

# W o l l i C r e e k U p d a t e .

From the Wollie Creek Preservation Society Inc. PO Box 270 Earlwood 2206.

## Community Groups Rally.....

27th August saw a sizeable contingent of community groups gather in Macquarie Street out side the "Bear Pit".

We wanted the state government, opposition and the independents to see and hear our concerns

- with the RTA,
  - with lack of political integrity,
  - with delay and indecision over continued calls for a Royal Commission into the RTA.
- The rally was dignified, appropriate and noticed. It was attended and supported by CTAG, CUTS, Greater Menai Action, Less Expressway Noise, Moorebank Precinct Committee, Liverpool Council and WCPS.



70% of the City of Los Angeles is now road way or parking for cars!

## Earlwood PS 75th Anniversary.

Come and talk to members of your society at Earlwood PS on the 26th October. We will have a stall, as part of the 75th anniversary of the school. Hope to see you there.

I would like to join the **Wollie Creek Preservation Society.**

Name:.....

Address:.....

Phone:.....

Full Fee \$7    Family \$10    Concession \$5    Donation \$.....    Total \$.....

## Get Lively Now!

.....and join the WCPS members and friends at our **Annual Dinner**

**Friday 15th November at 7.00 pm in the Lively Lobster Restaurant**  
19 William Street Earlwood.

Dinner (set menu) \$35 per person.

Tickets available and bookings essential!

Please ring.....

Rhonda 7181598 (after 6pm)

The Guest Speaker is Peter Newman, Assoc Prof Murdoch University on "The Urban Environment". Professor Newman is an internationally respected transport academic and a member of the Prime Minister's Ecologically Sustainable Development Working Group.

Dr Newman assists communities to make cities more liveable through reduction in urban sprawl, pollution and car dependence.

He was recently influential in the A.C.T., where plans to construct 2 new freeways were abandoned in favour of a new light rail link.

Come and hear how other cities have coped with the problems we face today.

## Annual General Meeting....Again!

\*It's the WCPS AGM time and we urge you to have your say in the battle to save the Valley

\*All elected positions on the committee will be decided at the AGM on the 6 th November at 7.30 pm Earlwood-Bardwell Park RSL Club.

# Botany-West Transport Study...

The RTA- sponsored "study" has lurched through 3 so-called workshops only to arrive at 7 alternative packages in seeking to solve traffic and transport problems in this part of the world.

Needless to say, the Society views the exercise less than favourably... the **RTA** conducting a study into traffic and transport? Should we leave the dog in charge of the butcher's shop? And why only "Botany-West" district... doesn't the entire Sydney Basin warrant an integrated study? When can we expect it?

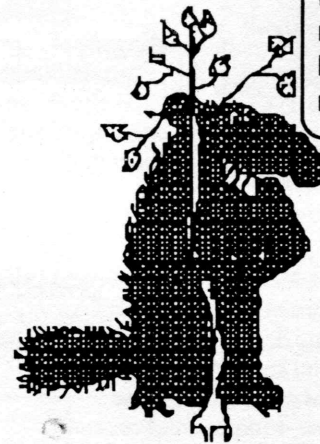
So this latest charade is again wide of the mark in its promotion and its (stated) objectives. Not to mention the fact that the study group was heavily weighted in favour of organisations, companies, councils and individuals who would generally be regarded as holding pro-freeway views.

Dismissing as unacceptable to the Society the 5 "packages" based on construction of the F5 wholly or partly through Wolli Creek Valley, we are left with 2 packages which show some promise, in that they are largely geared to improving public transport, coupled with such roadworks as a Bexley shopping centre bypass, extensions of Harrow Road to Princes Highway and a Bay Street bypass.

All 7 alternatives incorporate quadruplication of the East Hills railway line and several even include expansion of the Botany-Enfield goods line.

But still no study of the entire Metropolitan area's transport needs and problems. Still a freeway (or tollway!) mentality. Still a lack of political (or bureaucratic) will to abandon discredited urban freeway nonsense. Still the

valley under threat! We await the government's next move and we still seek a Royal Commission into the RTA.



In Los Angeles it now takes up to 1.5 hours to travel 20 miles on a freeway.

## Imagine if.....

This year a record number of schools have entered the society's Annual Children's Week exhibition. Primary school children were asked to "Imagine if..." they lived in the Wolli Creek in the past present, or future through illustration and/or writing. Entries comprise poetry, posters, murals, plays and songs. The exhibition will be opened and awards presented at Earlwood PS on Wednesday 23rd October (or ??? if there is a general strike.)



In Los Angeles it is peak hour, on the freeways, from 5am to 8pm.