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WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL

BEECROFT ROAD BEECROFT

7.30pm

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

E.J.RICHARDS TROPHY

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Every second year the Trust holds a poster competition for the E.J. Richards Trophy. We have written to the local schools and have arranged for the entries to be judged by the Visual Arts Consultant for the area. Prizes will be handed out at 7.30p.m. prior to the General Meeting.

FOLLOWED BY

GENERAL MEETING

8.00pm

The History Group will show a number of slides of historic interest. They have invited anyone who has a slide, photograph, sketch, etc. which may complement their collection to bring them on the evening so that all may share the interest. We suggest that material dating back approximately twenty years or more may qualify.

If you can contribute to the evening please advise Jim Vandore on 484 7778 so that sufficient viewing facilities may be provided.

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PERIMETER WALK

On 23rd October we shall have another walk also starting from the Day Road picnic area. This will be a much longer walk and will start at 10a.m. and finish about 3.30p.m.. Bring your picnic lunch as we expect to have a break at Thornleigh Oval from about 12.30 to 1.30. Those who cannot manage the whole day could join or leave us there. Start and finish will be at Day Road for those who can walk around the perimeter of the district's greatest asset.

SUTHERLAND ROAD

Council has been asked to approach the Department of Main Roads requesting that the Epping end of Sutherland Road be kept open after the construction of the Ryde Castlereagh Freeway. Your committee would like to know the views of affected residents regarding this proposal.

LILLA ROAD - WONGALA CRESCENT

In the latest chapter in this saga Hornsby Council has ignored the wishes of 826 signatories to a petition and proposed to link Lilla Road and Wongala Crescent via a tract of railway land.

BUSH REGENERATION

Bush regeneration work is continuing in Beecroft Reserve on upper Devlins Creek. Jenny Lewis has a team of three helpers cutting through the lantana and rolling back the wandering jew. We meet one afternoon a week for a very satisfying onslaught on the weeds. Into the large space, larger than several building sites, where a huge thicket of lantana once smothered the ground, we are planting local native plants - and there is a pleasing germination of native plants, too - real regeneration.

The local native plants are propagated by several enthusiasts, including Warwick Mayne Wilson, many thanks, and the Council who recently provided twenty well grown red cedars which are now scattered through our corner of the Reserve. Did you know that early maps of the area, at least up to 1831, show a cedar sawing establishment on the corner of Pennant Parade and Carlingford Road? In Pennant Hills Park, along Byles Creek and around the picnic areas at the end of Day Road, work also continues. Wandering jew, privet and camphor laurel seedlings, honeysuckle and other weeds have been getting our attention and over the years good progress has been made. Some natives have been planted and continue to thrive. However, flooding in the creek, particularly recently, has taken its toll.

This group meets one or two mornings a month. We are always looking for more helpers, and new members are most welcome even if you can only come occasionally. A short time spent in constructive activity in the local bush, enjoying the greenness and the morning chorus of birds is a rewarding experience. Please contact Jenny Lewis 869 1175 or Eva Jones 484 6773 for more information.

DUMPING

We are disturbed by the amount of garden waste that is still being dumped in the bush. It may be thought that it does not matter as the area is weedy already, and the prunings won't take root and spread. The prunings actually add nutrient to the soil, which native plants do not like, and encourages the weeds. Seeds and the dumped plants add nutrient to the bush, they subtract it from gardens. PLEASE DON'T DUMP.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion will be moved at the meeting:
To wit.... to close the intersection of Hannah Street and Beecroft Road on the commercial side (retail shops) in the Beecroft shopping centre to through traffic with its attendant dangers in terms of speed and congestion, thereby putting the lives of shoppers in danger with a trial period of one year being nominated to see if the said closure would jeopardise the livelihood of retail traders in the shopping area.

SPRING WALK August 28th, 2p.m. from Day Road picnic area

The Trust has been holding the Spring Walk for some years now. If you are new to the district it is an opportunity to learn of some of the trails through the bush and to see the marvellous variety of flowers. Many residents make this an annual event as the flowers are ever-changing and also it is an opportunity to meet up with old friends. We shall have botanical guides to help you identify the plants and maps of the area will be available.

