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GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER
8 pm

ST. JOHNS CHURCH HALL
BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Local Government elections will be held on Saturday, 26th September. When nominations close, the Trust will invite all candidates for C Riding to present their policies at the General Meeting.

Residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham are urged to attend as this could be a crucial election for the district as C Riding has been expanded to include that part of West Pennant Hills bounded by Castle Hill, Victoria and Wilson Roads.

Several Councillors are not standing for reelection and it is vital to our own interests that the incoming Councillors are assured of strong residential interest in Council affairs.

Local Government planning powers are under siege and Council should be seen to have wide public support.

NOTE Candidates for election who wish to attend the meeting are invited to contact Jim Vandore on 484 7778.

WALK IN THE BUSH

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST, 2pm

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Our annual Spring Walk is a popular event and all members, residents and guests are invited to join us. The walk starts at 2p.m. on Sunday, 30th August from the picnic area at the end of Day Road, Cheltenham. Botanists will be present to help identify the many beautiful specimens seen. Maps and notes on the area will be provided.

To cater for the differing needs of our guests we are again providing three guided walks which we list below in diminishing order of difficulty. All walks start and finish at the Day Road picnic area. The first two walks usually take about two and a half hours and the third about one and a half hours.

Walk 1 will be led by Fred Waddington and is the longest walk. It is intended for two groups - those new to the district who would like to see both the active and passive recreation areas and for those who would like a brisk walk. The route is via Byles and Devlins Creeks to Lane Cove River thence via the ridge trail through the various sporting areas to Britannia Avenue. You will then return via the bush behind Blackbutt Avenue to Day Road. Eva Jones will be with you to give botanical advice.

Walk 2 is intended for those with an interest in the local flora and is much shorter than Walk 1. This walk will be led by Tony Lewis and the botanical guides will be Robin Buchanan, Lynn McDougall and Jennie Lewis. After a short but sharp climb to Tower 42 we travel via Tower 43 to the ridge trail and then down to the Lane Cove River. The route back is via Devlins and Byles Creeks. This is quite an easy walk once Tower 42 is reached.

Walk 3 is a shorter, generally level walk and will be led by Florence Dwight who will also give botanical advice. The route is via Byles and Devlins Creeks to the Lane Cove River and return along the same route. Those on this walk can join up with their friends on Walk 2 for the return trip.

We suggest that children of 14 years and under do the same walk as their parents and that all wear stout footwear.

VILLAGE GREEN

We are still working towards bringing about improvements to the Village Green.

The State Rail Authority has agreed to make available a seven metre strip of Railway land to increase the size of the Green. This would be on a lease basis. A cost estimate has been obtained for fencing the proposed alignment along the railway.

Also the Trust and Rotary are conferring on a design for the construction of a shelter shed and the relocation of the childrens playground.

WEEDS

Did you know that Pampas Grass has now been declared a noxious weed? This makes it an offence to cultivate the weed and gives Council the power to order its destruction where detected.

GENERAL MEETING

At the General Meeting on 13th May, 1987, the following motions were passed:

1. That the meeting recommends that the Committee takes immediate action to urge Hornsby Shire Council to close the two gullies in Wongala Crescent/Railway Parade between Albert Road and Boundary Road to future roadway connections by having them dedicated as Open Public Reserves.
 2. The meeting recommends that the Committee should approach the Department of Main Roads urging the construction of the Castlereagh Freeway from Epping Road to Pennant Hills Road in one stage at the greatest possible speed.
- The meeting also discussed commuter parking, tree removals, proposed sporting fields and landscaping of the Castlereagh Freeway corridor.

RAILWAY WORKS

There seems to be some confusion as to what is the end result of all the noise and disruption along the railway line. Unfortunately I have had considerable difficulty in obtaining information from the State Rail Authority. The consensus of opinion seems to be that while the main project is the upgrading of the existing tracks and signalling system, the opportunity is also being taken to carry out earthworks in preparation for the laying of additional tracks sometime in the future.

CASTLEREAGH FREEWAY

In reply to Trust enquiries, the Divisional Engineer of the Department of Main Roads has advised that preliminary design has commenced on the section of Freeway between Epping Road and Pennant Hills Road and some preconstruction activities, including the acquisition of property required for this section, have also commenced. Construction of the bypass of Epping is being treated as an early project but, the allocation of funds for this project will depend on the level of finance in future years and the relative priority of the work. At this stage no indication can be given regarding commencement of construction but consideration will be given to including the work in a construction programme as soon as practicable. In other words, do not hold your breath. The Trust will continue to press this issue.

HISTORY OF BEECROFT/CHELTHENHAM

The Committee has embarked upon the task of producing a history of Beecroft and Cheltenham. We have been fortunate to gain the services of Mr. Ian McLeod of the Kings School as the Initiator of the project. The compiling of such a work will depend largely on public participation. In the first instance of course we need information. If you have access to any historical material relating to the district, please let us know. This may be in the form of newspaper or magazine articles, family documents, photographs, books, etc.. We will also need people to gather, collate and research information. So, if you would like to assist in any way this very interesting project, please let us know.

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MEMBERSHIP

If you do not receive a copy of the Bulletin in the mail, our records indicate you are not a financial member of the Trust. We are concerned by the number of members, some of long standing, who have dropped out this year and with the general lack of interest in Trust activities.

Are you satisfied with our rail service and our roads? Your Trust Committee is continually bringing deficiencies to the notice of the relevant authorities. Are you concerned about development in the district? Do you want to know what Council is doing that affects you? A Committee member attends every Council meeting to watch over your interests and to keep you informed of matters which concern Beecroft and Cheltenham. Do you continually intend to join but never get around to it, or do you only support the Trust when an issue affects you directly???

The financial members are ensuring that your interests are safeguarded as much as possible. Why not share the effort? Our costs are increasing. They can be met by an increased membership. We cannot continue to expect financial members to subsidise our activities for the benefit of all.

Local Government elections are imminent and State Government elections are due next year. Help the Trust represent your interests with a strong, united membership before we lose the amenity we enjoy in Beecroft and Cheltenham.

If you are a new resident in the district and would like to know more about the Trust, I would be happy to explain our activities to you. You can ring me, Spencer Bough, on 8698142.

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