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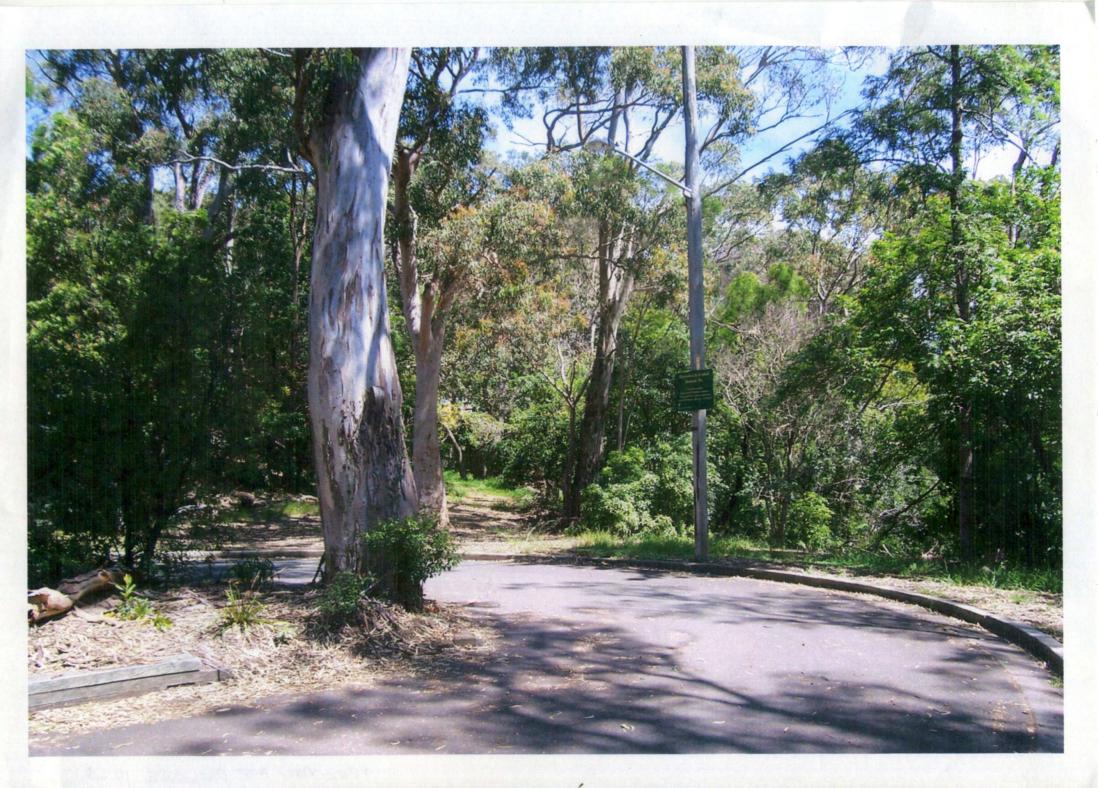






















BILL STENART

MYER RESERVE Bounded by Macken St & Macken Crescent.

Macken St was named after William (Bill) T. Macken who was an alderman on Hurstville Municipal Council and served as Mayor in 1921 and 1923.

The reserve was named after the Myer family who were the first residents in the street. When their house was built there was no road, just a track. This pre 1930 house at No 15 is still as built externally but has been modified internally and is currently used as an Office.

The Reserve, Road and Crescent were developed after WW II. Prior to that time the area between Macken St and Baker Street was bush. When the high side of Macken St was cleared for housing development, the bush area now known as the Reserve was retained.

Back two or three generations, the local children spent many months erecting a huge bonfire every year on a cleared site in the middle of the Reserve for Empire Day which was then held on May 24. The fire was lit at dusk and fireworks set off.

About 1970 the bush was cleared and trees planted. Some of the residents by this time were becoming conscious of the environment and dismantled the bonfire before Empire Day. The children re built it every time. This went on until the council banned external fires.

Then the car hoons came along and drove their cars through the reserve churning up the grass. The council complied with our request to curb and gutter the Reserve which minimised vehicle entry.

Myer Reserve enhances the area with healthy trees and a grassed area which is maintained by the council.

