Our route will be from the picnic area via Tower 42 thence via Tower 43 and the Ridge Trail to the Lane Cove River, thence home by Devlins and Byles Creeks. After the short, fairly sharp climb to Tower 42 the route is mainly level or downhill. However after the recent heavy rains the fire trails are badly eroded and not suited to the infirm. Stout footwear and jeans are suggested. A suggestion has been made that the Trust organise a community effort to clean up Byles and Devlins Creeks after the rain. You will be able to tell the height the recent floods reached by the appalling amount of plastic left in the trees.

HISTORY GROUP

Feel like a bit of detective work?
The Beecroft-Cheltenham History Group would like to hear from anyone with a spare hour or two to be part of a team to help with the reading of old newspapers relating to this area. Copies of the Cumberland Argus and Cumberland Mercury which were published 1870's to 1930's are available on microfilm at Hornsby Library. By reading these old newspapers, reports of social and political events will be extracted to add to the material which will form a basis for the forthcoming book. Anyone with a curiosity and taste for history should find this an interesting experience and would greatly assist the group.
Please contact: N. Harris 858-5436 C. Bartho 484-4301

GUIDED WALK

Come for a guided walk around Beecroft and look at and learn something about a few of our historic old homes. Our guides will conduct you from cottages of the early 1890's to grand houses of the 1900's. At the conclusion of the walk sit down and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in the Beecroft Community Hall (nee School of Arts).
When? - Sunday, 9th October, 1988
Watch the papers and local shop windows for final details closer to the date.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A social committee is to be formed to organise fund raising activities, the proceeds of which will be used by the Beecroft Cheltenham History Project group to assist in their planned publication.
Anyone interested in joining or assisting this committee please contact: Heather Thomas 481-9762.

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BYLES CREEK INQUIRY

The Commissioner has completed the hearings and his decision is expected shortly. At the Trust's last general meeting it was decided to make a substantial donation to the expense of making a professional submission to the Inquiry. The Pennant Hills Civic Trust did likewise and donations were also received from the general public. The submission was prepared by Dr. Judy Messer for the Byles Creek Valley Union. Amongst many others making submissions were such bodies as this Trust, the Nature Conservation Council, the National Trust, the Soil Conservation Service, the Total Environment Centre, the Council, the Department of Planning, Union of Lane Cove Valley Conservationists, Thornleigh Area Bushland Society and Ku-ring-gai Bushland Society.

The issue of further degradation of Byles Creek was considered of sufficient importance by the Council and the Department for the Inquiry to be held. So far as we know it is the first real test of the powers brought into being by State Environmental Planning Policy No.19. Whatever the outcome the fact that the Inquiry was held should bring home to all the regard the community has for the remaining Urban Bushland.

Particular thanks are due to the Total Environment Centre for their help freely given. A former member of the Trust and local resident now a Town Planner took a week from work to advise us and to attend the Inquiry. Many gave willingly of their time and money and their efforts are appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP - PLEASE READ

Beecroft in particular, and Cheltenham are receiving increasing attention from developers. Our community is changing. Is it for the better?

If you want some say in this change and a chance to influence its direction, now is the time to join the Trust. Make your views known and give the Trust the strength of your membership. Don't leave it to someone else - they may be doing the same thing or, worse, doing the wrong thing. You can hardly complain about what the Trust is or is not doing if you are not a member and taking an interest in its activities. JOIN NOW or stop complaining.

BEECROFT STATION CLEAN-UP

A community clean-up around Beecroft Station is being organised by Mr. & Mrs. Chick of Beecroft for Saturday, 10th September, commencing at 1.30pm. The aim is to clean up the Station approaches and car parks. The more hands, the lighter the work. Bring your own mowers, tools and garbage bags - a trailer will be provided.

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MEMBERSHIP

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