It's clearly a waste of time attending heritage meetings or writing articles. The Escarpment Committee needs people to help on the picket line roster. The most crucial time is from about 7.30 am to 8.30 am when the scab workman arrive to cross the Labour Council endorsed picket. Just drive to the end of Gooyong Road, Keiraville (at the end of the culd-de-sac next to Keiraville Pre-school) if you can help.

It's not just for the young. Indeed, it's an activity ideally suited to our ageing membership. One of those arrested at the site was in his eighties! And you can always plead that you were simply enjoying a morning stroll in the bush.

The Illawarra Escarpment Coalition's postal address is PO box 912, Wollongong East 2500 and phone contact can be made on 42285971.

And if the recent flooding in the Keiraville foothills hasn't convinced planners that perhaps they need to adjust their approval calculations, I don't know what will.

AN ILLAWARRA WORLD LEADER

We don't produce many of these. Nonetheless, we now have one current world leader.

John Samuel Hales (born Thirroul 1922, son of the local bank manager) is now world leader of the Exclusive Brethren.

I only discovered this by accident while searching the net. The address is: http://www.cloudnet.com/-dwyman/jsh.html. It's the best site related to Brethren I've encountered. It's usually impossible to find out anything at all, but this little essay by Dick Wyman is full of all sorts of arcane detail. We are not talking "global village" when it comes to religious Brethren and their standard policy seems to be, "Don't mix with the ungodly and don't release any information if it can at all be helped."

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