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CIVIC TRUST**

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**BULLETIN 1-83**

**FEBRUARY**

1st FEBRUARY, 1983

**PRESIDENT**  
Spencer BOUGH

**SECRETARY**  
Mrs Nora REECE

**NINETEENTH  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**8pm**

**WEDNESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1983**

**ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL**

**BEECROFT ROAD BEECROFT**

All residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham are invited to attend the 1983 Annual General Meeting and participate in the activities of the Trust.

If you are interested in joining The Committee, contact any of the present members. All that is required is that you be a Trust member and be able to attend the monthly Committee meetings. Members also attend fortnightly Council meetings on a roster basis which requires a Thursday night commitment every six to eight weeks.

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT 1982

### COMMITTEE

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 17 February, 1982 elected ten members to the Committee. As provided for in the constitution, two other members Mrs Heather Thomas and Mr Alan Rich later accepted invitations to join.

The retiring Committee is:-

President  
Vice Presidents

Correspondence Secretary  
Minutes Secretary  
Treasurer

Mr Spencer Bough  
Prof. Kieth Campbell  
Dr Bill Greenhalgh  
Mrs Nora Reece  
Prof. Peter Grenewegen  
Mr Tom Lloyd  
Mr Tony Lewis  
Mr Doug Macartney  
Mr Alan Reid  
Mr Alan Rich  
Mrs Heather Thomas  
Mr John Wallington

I must express my appreciation to the Committee for their efforts for the residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham throughout the year and for their assistance in discharging the business of the Trust.

### MEETINGS

The eighteenth Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 17th February, 1982. An amendment to a motion was passed which directed the Committee to call a General Meeting of residents before 30th April to discuss the Ryde Castlereagh Expressway and prepare a submission to Hornsby Shire Council.

At the resulting General Meeting on Wednesday, 21st April 1982 after heated discussion a motion reaffirming Trust opposition to the construction of the Ryde Castlereagh Expressway was defeated by 58 votes to 71 with approximately 30 abstentions.

Three other General Meetings were held. They were:-

Wednesday 16th June, 1982. An informal meeting was held for children, parents, and residents to present prizes in the E. J. Richards Competition. The Competition had a poster theme of "A Walk in The Park" and an essay theme of "Why We Need Our Local Bush".

Wednesday, 22nd September, 1982. A meeting to consider the Pros and Cons of Rain Forest Logging. Speakers were Mr Ross Horne, Group Leader, Silviculture, Forestry Commission of N.S.W., and Mr Peter Maslen a conservationist.

Wednesday, 8th December, 1982. The end of year meeting at which the guest speaker was Mr G. N. Baur of the Forestry Commission of N.S.W. Mr Baur presented an address entitled "A Forest for The People of Sydney, A Look at The Cumberland State Forest".

PENNANT HILLS PARK

The Part Sub-Committee has met monthly throughout the year liaising with Hornsby Council and advising The Trust Committee on matters effecting The Park. I thank The members of The Sub-Committee for their dedication to the aim of keeping Pennant Hills Park a bushland reserve for the enjoyment of all.

A very successful Walk in The Park was organised for Sunday 15th August, 1982. A good roll up of residents took part in what has become a pleasant and popular annual event.

During the year your Committee was also involved with:-

Hornsby Shire Council Traffic Hierarchy Study  
 Beecroft Village Green - surface deterioration and fencing  
 Vandilism of Lyne Road Reserve  
 Downgrading of rail services to Beecroft and Cheltenham  
 Pedestrian crossing at Copeland Road adjacent to war memorial  
 Street widening in Hannah Street and Kirkham Street

The outgoing committee is deeply concerned with the Department of Planning and Environment proposals for urban consolidation. These proposals in essence will allow an extra dwelling to be erected on almost any block in all residential areas. If the proposals become law local concils can tear up their Town Planning Schemes. I believe these proposals to be the biggest threat to our environemnt that we have ever faced and I urge all residents to interest themselves in the proposals.

BULLETIN

Five issues of The Bulletin were prepared in 1982 and I wish to thank all who assisted in this task - in particular Mr Fred Waddington and his group of volunteer distributors.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the year ended at a healthy level but there is much room for improvement. I have stressed before that The Trust's influence is proportional to its membership. The two main aims of The Civic Trust are:-

- (a) The preservation of the existing village character and the natural beauty of Beecroft and Cheltenham.
- (b) To express in the appropriate quarter the point of view of the Beecroft and Cheltenham residents with regard to any proposed development in the Beecroft - Cheltenham area.

If you are in accord with these aims then I suggest it is in your own interests to join The Trust and take an active interest in its work.

COOPERATION

Recently there was an unfortunate clash of dates between a Trust General Meeting and a meeting called by a group of concerned local residents.

I appeal to such groups to involve The Trust in their plans and so avoid a recurrence of coinciding meetings in the future.

Spencer Bough  
 PRESIDENT

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SHIRE PRESIDENT

We were dismayed to hear of the illness late last year of Cr. Don Evans, Shire President. Over the years the Trust has always been able to approach Cr. Evans. He has been helpful and given generously of his time to Trust activities. I fee sure The Committee represents all residents in wishing Don a speedy and complete recovery.

1983 SUBSCRIPTION

Membership subscriptions for 1983 have again been held at \$5.00 Family and \$3.00 Single. We feel the subscription, which has not increased for several years, offers good value. Investment in Civic Trust membership ensures a bulletin hand delivered to over three thousand households four times a year, a Trust representative attending each Council meeting, and an experienced Committee to put your view to all levels of government.

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