



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

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President: Yvonne Langshaw 449-1541. Secretary: Sue Jones 449-4718. Treasurer: Geoff Suggate 449-4029.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. A small number of members heard Robin Grimwade, Manager of Parks for Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council, talk and show slides of plans for the bushland and streetscapes of our municipality. It was a very impressive presentation by a highly qualified speaker and the future of our natural environment looks bright.

The following office bearers were elected for the 1987-88 year:-

President: Yvonne Langshaw 26 Chisholm Street, TURRAMURRA. 2074. 449-1541. Vice President: Jenny Simons 242 Kissing Point Road, TURRAMURRA. 2074. 449-8945. Secretary: Sue Jones 40 Howson Avenue, TURRAMURRA. 2074. 449-4718. Treasurer and Public Officer: Geoff Suggate 43 Bowen Avenue, 449-4029. TURRAMURRA. 2074 264-3923 (B) Committee: Helen Petersen, John Burke, Alan Catford, Margaret Booth, Glenn Johnson, Robyn Tuft, Ken Watson.

The President's Annual Report on activities for the year is included with this newsletter.

The change of name for our association was discussed and it was agreed that the change from "South Turrumurra Environment Protection Inc." to "STEP INC." be proceeded with. A Notice of General Meeting is enclosed at which the motion will be put to comply with the requirements of the Corporate Affairs Commission.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS. The new council aldermen elected in September are as follows:-

WAHRCONGA: Robert Buttenshaw 489-2272 Richard Geddes 487-1972 ST. IVES: James Hall 449-0523 Robert Mallyon 498-4146 CCMENARRA: Richard Lennon 489-5023 Malcolm Patterson 44-2225 GCRDCN: Peter Derwent 46-4366 David Barnett 44-2988 ROSEVILLE: Barrett Lewis 406-6541 Nanette Lewis 407-3069

Once again the "preferential" voting system used by Ku-ring-gai must be deplored for the lack of satisfaction given to electors. Members are urged to write to their local aldermen asking that steps be taken to change this inequitable system. The processes involved in a change are lengthy so it is important that action be commenced early in the new Council's term.

F3 FREEWAY POSITION PAPER. Special copies of this paper for STEP members have been prepared and printed by John Burke and are enclosed for your information. The paper has been distributed to relevant politicians, the D.M.R., Council aldermen and staff, Ku-ring-gai Library and Macquarie University and other interested persons and groups. Nick Greiner, on receiving our paper, wrote confirming "my unequivocal undertaking and that of the Coalition that we have no intention of building the Lane Cove Valley Freeway. Our road plans involve giving a priority to the construction of Castlereagh Freeway in our first term. In the short term we would also seek to upgrade the existing Ring Roads system based on Pennant Hills Road and Ryde Road."

It is vital at this stage to have support for abandoning the section of the F3 from Pearce's Corner to Epping Road before detailed planning processes are instigated and irrevocable decisions made. A STEP Sub-committee has been formed to develop a strategy to give the paper wide publicity in the community with the aim of having this section of the Freeway abandoned. Your comments and suggestions would be welcome.

NETBALL COMPLEX PARKING AND TRAFFIC. STEP representatives attended the Council Meeting on 15th September and spoke in open forum urging council to pass the recommendations agreed upon by representatives of all interested groups. The following was resolved:-

1. That parking facilities on the site be formalised by provision of Koppers Log fencing to prevent intrusion of vehicles into the bushland.
2. That the entrance to the complex off the turning circle at the blind end of Canon Road be widened.
3. That the access road be widened to permit two-way traffic, with parking on the southern side of the access road only.
4. That a car parking area for thirty-one cars be provided in Barwon Avenue opposite Hinkler Avenue.
5. That right-angled parking be provided on the south-western side of Field of Mars Avenue for about twenty-five cars in an area currently infested with weed growth.
6. That an amount of \$3,000 be provided in the 1988 Budget for the provision of one Ordinance Inspector to control traffic at the Netball Courts between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on twenty Saturdays in 1988.
7. That the matter be reviewed at the end of April, 1988.
8. That provision of additional car parking spaces south of the access road and east of the fire trail be investigated.

Council's Parks and Reservations Branch are now in the process of arranging for the implementation of Resolutions 1-5. Temporary

fences will be erected around the perimeter of each court to protect remnant vegetation and rehabilitation of degraded and eroded areas will be undertaken.

These measures are a step in the right direction but with a new Council in office we will need to be ready for any changes of direction particularly when the matter is reviewed after commencement of the 1988 Netball Season.

PAMPAS AND RHUS. The amnesty for removal of Rhus and Pampas from residential properties expired at the end of August, 1987 and penalties now apply. Residents are required to remove these plants from their gardens. Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council will be progressively removing Rhus and Pampas from parks and reserves under their control.

Pampas is best controlled by grubbing when the soil is moist, as complete removal of the roots and crown is needed to prevent re-establishment. Because Pampas leaves are quite abrasive, it is easier to cut the top off larger plants before grubbing. As grubbed plants re-establish easily in small amounts of soil moisture, they should not be dumped in bushland.

Because of the allergenic properties of Rhus, care should be taken to ensure that no part of the plant touches the skin. (Refer to the pamphlets distributed with our last newsletter.)

BUSH REGENERATION. The next session is scheduled for Sunday 25th October, at 2.00 p.m. at Cooper Crescent, Wahroonga. Please phone Yvonne Langshaw 449-1541 to confirm.

MYALL LAKES CAMPING WEEKEND. 27-28-29th November. The Myall Lakes area contains a variety of natural features--lake, river, beach, dunes, rainforest, heaths and woodlands--just the place for a relaxing weekend doing your own thing or swimming, canoeing, birdwatching, studying the flora and walking. The campsite will be at Mungo Brush--some members are arriving on Friday p.m. and others on Saturday a.m. For further information phone Jenny Simons 449-8945 or Yvonne Langshaw 449-1541.

REMINDER.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. If you haven't paid for 1987-88, please send your renewal to the Treasurer.

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Single \$6

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