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THE ELECTIONS.

This newsletter is being printed early in order to reach you before the Council elections, so that you may scrutinize the answers received from the Candidates in Wards 3 and 4, and the Mayoral candidates to our questionnaire. A quick summary of the answers appears in the tables following.

The questions asked were;

1. Will you support the appointment of an Environmental Officer within the next term of Council?
2. To what extent will you allow changes to the Local Environment Plan No. 4 to prohibit extractive industries under Rural zonings?
3. What do you consider to be the most important problem on the Blue Mountains, and how would you deal with it?
4. Who should have the final say in Planning or Policy matters - aldermen or Council Staff?
5. What criteria should be used in limiting further residential development?
6. How would you achieve a more attractive highway to visitors?
7. What would you do to create employment opportunities in the Mountains?

Our Press releases recently will explain some of the reasons behind the questions, though most are self evident. However a few comments are appropriate.

Question 1. Elaine Kaldy does not want an Environmental Officer appointed to Council for fear that his/her reports will not be available to the public. She seeks State/Federal funding for the position. See table. The Lower Blue Mountains Conservation Society, in its submissions to Council on this matter, has asked that the officer's reports be made public and has also had talks with Bob Debus and the D.E.P. on the latter question of State aid.

Question 2. The joint meeting of Local Conservation Societies with the Colong Committee agreed that local quarries needed to remain, but that all other mining for export outside the BMCC should cease to be a permissible use under L.E.P. No. 4.

Question 4. There is a need for a STRONG direction from Aldermen, (Our representatives), and strong leadership to ensure Council staff do not have sole determination over where money is spent in the Mts. Environment protection (ie. Environmental officer) must be given greater priority in Council budget.

Question 5. N.B. some candidates do not see residential growth as a problem.

Question 6. The L.B.M.C.S. saw that tree planting and maintaining bushland areas between villages as a means of making the highway more attractive, along with signs suited to the image of a "city in a NATIONAL PARK".

Question 7. Where would light industry be sited?

It had been proposed to drop leaflets in letter boxes in both Wards, listing candidates with conservation policies. However, due to the massive task presented for a few willing workers, it was decided not to proceed.

SAD LOSS.

It is with regret that I record that Wendy Godfrey has resigned as Secretary of the Society. For more than four years now, Wendy has extended herself beyond the ordinary role of Secretary, bringing to the position a zest and increasing skill that has set higher and higher standards for the Lower Blue Mountains Conservation Society.

Not many members are aware of the incredible input of time and energy Wendy has contributed. The Society will miss Wendy in this position, but is sure that her enthusiasm will surface often in the future. Our sincere thanks to Wendy for a job more than well done.

STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY.

Next meeting of the Society will be the Annual General Meeting. The position of Secretary is vacant at present, and Besse Bramsen will not be taking on the job of Publicity Officer next year, and I will not be standing for President. There are no takers for these positions at the moment. Therefore, a meeting will be held at 20 Gwen Crescent, Warrimoo, at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 4th October to discuss the future structure of the Society. If you would like to contribute your ideas please come along, or phone me beforehand if you cannot attend the meeting. The future of the Society is now in your hands, members!!

It has been disappointing to us to see such a poor response to our calls for help in the recent past. Where would we be but for the constant efforts of the same few members? Our T-shirt fund was a flop; our walks attract few; few are involved in the Lennox Bridge replanting; few submit articles to the newsletter. To those "few", our sincere thanks.

Where are our other 70 members?

One of the problems I see with the Society is the expectation that the executive will carry on, no matter what, totally involved in the political struggles of conservation, or organization to bring an agenda of interesting meetings and walks, writing reports, letters, submissions, attending meetings, raising money etc. etc.

However, the executive need your support, on a personal basis. What about feedback, sessions of encouragement, comment. Contact and nurturing from members is vital for the Society to maintain a healthy outlook for the future.

