

LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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SPECIAL MEETING:

There will be a special meeting on Monday, 20th February at 8 pm at 58 Emu Road, Glenbrook to further plan a joint symposium with Katoomba and Districts Conservation Society on the subject of bush fire. Members are requested to consider the following points and to express their views at the meeting or to convey their thoughts via the Secretary or President.

A.. Matters discussed at meeting held at The Hut 7.30 pm 6th February 1978.

1. Object of BM Council talks
2. Adviser to Council
3. Past policies sent to Council and/or publicised
4. Other interested organisations and people
5. Definition of fire problem

B.. Realm of research

1. Ecological
2. Social (property protection)
3. Economic
losses from fire
cost of fire protection
4. Fire fighting service - organisation, direction, equipment
personnel, finance, attitudes of brigades.

C.. TOWN PLANNING

1. History of fires - times, intensity, weather, paths,
how started/stopped, damage (total, per cap)
2. Buffer strips
3. Policing clearance regulations
4. IDO 26, - tree preservation
5. Building regulations
6. Building style for fire protection
7. Water supply
8. Compact village vs outlying houses
9. Exotics as protection in villages
10. Low flammability species
11. Population levels

D.. Public Communication

1. Acceptance of an informed viewpoint
facts
persuasion
coercion (regulations)
2. Behaviour in fires
3. Pre-safety - fire 'hygiene'

E.. Social

1. Involvement
volunteer bushfire brigade
occasional training
schools

F.. Action Study

1. Action of permanent bodies - policies
volunteer bushfire brigade
BMCC
NPWS
Fire brigade
State - fire trails, breaks, clear space, burn off, money.

G.. Culmination of Study

1. An informed report supporting a policy to achieve the objectives.
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NEXT FIELD TRIP:

Sunday, 12th March. Faulconbridge to Martins Lookout, Springwood.
Meet at Martins Lookout (at end of Farm Road) at 9.30 am. Full
Day Outing.

NEXT MEETING:

14th April, 1978 at Glenbrook Primary School, 8 pm.
