

LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Friday night November 30th at 6 p.m is the day to remember! This year the get together will be held at Besse Bramsen's home, "Belar", 52 Boomerang Road, Springwood. Bar-be-que facilities will be provided, so bring drinks & meat providing there is not a total fire ban. (Bring along sandwiches etc. if that is the case.) Also, members are asked to bring a plate of salad, or cookies or cake etc. to share with the group.

This year a slide night is planned with the theme "Any festival, any religion". A Sing Sing in New Guinea and a temple festival in Bali are already lined up for the night. If you have any slides suitable for the evening, please bring them to help make this an entertaining time. Don't miss one of the Society's most enjoyable functions, come along and renew friendships.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

A full report of this meeting and the new office bearers for 1980 will appear in the next newsletter. As this is the end of our "financial year" please remember that subscriptions are now due being: \$4 a single, \$5 a family and \$40 Life membership.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING.

Friday night 8th February at 8pm at the Glenbrook Primary School.

FUTURE EVENTS.

Friday night 23rd NOVEMBER at the Teachers' Centre at Glenbrook Infants School Ross Street at 8pm will be an interesting address given by Guboo Ted Thomas, tribal elder of the South Coast aborigines. Guboo will show slides and talk about the aboriginal view of the environment and about his struggle to retain areas of sacred landscape. There is no admission charge, but there will be a plate at the door for donations to cover expenses. You are invited to stay for a cup of tea or coffee. For further information, ring Philip Simpfendorfer on 542113.

THE COLO WILDERNESS - "WOLLEMI NATIONAL PARK".

The Society has received a letter from Haydn Washington asking for support to urge Mr. Wran to rapidly dedicate the National Park, with the exclusion of logging, mining and other destructive practices. At present the Park has still not been dedicated, and therefore has no legal protection.

Since the news in April to create a "world class national park", Mr Landa has announced an agreement with the Dept. of Mineral Resources, allowing coal mining beneath national parks. Details have yet to be made public.

The Forestry Commission has recently verified that 4 year leases within the park have been granted since the April announcement. Logging, in contravention to Forestry Commission guidelines is presently taking place on the Tollagong Range; a clearfelling operation where essentially all millable timber is being felled. These leases extend well into the proposed Colo-Hunter Wilderness Areas.

Haydn urges that you write to Mr. Wran at Parliament House, Sydney, to press the case for a national park declaration.

SOLAR ENERGY.

The Total Environment Centre Energy Committee has recently sent the following proposals to the State Government, Mr. Wran was impressed with the efforts of the group and the wide community representation in the delegation at their October 3rd meeting.

Proposals:

- 1) A definite goal of solar equipment on buildings in NSW be set: eg. 10% of buildings by 1985.
- 2) Installation of solar equipment on Housing Commission Houses and Government buildings
- 3) Low interest loans and /or tax incentives for the construction of solar equipped homes or the construction of energy efficient homes.
- 4) Loan funds and /or tax incentives to small businesses manufacturing solar equipment, especially in high unemployment areas.
- 5) Loans to Cities and municipalities for installation of solar equipment on municipal buildings.
- 6) State Govt. should require local County Councils to supply electricity without penalties for solar water heaters.
- 7) Legislation to protect homeowner's right to sunlight. Adequate space should be available in housing estates for installation of Solar equipment to work efficiently.
- 8) Further investigation into technology conversion of plant material for energy.

You can write letters to all three Government levels giving your support for further solar power research and legislation as suggested above.

TERANIA CREEK AFTERMATH.

Cabinet's Development Co-ordinating Committee is preparing a rainforest policy, to which the Total Environment Centre put forward these proposals:

- 1) a one year moratorium on rainforest logging in order to carry out an independant environment and econmic inquiry.
- 2) conservation of remaining rainforests in national parks or nature reserves
- 3) achieve the above goal in a way to assist long term stability of employment in the NSW timber industry and in country centres currently occupied by the industry.

* Mr. Ian Nicholas, public relations spokesman for the Associated Country Sawmillers, claims the logging industry should be exempt from producing environmental impact studies! He claims hundreds would be needed if the industry agrees to comply.

LORD HOWE ISLAND.

The Minister for Lands, Mr Bill Crabtree continues to press for supervision of the Island by the Lord Howe Island Board whose environmental mismanagement of the island has been well documented. The National Parks Association, National Trust, Lord Howe Island Preservation Movement and T.E.C. strongly support the formation of national park status over the whole island and marine sections.

As this is the last newsletter for the year may you have a happy and peaceful Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year at the Society's meetings and bushwalks.

Make 1980 YOUR YEAR to get involved!



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