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**BEECROFT - CHELTENHAM
CIVIC TRUST**

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1980 Annual General Meeting

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust will be held on Wednesday, 27th February, at 8 p.m. in the

St. John's Hall, Beecroft

Business will consist of:

- President's Report 1979/80
- Treasurer's Report " "
- Election of Committee 1980/81
- General Business
- Supper

A good attendance is requested. There will be several vacancies on the committee, and the in-coming committee will be looking for guidance from members on the issues which they consider important.

remember -

Wednesday, 27th. February

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST

MEMBERSHIP

Name Telephone

Address

Attached is my cheque/cash for \$ as renewal/new membership.

Annual Subscriptions:

Family membership - \$5.00 Adult membership - \$3.00

Financial year commences 1st January.

Receipts will not be issued unless requested.

Post to The Treasurer, P.O. Box 31, Beecroft, 2119.

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a message for the 1980's

It was surprising to hear so many politicians and civic leaders referring in their New Year messages to the 1970s or the next ten years as a "de-cayed". The dictionary pronunciation is, of course, "dec-ade". Was it some form of Freudian slip? Do they believe that our moral and community values have in fact "decayed" during the last 10 years, or are likely to do so in the next?

If so, you may well agree with them. And, if they are correct, we cannot place all of the blame on our politicians and leaders. Every individual in the community is to some extent responsible if decisions are taken with which he disagrees but about which he does nothing.

The basic aim of the Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust is to ensure that our way of life and our community standards do not "decay" during the 1980s.

If you have the same interests, you are encouraged to support our Trust or any other organisation which will convey your support, your concern or your criticism, as appropriate, to our community leaders. They will then be in no doubt about your views and can use this knowledge in their decision making.

It's up to you to be involved during the coming decade to ensure that the standards you value are maintained.

other news

THE END OF YEAR GET-TOGETHER

As indicated in our November Bulletin, this was intended to be a departure from the norm, to encourage more social contact and friendly discussion. It was held on 14 November, 1979 in the Northern Districts Educational Centre, and was attended by more than seventy members and visitors. Following a showing of slides and discussion on conservation - overseas and in N.S.W. - by Geoff Armstrong, the meeting developed into a most enjoyable social gathering. Supper was contributed by committee members, and light refreshments provided by the Trust. Approximately \$40 was collected by way of donations for Kampuchean war refugees.

COMMITTEE 1980/81

It is expected that at least two committee members will not be available for re-election this year. Also, as will be seen from the President's report, a number are finding it difficult to attend meetings regularly. The success and status of the Trust depends on it having a strong, active committee. Please attend this annual general meeting, and be prepared to get involved if you feel that you can help in any way, either as a committee member, or in some other voluntary role.

president's report, 1979

THE COMMITTEE

The committee elected at the 1979 Annual General Meeting met on eleven occasions throughout the year. Two members (D. Rose, F. Nichol) unfortunately had to resign during the year. Messrs. J. Wellings, W. Greenhailgh and Prof. K. Campbell were invited to join the committee to fill vacant positions. Attendances at meetings were as follows:

	G. Armstrong	10
	A. Rich	10
	S. Bough	11
*	J. Wellings	2
	M. Gibbs	6
*	W. Greenhailgh	1
*	S. Butterworth	5
	C. Daggett	9
*	K. Campbell	7
**	D. Rose	1
	A. Bell	1
**	F. Nichol	2
	G. van Aggle	2
	S. Benson	9
*	Joined by invitation during year:	
**	Resigned.	

I would like to express appreciation on behalf of the Trust to all members who contributed so much during the year. All are very busy in their own professions or domestic situations, and show great community spirit through their involvement with the Trust.

CIVIC TRUST MEETINGS

Three full meetings of the Trust were held during the year. All were well attended, and indicated the value of these meetings in expressing both the Trust's and individual resident's concern over important community issues. The main topics at these meetings were -

MAY - "Council's Traffic Report". This meeting was attended by well over 200 people, and the report, presented to Council by a special Committee appointed to examine traffic problems including those expected to be generated by the West Pennant Hills release area, was discussed.

AUGUST - "Public Participation in the New Environmental Planning Legislation". This well attended meeting was addressed by Mr. John Whitehouse, Special Adviser to the Minister for Planning and Environment.

NOVEMBER - This meeting was planned to give members of the Trust and residents an opportunity to meet with the Trust Committee.

PENNANT HILLS PARK

The Park sub-committee met regularly throughout the year, undertaking planning and weeding activities, and liaising with Council on management and protection of the Park.

THANKS

In addition to the efforts of the committee, many other Trust members assisted throughout the year in preparing and distributing bulletins, attending Council meetings, helping with weed control on Pennant Hills Park, etc. On behalf of the Trust, I would like to extend our thanks to these helpers.

G.J. Armstrong,
President - 1979/80.

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pennant hills park

The Park sub-committee has met regularly during the year under convenor, Tony Lewis, alternating home and field meetings. All members of the sub-committee have been selected by Hornsby Shire Council as Honorary Rangers. The Trust submitted several proposals to Council for development of facilities for picnickers and walkers, but as yet no action has eventuated. This is disappointing when it is appreciated that more than \$1 (H.S.C. figures) has been spent on active sports such as netball, archery, tennis, football ovals, etc. Perhaps 1980 will be the year of the genuine bush lover.

WEEDING

Florence Dwight, convenor of the weeding group, will not be available for about 6 months this year. We badly need a leader for this work - any volunteers? The group has been making excellent progress, and it would be a great pity to see it go to waste for want of leadership. Anyone interested please contact Florence - 869 8845 or Tony Lewis - 869 8130.

MEMBERS

Stalwart sub-committee members, Heidi Fallding and Robin Hanson (nee Buchanan) have left the district. Replacement members are urgently needed, please.

WALK IN THE PARK

The 1979 walk was not well attended due to poor weather. The 1980 walk will be held on Sunday, 3 August, commencing at 2 p.m. in Thornleigh Park. Further details in a subsequent bulletin.

E.J. RICHARDS TROPHY

The Trust will award the E.J. Richards trophy as a prize for a poster competition designed to advertise Pennant Hills Park and the 1980 Annual Walk.

Further details will be announced shortly, but it is intended that posters will depict a bushland theme, contain details of the 1980 Walk, and be displayed at the August Trust meeting. The winning posters will be used to advertise the Walk.

"BUSH IN THE CITY"

The Trust has received a copy of the above publication, Part 2, dealing with the Hornsby-Lane Cove River area. It was commissioned by the Nature Conservation Council of N.S.W., and the Trust made a contribution to its contents. It will make an excellent reference document for anyone interested or involved in bushland management. It will be tabled at the Annual General Meeting for inspection.

VALE MARIE BYLES

Marie Byles, who had long been an active and devoted member of the Trust, passed away early in December, 1979.

Marie was well known for her dedication and enthusiasm in many fields, and her interest and participation in Trust activities was typical of her attitude to life generally. Despite failing health she was a regular attender at Trust meetings until a short time before her death, and she seldom missed a "weeding party" on Pennant Hills Park, where she would preach the methods she had practised for so long at "Ahimsa".

Marie will be deservedly remembered with gratitude and affection by many members of Beecroft-Cheltenham.