"Our experience has found that if political activity ever fails to attend to the personal and group needs of the activists, it leads to factions, individualism, excessive self criticism and sensitivity, or high levels of burn out. However creative or "right" a political project might be, it will not sustain personal energies and nurture activists unless it is supportive, united, has strong cohesive relationships and good open communications and a secure, reliable supportive base to regroup, reorganize and rest. If the group offers these opportunities and room for political development and is fun at least part of the time it will take care of ourselves and we in turn will take care of the political issues."

from Homebirth Access Sydney Newsletter.
July 1983. by Carolyn Noble Spruell.

by Christine Stickley.

COMING EVENTS.

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting, 14th October, at 8.00pm.
at the Teachers Resource Centre, Ross Street,
Glenbrook. (Infants School.)
Election of Officers for coming year.
Members slide night. please bring along some of
your slides of your latest camping trips etc.

Bushwalks

Sunday, Sept. 25th, Florabella Pass. Meet 11.00am
6 Ross Crescent, Blaxland. Richard Phillipps leader.

Sunday, October 15th. Overcliff walk, Wentworth Falls—to
hopefully view rare wildflowers growing on cliff edges.
Meet Valley of the Waters Hut. 11am.

Native Plant Day, Wirrimbirra Reserve, Bargo. November
Sunday, 13th November, 10am - 4pm

Christmas Party - The Upper Blue Mts. Conservation Society have
extended an invitation to us to join them at their party on
December 3rd, a Saturday, for a bar-b-que and short walk.
More details later. Our Christmas Party will be held on the
following Saturday, 10th December. Mark your calendars now.

Films.

"Tasmania's Wilderness - Australia's Heritage" - if you've
missed this at Glenbrook, try to see it in Sydney. Well
worth seeing this slide and sound presentation. Was on in
Sydney 13th September.

"Walk on the Wild Side" - Launceston Walking Club.
Friday 7th Oct. and Saturday 8th Oct at 7.30pm at
Law School Theatre, cnr King and Elizabeth Streets, Sydney.
Matinee at 2.00pm, Saturday 8th Oct.
\$5 & \$3 or matinee \$4 and \$2 concession.

NEW SIGN.

We have been extremely fortunate to have the offer to draw
a large tin sign for Glenbrook Station to advertise our Society and its
meeting nights. John Hughes, an Art teacher at Penrith Tech has very kindly
donated his expert services for the work. Our sincere thanks
for a wonderful job. This would have otherwise involved the Society in a
great deal of expense. Go down to Glenbrook Station overbridge to view this
work of art.

WILDERNESS CALENDARS.

We are ordering 20 N.S.W. Wilderness calendars from Kalianna
Press to sell to members. If you would like a copy of 1984's prized calendars
for yourself or friends, please place your orders with Craig Linn, 514934.
Cost is \$6.95. Don't forget your friends overseas!

LEURA RESORT COMPLEX.

You would have read reports in the papers concerning the
Commissioner's Report, and that he has come out favouring a resort on a
reduced scale. Although the Society has a copy of the report, there has
not been time to give a detailed review before going to press.

The Society gave a Submission to the Inquiry, and was read
by Mick Dark, compiled by Wendy Godfrey and Christine Stickley. The
Inquiry, held over a number of days and nights was attended almost at all
times by members of the Society. We were also involved in a Radio Program
on 2KA stretching over a week and looking at the Resort from different
angles.

PAST MEETINGS.

The Society was fortunate at its last two meetings to have
two of its members present addresses on their favourite subjects. At
the August meeting, Margaret Baker gave a very interesting illustrated
talk on her research into wombats. Her major piece of work added
considerably to the knowledge on wombats. The study area - the eastern

September's meeting was held in the Glenbrook Pre-School, 4.
The interest was intense, despite the minute chairs, in Jill Dark's slides and commentary on Native Plants in the Blue Mountains. Many of the plants are species endemic to the Mountains, in habitats on cliff tops that are being threatened by development. This enlightening presentation should be requisite viewing for all Council Aldermen and Staff.

If you missed either of these talks, try not to if they are repeated in the future, for they were very worthwhile and enjoyable.
Thanks Jill and Margaret.

