



Lower Blue Mountains Conservation Society

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NEXT MEETING.

Friday, 14th August, 1981 at the Teachers Resource Centre, Glenbrook Infants School, in Ross Street, opposite the tennis courts. The meeting starts at 8.00pm, and Rod Squire from the Forestry Commission will speak about the "Interpretation of Aerial Photographs".

Future Meetings.

Friday September 11th, at the Teachers Centre and Wendy Godfrey will be showing slides of her recent trip to Fraser Island.

Friday, October 9th is the Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Teachers Centre.

It is hoped that future guest speakers will include Shirely Patterson who will speak about the National Trust's interest in preserving landscapes and natural areas.

EXCURSION.

A walk is planned for September 13th, Sunday, to Lockley's Pylon out from Leura, near Mount Hay. This is a fair distance, about 3 miles from the Mount Hay road to the Pylon, but is reasonably flat walking. Some magnificent views are to be had of the Grose Valley and Govett's Leap Creek valley. Bring something warm as it can become quite cold and windy on the pylon. If it is raining or a bitterly cold day, the walk will be postponed. (ring 536380 if in doubt on the day.)

Bring a packed lunch and water. Upon return to the cars, if the party are feeling up to it, it is only a short drive on to Mount Hay.

Meet at the Mount Hay turn-off on the Great Western Highway before Leura township, near the water tanks, at 10.00 am.

DARK'S COMMON

An outing to explore Dark's Common took place on Sunday, 12th, followed by a picnic lunch. A great deal of work has been done by the committee putting together the submission for the Department of Lands and Department of Education. Presented in soft cover book form, the submission covers such topics as the Flora and Fauna of the area, the geology, the value of the escarpment and Dark's Common as part of that escarpment, the historical significance of the area with its railway siding, and the proposed management of the area, with the help of this Society. Coloured photos are being included in the submissions to be sent to the major Government bodies, including the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Blue Mts. City Council, the National Trust, The Heritage Commission, the Planning and Environment Commission and the departments mentioned previously. The major purpose of the submission is to ask the Department of Lands to rededicate Dark's Common as a reserve for the protection of wildlife and flora, under a management trust.

Copies of the submission may be viewed at the next meeting, or by contacting George Threlfo, 395125.

RAFFLE OF A PAINTING.

The Society is raffling a beautiful oil painting of sulphur-crested cockatoo, kindly donated by Mr. Warren Stickley. Someone has very generously donated the cost of the frame, and tickets are now selling, available at the next meeting and from Basse Bramsen. If anyone can help by selling books, it would be very much appreciated. Lets all work towards this fund raising venture for the Society, with a worthwhile prize for the winner of the raffle.