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**BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT**  
**TUESDAY, 18th AUGUST**

7.30 pm

**PRESENTATION OF PRIZES**

**E. J. RICHARDS TROPHY COMPETITION**

Every second year the Trust runs a poster competition for the local schoolchildren in conjunction with the spring walk. They compete for the E.J. Richards Trophy and small cash prizes. These will be presented from 7.30p.m. prior to the General Meeting. All are welcome to come along to share the occasion and view the entries.

**GENERAL MEETING**

8 pm

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Sean O'Toole is the Assistant Director, Department of Planning of the NSW Government. He is a Real Estate Valuer, holds the Diploma of Environmental Studies (Macquarie University), and is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Planning Institute. After seventeen years employed in Local Government (Fairfield/Bankstown Councils), he joined the State Department of Planning some three years ago. As Assistant to the Director (Gabrielle Kibble), he has the responsibility for urban development and property evaluation for the entire Metropolitan Area of Sydney.

Members of this Trust will recall that in Bulletin 2-92 (June) we announced three initiatives of the State Department of Planning that impinge on the independence of Local Government in deciding housing and planning matters. One of these, the proposal to rezone lands in proximity to Beecroft and Cheltenham Railway Stations, created some concern in the community. Mr O'Toole is well placed to explain this planning proposal and to provide information on the Second Amendment to State Environmental Planning Policy 25 (SEPP 25).

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One may only guess as to why the installation of the Copeland Road lights has been repeatedly delayed.

Perhaps it was the widening of Copeland Road (now dropped), the Traffic Plan for Beecroft Centre (where is that now?) or the proposal for a new fire station.

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In discussions on the North West Transport Links Study, some confusion was evident on the extent and speed of the growth of housing into the north-west sector of Sydney. Mr O'Toole will address this issue, the problem of "urban sprawl" and modern planning techniques for providing higher and medium density housing at affordable prices. It is expected that he will also contribute to the discussion on the need for appropriate infrastructure to provide for the increased population anticipated for this area.

SPRING WALK

The Trust's annual spring walk will leave from the Picnic Area at the end of Day Road, Cheltenham at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 23rd August. Do join us if you can - it is a chance to see and enjoy our wonderful urban bushland. The plants in flower are of many species and this year there seems already to be more than usual boronia in bloom.

As we have for the last few years we shall conduct two walks - one for those mainly interested in the flora and one for those who want some real exercise. The former will be led by Sheila Woods and the latter by Ron Anderson. Both start from the Picnic Area at 2 p.m. and will be back there at about 4.30 p.m.. You will need to be fairly fit for the exercise walk which is about three times as long as the other.

We shall have for sale a map of the area with two flora lists attached for one dollar. There will be people with some knowledge of the area who may be able to answer some of your questions on the plants. Our former members Florence and Alan Dwight are expected to join us on the walk, and we look forward to seeing them.

MAUNSELL REPORT UPDATE

At our last General Meeting, 23rd June, we had representatives from Maunsell and the Roads and Traffic Authority to explain the main features and the options contained in the Maunsell Report. They then answered residents questions. This was followed on 21st July by a meeting of Trust members to debate the options. Speakers for and against the expressway addressed this meeting. Trust members have been asked to complete and return a plebiscite indicating their preferences to the options.

The next step is for your Trust committee to correlate the information available to them before formulating a submission on the issue which must be received by the 14th August.

Residents are encouraged to forward individual submissions if they wish to express an opinion.

MEMBERSHIP

You are no doubt bored with our continual pleas for membership but we stress the advantages of a strong Trust membership in maintaining our beleaguered urban amenity.

BEECROFT-CHELTHENHAM CIVIC TRUST INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

for financial year commencing 1st January

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