STOP PRESS. re Leura Resort Complex
Letters to Premier Wram and
Minister Bedford urgently needed
asking for the proposal to be
classified as a "designated development"
under the E.P. & A. Act. Please
do this immediately.

WARD 3 CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMEN.

QUESTIONS — CANDIDATES.	1. ENVIRONMENT— OFFICER.	2. EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES.	3. MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM ON MTS.	4. FINAL SAY? COUNCIL STAFF or ALDERMEN.	5. LIMITS TO RESIDENTIAL GROWTH.	6. ATTRACTIVE HIGHWAY	7. EMPLOYMENT.
BRUCE KERLIN.	No.	NO.	UNEMPLOYMENT.	ALDERMEN.	No Development.	REVEGETATION WITHIN DMR SAFETY LIMITS.	TOURISM.
NOEL SELWAY	No, but Consultants.	PRO EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES.	SERVICES EXPENSE.	ALDERMEN, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH COUNCIL	STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES.	BAC Road Safety Task Force Report 1983	Statement of Objectives.
RICHARD WELCH.	YES.	?	ENVIRONMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT.	ALDERMEN.	Development Controls.	?	TOURISM. WORK co-ops.
DAVID MARSH.	YES.	PROHIBIT.	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.	CORPORATE MANAGEMENT. — AUD, COUNCIL, PUBLIC	SERVICES. ENVIRONMENT. MORE RESIDENTIAL AREAS IF DEMANDED	Implement Available Regulations.	TOURISM.
DICK JACKSON- HOPE	See MAYORAL CANDIDATES.						
DUNCAN TSEBIMAN.	See David Marsh's Reply.						
KEN BROWN.							
KERRY KIME							
TONY BROWN.							
ERN KESSLIE.	SEE MAYORAL CANDIDATES.						

MAYORAL CANDIDATES.

QUESTIONS → Candidate ↓	1. ENVIRONMENT OFFICER.	2. EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES.	3. MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS ON BM.	4. FINAL SAY? STAFF CAHND?	5. RIGHTS TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.	6. PROTECTIVE PLANNING.	7. ECONOMIC VENTURE.
PETER QUIRK.	YES - if... agreed by elected body would upgrade environment.	LOCAL USE ONLY.	FINANCE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT	ALDERMEN.	PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT.	IMPLEMENT AVAILABLE REGULATIONS.	TOURIST ART & CRAFT. TEATURALY EDUCATION "SUNRISE" INDUSTRIES
ELAINE KADY.	NOT ON COUNCIL BUT ON A SUB COMMITTEE STRONGLY PROTECTS ENVIRONMENT. IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONSERVATION SOCIETIES	TOTAL REVIEW - POLICY THAT STRONGLY PROTECTS ENVIRONMENT.	EQUAL RATING ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE. - DELINEATE AREAS FOR PROTECTION.	PUBLIC.	- REVIEW URBAN SYSTEMS REPORT. - FUND TO BUY SENSITIVE LAND. - DEPENDS ON DEMAND SERVICES. ENVIRONMENT.	SUMMIT OF FEDERAL, STATE MINISTERS & PUBLIC - NATIVE TREE PLANTING. - TOWN IMAGE PLANNING.	- STUDY WITH AT WORK RESOURCES WE HAVE. - FEDERAL FUNDING OF SHORT TERM WORKS eg walking tracks. - TOURISM.
CHAUDE (PAPE'SCH. based on D. MARKS'S (REPLY))	YES.	PROHIBIT.	ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION.	CORPORATE MANAGEMENT. - ALD, STAFF, PUBLIC			
ARTHUR STUART	- Reply was sent but not received.				SERVICES.	DMR CONTROL	LASSEZ - FAIRE CAPITALISM.
DICK JACKSON-HOPE.	NO, CONSULTANTS.	APPLICATIONS ON MERIT.	LACK OF UTILITIES	ALDERMEN IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNCIL.	GUIDED LONG-TERM PLANNING URBAN SYSTEMS GUIDELINES UPDATED.		"SUNRISE" - INDUSTRIES. EDUCATION. TOURISM. CRAFT.
	YES.	?	UNEMPLOYMENT.				
SHARON STOJIC	DEMOCRAT - ASSUME SAME ANSWERS AS DICK JACKSON-HOPE.						
EAN KESSLIE.	NO ANSWER. TO "WOULD JOIN IN DISCUSSION"	INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS.					

