



S T E P I N C.

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TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This will take the form of a 10th Birthday Party and Members' Get-together. The business part of the meeting will be brief and then we'll get on to reminiscing about the past and planning for the future. There'll be time for everyone to voice their opinions or tell their tales of how STEP began. There'll be a prize for the best nostalgia story. A 10th birthday cake and a delicious supper will end the evening. The Committee would be cheered to have your presence.

Date: Thursday 8th September, 1988.

Time: 7.45 to 9.30 p.m.

Place: St. Philips Church Hall, corner Comenarra Parkway and Parkinson Avenue, South Turrumurra.

(If you could contribute an anecdote, however brief, please phone Yvonne on 449-1541, so that we can plan the program.)

BICENTENARY SPRING BUSH WALK.

We shall follow the STEP track through South Turrumurra bushland, which should be looking great. Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the walk.

Date: Saturday 20th August, 1988.

Time: 2.00 p.m.

Place: Meet at end of Kingsford Avenue, South Turrumurra.
Children are welcome. Enquiries: Yvonne, 449-1541.



STEP WALKING TRACK MAP. Further progress has been made with the preparation of the map, but it is not ready as yet. Accordingly, we are postponing the ceremony to name the Bradley Reserve and launch the map.

BUSH REGENERATION. The recent heavy rains inundated the site we are working on in Cooper Crescent, Wahroonga, and some restoration work was required. New weed species appeared, but the native planting we had done in previous months held fast. We have been assisted by four Venturer Scouts, and have appreciated their energy and enthusiasm. Remember we meet monthly and welcome members' assistance. Next meetings are on 28th August and 18th September.

A course on BUSH REGENERATION taught by Janet Fairlie-Cunninghame, begins on 29th July at the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden. It will run for 10 Fridays. Enquiries: 467-9279.

WILDFLOWER DISPLAY. The annual display in our area by S.G.A.P. --The Society for Growing Australian Plants--will take place on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September. As usual, STEP has been invited to present a display of our work. We need the help of STEP members to serve at our Publicity Table. Please ring Yvonne at 449-1541 if you can assist on either of those days for a couple of hours.

Also, we need a DISPLAY BOARD. Can anyone help? Ideally it would fit into a station wagon. A hinged or folding board would be ideal. Perhaps there is a spare board where you work. Perhaps you know where we could purchase one cheaply?

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Your annual subscription is now due for renewal. An invoice is enclosed with this newsletter. Please post it to the Treasurer, or give it to him in person at the A.G.M. on 8th September. The cost is \$6 single, \$8 family, \$4 concession, or \$80 life membership. We hope some of you will consider joining the ranks of our life members--STEP would benefit greatly.

THE WORK OF THE STEP COMMITTEE. At every meeting, the committee spends time on correspondence, planning to write lobbying and point-of view letters to organisations and to individuals on current environmental matters. For example, at the last meeting of the committee, we agreed to write to Ku-ring-gai Council congratulating them on their Development Control Plan No. 6 which seeks to preserve the quality of life in our municipality. We also wrote to them deploring recent street plantings of jacarandas and liquidambars in South Turrumurra. STEP has also written to the Council, the Minister for Environment and our local member expressing the concerns of our members at the erosion and damage to fire trails and sewer lines caused by recent heavy rains.

The Committee also receives many newsletters from like-minded organisations, and so keeps in touch with what's going on in the area of environment protection. Sometimes, at their request, we write a letter to the appropriate authority in support of their cause.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, 11th August, 1988, 7.45 p.m.
26 Chisholm Street, Turrumurra.

OFFICE BEARERS and the A.G.M.

As you know, the A.G.M. elects the STEP office bearers for the year ahead. The Committee consists of 12 people: the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and 8 general members. New committee members are needed; if you're interested in taking a turn, please ring Yvonne Langshaw (449-1541). Working on the Committee is a good way to get to know STEP members in your neighbourhood, and to assist in protecting our bushland environment.

KAKADU NATIONAL PARK.

A public meeting, with speakers and audio-visuals, entitled "Kakadu at Risk" is to be held on 4th August at 7.30 p.m. at the Waterside Workers' Federation Hall, 60 Sussex Street, near Erskine Street. \$4 charge.

WILDLIFE INFORMATION AND RESCUE SERVICE (WIRES).

An exhibition and sale of works--paintings, ceramics, prints, glass and fabric--is being held, entitled Artists for Wildlife. Proceeds to WIRES.

Place: Long Gallery, Australian Museum.

Time: Closes August 7.

NETBALL LIGHTS. We have been informed that temporary lighting is to be installed at the Courts, Cannon Road, and used until new courts can be built and lit at North Turrumurra at some future time. Further, the netball season is to extend throughout the year, increasing the environmental difficulties already being experienced.

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES, AUGUST--NOVEMBER, 1988.

Saturday	20th August	Bicentenary Spring Bush Walk, STEP Track, 2.00 p.m. Kingsford Ave.
Sunday	28th August	Bush Regeneration, Cooper Cres, 2 p.m.
Thursday	8th September	STEP's TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.45 p.m.
Sunday	18th September	Bush Regeneration TEACHING SESSION, Cooper Crescent, 2.00 p.m.
Sunday	16 October	Nature Walk, West Pymble Bushland, 11 a.m., lunch, return 2-3 p.m.
Sunday	23 October	Bush Regeneration, Cooper Cres. 2 p.m.
Sat/Sun	5/6 November	Camping Weekend, Dahrug National Park, Hawkesbury River.
Sunday	27th November	Bush Regeneration, Cooper Cres. 2 p.m.

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