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## **JOAN BRADLEY**

# **BUSHLAND REGENERATION**

The Trust will have as speaker at its next Public Meeting, on Wednesday 4th May 1977, Miss. Joan Bradley, an acknowledged expert in the field of weed control in bushland, and in bushland regeneration.

Her recommendations for the care of bushland areas after the removal of weeds such as privet will be very timely, and of special interest to anyone taking up Council's offer to remove, free of charge, privet trees and bushes cut down or dug out by residents.

At the same meeting some of the related protective measures proposed for Pennant Hills Park in our Plan of Resources Management will be outlined and the part that individual residents or groups of residents can play in this process will be discussed.

Time will be made available for questions to Miss. Bradley.

## **WEDNESDAY 4th MAY**

The meeting will be held at our usual venue, St. John's Hall, Beecroft Road, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Anyone is welcome at these meetings, Trust member or not.

At the close of the meeting, generally about 10.00 p.m., supper will be served.

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# BP SERVICE STATION SITE

Council recently received 2 Development Applications for the BP Service Station site at the corner of Cheltenham and Beecroft Roads.

After many years of uneconomical operation and successful opposition to any extension of the Service Station, which has always operated in a Residential Zone, BP recently closed down the business and put the 2 blocks of land comprising the site up for sale.

We had hoped that the use of the properties would then revert to purely residential. The two applications, however, envisaged a part residential, part commercial use. Both provided for one residential site with the corner block to be used in one instance as a Veterinary Clinic, and in the other as a Chemist shop.

Local residents were sufficiently roused by the proposals to mount their own campaign of opposition, quite apart from the Trust's activities.

## HORNSBY COUNCIL CONTACT

Hornsby Shire Council - 476 3333  
or P.O. Box 37, Hornsby, 2071.

Cr. Don Evans, Beecroft (Shire President) - 84 3318.

Cr. Bill Hodson, Carlingford - 871 7317.

Cr. Ron Payne, Epping - 869 7410.

Council meets every second Thursday. If you'd like to accompany the Trust's representative to one of these meetings contact Alan Thomas on 869 1359.

After consideration of the proposals, testing of resident opinion, and talking to one of the applicants, the Trust Committee wrote to Council opposing any use of the site other than purely residential - our long term stand on this issue over many year, the first mention of the problem being in Bulletin 3, November 1964!

The view attributed to Mr. Meaney in the NDT of 6th April that the Trust did not oppose his application was incorrect. In fact, a Trust committee member phoned him to tell him what the official Trust view was on 29th March, the day after our last Committee meeting.

At the Council meeting of 31 March, both Development Applications were rejected on the grounds that the character of the proposals was not in keeping with adjacent properties, that the existing and future amenity of the area would be prejudiced, and that a large number of local residents had expressed opposition to the Applications.

Council also referred the properties to their Town Planner to prepare a report on possible solutions to the future use of the sites. We will again be putting the Trust's view that a residential use is the most appropriate.

## P.H. PARK MAP.

A map of Pennant Hills Park incorporating information of interest to visitors to the Park is being prepared for the Trust by Mr. Tony Lewis.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.

Local Government Elections take place in September this year. The pattern of your daily life is influenced to a greater extent than most people realise through the services provided by Local Government and is particular through Town Planning control and administration.

## 1977 OFFICE BEARERS

At the first meeting of the newly elected Committee on Monday 28th March the following office bearers were elected for 1977.

## PRESIDENT

Mr. Spencer Bough, 86 4901.

## VICE PRESIDENTS

Prof. Keith Campbell, 86 5808

Mr. Gary Fairweather, 871 1717.

## MINUTES SECRETARY

Dr. Bill Greenhalgh, 86 2306.

## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

Mr. Alan Rich, 868 1282

## TREASURER

Mr. Gary Fairweather

## PUBLICITY OFFICER

Mr. Alan Thomas, 869 1359, 635 9968

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. Penny Rosier,

Mr. Bill Freeburn, 871 1659

Mr. Ron Wade, 869 2180

Prof. Stuart Barker, 86 3984.

The committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Any resident wishing to contact the committee can do so through any member or by writing to P.O. Box 31, Beecroft 2119.

## SUTHERLAND ROAD TRAFFIC

The Trust once again making representations to the Police Department for more frequent patrols of Sutherland Rd as a deterrent to the excessive speed of many of the users of this inadequate and dangerous through road.

## COPELAND ROAD

We have written to Council regarding the increasing use of Copeland Road, another undulating residential street, by heavy through traffic, and requesting their assistance in curbing this use.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership accounts go to all current members of the Trust with this Bulletin. Your prompt payment of your 1977 subscription would be welcomed.

If you are not a member, or your membership has lapsed please consider investing \$5.00 in Family membership, \$3.00 in individual adult membership or \$1.00 in junior membership to assist in the maintenance of a strong Civic Trust to represent the views of Beecroft and Cheltenham residents.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In his Report of the Trust's activities during 1976 Mr Bough mentioned the three Public Meetings held and the major concerns of the Committee during the year -

- \* the drop in membership
- \* the preparation of a landscaping plan for Beecroft Fire Station (not yet implemented)
- \* the preservation of the fine group of trees at the corner of Hannah St and Beecroft Rd
- \* the possible re-building and widening of Cheltenham Railway Bridge

\* the future of the BP Service Station site

\* the follow up to the Plan of Management for Pennant Hills Park.

The major item of expenditure during the year was in the production and distribution of 4 Bulletins, a total of \$622.98. Secretarial costs, including postage, and stationery accounted for a further \$158.93. The only other costs were Hall rental for meetings (\$50.00) and National Trust Membership (\$10.00)

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PRIVET

The BCCT wholly supports the recommendations of Mr. F. Dwight of Norma Cres, the NDT of 16 March, regarding the need to completely remove or effectively poison privet, rather than merely cutting off the plants above ground level.

Anyone who has experienced the frustration of the rapid regeneration of privet bushes after cutting will be well aware of this need. For this reason the Trust has, on many occasions in the past, publicised recommendations similar to Mr. Dwight's for dealing with the problem.

Council's offer to remove, free of charge, freshly cut privet bushes stacked by residents at the kerb is very welcome. Many people have been reluctant to burn off cut privet so that the problem of disposal has been a major one.

A little concern, hard work, and care by many people will help retain the native bushland setting we value and avoid having our homes swamped in an ocean of privet and lantana.

COMMUTER PARKING

Council's proposals for a further commuter parking area in Sutherland Rd near Beecroft Station were shown to the Trust committee by Cr. Evans.

A few suggestions were offered regarding the landscaping of the area which retains as many of the existing trees as is possible and allows for screening of the area by a buffer of natural landscaping.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMALGAMATIONS

The Trust has formed a sub-committee of 3 to prepare a draft submission to the Local Government Boundaries Commission outlining our opposition to any increase in the size of Local Government areas, and to the abolition of Hornsby Shire which would almost certainly result in our being attached to Ryde Municipality.

If you have any thoughts on this matter please pass them on to Alan Thomas, 68 Bambara Crescent, Beecroft.

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