WARD 4 CANDIDATES. FOR ALDERMEN.

QUESTIONS → CANDIDATES ↓	1. ENVIRONMENT OFFICER.	2. EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY	3. MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM ON MTS.	4. FINAL SAY? ALDERMEN or STAFF	5. LIMITS TO RESIDENTIAL GROWTH	6. ATTRACTIVE HIGHWAY	7. EMPLOYMENT.
KEN BULKLEY	No, but Consultants.	On merit.	WATER TRANSPORT.	ALDERMEN	"ENORMOUS AREA OF ONLY FOREST" INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT.	DMR CONTROL NO SIGNS.	CAPITAL WORKS
BOB CLARKE	YES.	LOCAL USE ONLY	QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT (DEVELOPMENT)	ALDERMEN.	SERVICES ENVIRONMENT. NO MORE CROWN LAND MED. DENSITY DEV. ENVIRONMENT SERVICES. -PUBLIC OPINION IN REFERENDUMS	SETBACKS TREE PLANTING. FEW SIGNS. MORE DMR WORK TOILETS. NO SHOPS OVERBRIDGES.	LIGHT SERVICE TOURIST. CRAFT/RURAL NEW TECHNOLOGY TOURISM SERVICES.
JOHN LEE	YES.	Doesn't know	DEVELOPMENT/ ENVIRONMENT	CORPORATE MANAGEMENT - AAD, COUNCIL, PUBLIC	ENVIRONMENT SERVICES NO CROWN LAND. NO FLATS.	TREE PLANTING. LIMITED DEVELOPMENT COTTAGE NO SIGNS.	LIGHT INDUSTRY TOURISM.
BEV POLLARD	YES, if FINANCES OK.	LOCAL USE ONLY	BALANCE DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT.	ALDERMEN offer CONSULTING COUNCIL STAFF	ENVIRONMENT SERVICES NO CROWN LAND. NO FLATS.	TREE PLANTING. LIMITED DEVELOPMENT COTTAGE NO SIGNS.	PUBLIC FUNDED DEVELOP NATIONAL PARK FOR MORE TOURISM
MARRY ROGERS.	YES. (Cost is only \$1-80 / Ratepayer)	?	UNPAID RATES AMENITIES.	GROUP Discussion	SUITABLE SERVICES	LANDSCAPING REST AREAS.	- FLYING REPAIR SQUAD - DEVLOP NATIONAL PARK FOR MORE TOURISM
BOB TREASURE (late reply).	YES.	No Mining in Blue Mountains	DEVELOPMENT WANT A REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN. - UNEMPLOYMENT.	ALDERMEN & WOMEN. + MORE INVOLVEMENT OF INDOOR/OUTDOOR COUNCIL STAFF	PURCHASE RES. LAND IN SENSITIVE AREAS. - ONLY HIGH SOCIAL SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE APPROVED E.G. ACCO HOMES ETC.	TREE PLANTING BY COMMUNITY GROUPS. - DISMANTLE SIGNS ON SRA. PROPERTY - SIGNS ONLY IN COMMERCIAL AREAS. - BETTER GARBAGE COLLECTION.	- FLYING REPAIR SQUAD - DEVLOP NATIONAL PARK FOR MORE TOURISM - BUSHWALKING TRACK CONTRAS - IMPROVE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO HIGHWAY - CO-OPS - PAPER RAUC - CAMPING RECENTAL - APPLIANCE REEL SHED - RECYCLING GARBAGE. - SELF SUFFICIENT AS FERTIL - ACTIVE TOURISM. BUT NOT LARGE SCALE RESORTS.
JOHN WARD	No REPLY						
RAULPH WILLIAMS	No REPLY						
BILL DRINKWATER.	No REPLY						