



# STEP INC.

Community Based Environmental Conservation

## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1988

### BUSHLAND MANAGEMENT.

An important meeting will take place on October 6. Mr Robin Grimwade, Parks Manager for Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council, will meet with members of STEP and KuBES (Ku-ring-gai Bushland and Environmental Society) to discuss Council's Draft Plan Bushland Management Plan (Ku-ring-gai Urban Bushland - State Environmental Planning Policy No 19 - Draft Plan of Management). STEP is proud that Ku-ring-gai Council now HAS a draft Plan of Management. It is the first Council to produce such a plan in response to State Environmental Planning Policy No 19. In order for the plan to be implemented, MONEY must be allocated from Council's annual budget. It seems that money is allocated in response to ratepayer pressure. So if we hope to see Council take a more active part in bushland preservation and management we must LET COUNCIL KNOW. At the meeting, Robin Grimwade will display and explain the plan together with some splendid maps that have been prepared in conjunction with the report. Discussion will follow.

Please make a special effort to be present - put your time where your heart is! Bring friends, neighbours & spouses along too if you can. Remember, unless Council sees that residents CARE about its Plan, the plan could be shelved, and wasted. Show that YOU care.

Date : October 6

Time : 7.45 p.m.

Place : St Margaret's Uniting Church Hall, Eastern Rd  
Turramurra.

If you would like a lift, ring Jenny Simons, 449 8945.

## STEP'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Approximately 25 members attended the meeting and we were pleased to welcome two members of Council : Mayor, Richard Lennon and Malcolm Patterson of the Comenarra Ward.

The retiring President, Yvonne Langshaw, presented the annual report, which was warmly received. A copy is enclosed with this Newsletter. Yvonne was warmly thanked for her three years of effective, unremitting work on behalf of STEP. The meeting strongly acclaimed her. She then thanked Secretary, Sue Jones and Treasurer, Geoff Suggate and all committee members for their strong support.

The Treasurer, Geoff Suggate, reported that STEP finances are in a healthy condition. The Treasurer's report is also included with this Newsletter.

The following office bearers were elected for the 1988-89 year:

<u>President</u>	Jenny Simons	242 Kissing Pt Rd Turramurra 2074 449 8945
<u>Vice President</u>	Robyn Tuft	6 The Comenarra Parkway West Pymble 2073 44 1325
<u>Secretary</u>	Sue Jones	40 Howson Ave Turramurra 2074 449 4718
<u>Treasurer &amp; Public Officer</u>	Geoff Suggate	43 Bowen Ave Turramurra 2074 449 4029

Committee : Margaret Booth, John Burke, Alan Catford, Pat Dunn, Glenn Johnson, Yvonne Langshaw, Helen Petersen, Ralph Pridmore, Ken Watson.

After the brief business meeting, we spent time reflecting on, and enjoying, brief addresses by STEP members on aspects of our work and achievements to date. It was an impressive story, and all who were present felt proud to be associated with STEP. These were our speakers and their topics:

Greg Bloomfield : Interaction between residents and Council,  
Elizabeth Dokulil : Events surrounding the making of the  
Canoon Rd Netball Courts,  
Dariel Larkins : Changes in the local bird population,  
Helen Petersen : STEP's Palm of Management Publication,  
Alan Catford : Fire Hazard Reduction,  
Margaret Booth : Mapping the walking tracks in our area,  
Yvonne Langshaw : Bush Regeneration, volunteers, and the CEP  
project, STEP's position paper on Freeways prepared by John  
Burke,

Harold Cogger sent a report on reptiles in the Upper Lane Cove Valley and Robin Buchanan and Jan Ruys sent messages of good wishes and congratulations.

Continuity and introductions were provided by Yvonne Langshaw; the speakers' lucky-dip prize was won by Greg Bloomfield. A birthday cake with 10 candles was cut, and sociability ensued. Thus concluded the first 10 years of STEP. What will the next 10 bring?

### ACTIVITIES

- Oct 6 : Meeting on Bushland Management in Ku-ring-gai (see above for details)  
Enquiries J Simons 449 8945.
- Oct 8 : Bird walk, with the Uniting Church, focussing on Birds in our Bushland, led by Dariel Larkins (Enquiries 44 5478) Time : 2-4 p.m. Meet at St Andrew's Uniting Church.
- Oct 16 : Nature walk; "Water Quality" led by Robyn Tuft. Meet Wallalong Ave, opp. Diana Ave. Bring lunch and a drink. Duration 11-3. If raining the walk is cancelled. If weather doubtful, or for other enquiries, ring 44 1325.
- Oct 23 : Bush Regeneration, Cooper Crescent, Wahroonga. TEACHING SESSION 2-4 p.m. Led by Yvonne Langshaw Enquiries: 449 8945.
- Nov 5-6 : Dharug National Park, Hawkesbury River. Camping Weekend. Led by Yvonne Langshaw and Jenny Simons. Booking necessary 449 8945.
- Nov 27 : Bush Regeneration, Cooper Crescent, Wahroonga. 2 p.m. Enquiries 449 8945.

### BUSH REGENERATION

As the last session was washed out by rain, the Teaching Session has been transferred to our next meeting (October 23).

STEP has learned that ratepayers may write to Ku-ring-gai Council recommending bushland sites in need of regeneration, for attention by Ku-ring-gai's team of trained bushland regenerators. STEP members are also invited to let Yvonne Langshaw know of sites near them that could be considered for STEP's effort in 1989. As you will have noticed, regeneration sessions have been held on Sunday afternoons. There has been some support for a proposal that sessions be held on a weekday in 1989. If you would like to join our team of voluntary regenerators for a half-day a month, on a weekday, in 1989, could you let Y. Langshaw know? 449 1541.

## MEMBERSHIP

As usual we ask readers of this Newsletter to review their membership status. Our local bushland needs you! STEP can only be effective if it continues to have the support of a goodly number of members. If your membership has lapsed, please consider renewing. Even if you are at present too busy to get to meetings or to join in our activities, we hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and that you continue to support STEP's aims. As we have just updated and reprinted our Membership leaflet, we are including a copy of this with our Newsletter, for your information. You will notice the new category of Life Member, which was introduced last year. Already we have a number of Life Members. If you have mislaid your renewal advice (which was enclosed with the last newsletter), you could use the application for Membership for your renewal. If you are an "overdue" member, you will find a red spot reminder on your newsletter. we have, alas, so many lapsed members at this point in our financial year that we could double our membership if you all renewed! Charges are -

Individual	\$6
Family	\$8
Concession	\$4
Life	\$80

We would appreciate it if you could pass on the Green Leaflet to a prospective member. If you would like extra copies, please ring 449 8945.

## WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL, KU-RING-GAI WILDFLOWER GARDENS

Members of STEP assisted at an informational display on STEP and its activities which was designed and presented by Yvonne Langshaw. Many thanks to all those who so willingly volunteered their help.

## STEP INFORMATION DISPLAY

Our display has been requested for presentation at the Visitors' Centre at the Lane Cove Valley S.R.A. during its 50 Years Celebration on the weekend of 29th-30th October.

This newsletter was compiled by Jenny Simons, Yvonne Langshaw and Sue Jones.