrag. Sugarloaf Creek passes over a series of water falls, cascades and rock pools with pockets of rainforest vegetation. This area has already been reclaimed from heavy Lantana infestation and is a pleasant picnic spot accessed via a public right-of-way between Nos. 52 and 54 Sugarloaf Crescent, Castlecrag. The area adjoins the well known Harold Reid Reserve--the 'West Head' of Middle Harbour, and has great physical beauty, a diversity of plant communities and a large number of archaeological sites. Congratulations to W.E.P.A. on the excellent work they are doing for urban bushland and in employing young people who have received their primary training under the Community Employment Program.

The following is a list of Courses on the environment produced by the National Trust Bush Regenerators which may be of interest to members:-

Sydney University Continuing Education Program--Enquiries 692-2907:

- (a) Botany and Ecology of the Sydney Region.
6.30 p.m. Tuesdays from February 26th. Cost \$165 for 27 lectures.
- (b) Botany and Ecology (Advanced): Low Life Among the Plants.
Three weekends at Pearl Beach at Brommelin Biological Research Station. Cost \$238 including food, accommodation and lab. fees.

W.E.A. Courses--Enquiries 274-2781:

- (a) Identification of Rainforest Plants.
Gwen Harden (lecturer). 8 meetings, 2 excursions, Mondays at 10.30 a.m. Cost \$69.

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- (b) Natural History of South-Eastern Australia.
Jim Steenson (lecturer). 8 meetings, 2 excursions,
Mondays at 10.30 a.m. Cost \$69.

Sydney Technical College--Enquiries 69-9822:

"Plant Identification and Collecting."
10 Sessions, plus excursions. Lecturer: Bob Crombie,

Ku-ring-gai College of Advanced Education--Enquiries 467-9200:

"Environmental Studies/Wildflower Studies."
Lecturer: Joan Webb.

Ryde School of Horticulture--Enquiries 807-0280:

"Bush Regeneration Course."

Ku-ring-gai C.A.E. Centre for Environmental Studies Enquiries
467-9200 or Janet Fairlie-Cuninghame 449-8725:

"Bush Regeneration" 10 Sessions commencing on Friday 20th
February, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Lecturer: Janet Fairlie-
Cuninghame.

Hornsby Evening College. Enquiries 477-5460:

"Bush Regeneration" 9 Sessions commencing Thursday 12th
February, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Lecturer: Janet Fairlie-
Cuninghame.

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST have arranged a walk in the
Devlins Creek/Cheltenham Park Recreation Reserve starting at
Welham Street, Beecroft at 2.00 p.m. on April, 12th. All welcome--
further information and map available by phoning Mr. Tony Lewis
869-8130 (h) 683-2006 (o).

BUSH REGENERATION. S.T.E.P.'s volunteer team will meet on
Sunday 1st March at 2.00 p.m. at the End of Rothwell Road near
Montrose Street, Turramurra. Other dates are as follows:-

22nd March,	End Rothwell Road.
26th April,	Cooper Crescent, Wahroonga.
24th May,	" " "
28th June,	" " "

Please phone Yvonne Langshaw 449-1541 for further details and
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Estate forests in South Eastern N.S.W. near Eden. The Daishowa company is currently negotiating a 20 year extension of its wood-chipping activities which will effectively clearfall all available Crown and private forested lands within 300km of Eden and approximately one million ha. of native forests in east Gippsland and South East N.S.W.

Australia has already lost two-thirds of its original forest. Woodchipping involves intensive logging causing significant damage to wildlife, flora, water catchments and wilderness. The regrowth following logging is not an acceptable substitute for the environmental qualities found in our original native forests. The existing national parks in the region are highly inadequate to protect these forests.

Your letters to Barrie Unsworth, Premier of N.S.W, Bob Carr, Minister for Environment and Jack Hallam, Minister for Forests, c/- Parliament House, Sydney. 2000, are needed now. The Unsworth Government must make a decision to satisfy environmental and economic needs which should include--

- *reservation of new areas as national park, including Tantawangalo and Coolangubra;
- *use of less environmentally sensitive material for woodchips;
- *maximisation of the economic benefits from woodchips (which may not involve export of the raw material);
- *economic assistance to the region, especially for the tourist and eucalypt plantation sectors.

BRACKET CHRISTMAS DIVISION
Devine Creek/Chalchah National Park Reservation Reserve starting at
Velham Street, Berrigan at 2.00 p.m. on April, 1988. All welcome
Further information and map available by phoning Mr. Tony Lewis
888-8130 (h) 683-3008 (o).

BUSH RESTORATION
Sunday Jan March at 2.00 p.m. at the top of Redwell Road near
Montrose Street, Torrington. Contact details are as follows.

- 22nd March - 2nd Redwell Road.
- 26th April - Cooper Crescent, Warrongah.
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- 28th June

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