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**TWENTIETH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

8pm

WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY,

ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL

BEECROFT ROAD BEECROFT

All residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham are invited to attend the 1984 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 1983

COMMITTEE

The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 16th February 1983 elected ten members to the Committee. As provided for in the constitution, two other members, Mr. Keith Davidson and Mr. Warwick Bates later accepted invitations to join.

The retiring Committee is:-

President	Dr. William Greenhalgh
Vice Presidents	Prof. Keith Campbell
	Mr. Spencer Bough
Secretary	Mrs. Susan Lipsies
Treasurer	Mr. Tom Lloyd
Members	Mr. Tony Lewis
	Mr. Dough Macartney
	Mr. John Wollington
	Mrs. Heather Thomas
	Mr. Keith Davidson

Resignations were received from Mr. Alan Reid and Mr. Warwick Bates during the course of the year.

I should like to express my appreciation to the Committee for their loyalty and hard work during the year. I should also like to place on record my appreciation of the work of Mr. John Wollington as Editor of the Bulletin; his experience and enthusiasm will be missed this coming year.

MEETINGS

The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 16th February 1983. Among the issues raised were the continuing problem of traffic regulation as proposed by the road hierarchy plan, and the emerging issue of urban consolidation.

Three other General Meetings were held. They were:-
Wednesday June 1st 1983. The subject of the State Government's Urban Consolidation Programme was introduced by Mr. Peter Downes, Town Planner, City Northern Region Team, Department of Environment and Planning.

Wednesday 14th September, 1983. The Local Government Elections were the subject of this meeting. Candidates for these elections accepted the invitation of the Trust to present themselves and their policies and to answer questions on issues of the day.

Wednesday 7th December, 1983. Guest speaker at our Christmas function was Mr. Ian Brown, Manager, Lane Cove State Recreation Area, who gave an illustrated talk on the Lane Cove Park and surrounding bush.

COMMITTEE ACTION

During the year your Committee was involved with the following issues:

- * Use and care of the Beecroft Village Green
- * Implications of the Road Hierarchy Plan
- * Road conditions in Kirkham St/ Castle Howard Rd.
- * Vandalism in Pennant Hills Park
- * State Environment Planning Policy No. 5., Housing for Aged.
- * Commercial Development of Wongala Crescent

- * Expressway developments
- * Encroachment of Archery Club into Pennant Hills Park
- * Commercial development at Pennant Hills Road and Boundary Road, (the so-called 'Bermuda Triangle' issue)
- * Sutherland Road traffic
- * Beecroft Village Festival - promotion of the Village Centre
- * Copeland Road rail crossing
- * Proclamation of noxious plant
- * Fire trails in Pennant Hills Park

Further details of the matters relating to Pennant Hills Park are presented elsewhere in this Bulletin. Two other issues deserve more comment here:

State Environment Planning Policy No. 5.

This policy makes provision for the establishment of housing units for the aged and disabled persons. These provisions for multiple-occupancy units required us to re-examine our own policies which are:

- 'The Trust aims to preserve the area as a low-density residential suburb. It opposes the erection of any high density housing.'
- Furthermore, 'The Trust opposes any Villa or Cluster type development in the Beecroft Cheltenham area.'

The first organisation in this area to take advantage of these new State laws was the Beecroft Presbyterian Church when it successfully applied for approval to build units for the aged at its Mary Street centre. Unhappily, action by the Trust to ensure that the conditions of approval remained strictly within the provisions of the Planning Policy No. 5., were misinterpreted and were taken to be a form of objection or obstruction by the Trust. We have been at great pains to point out that this is not so. It is to be hoped that the Trust will remain vigilant to ensure that the provisions of the State Planning Policy No. 5 continue to apply to worthwhile and responsible housing developments, and are not perverted by unscrupulous developers for multiple-occupancy units for use by other than those for whom the Planning Policy was originally intended.

Medium Density Housing Policy

The Trust has been concerned for some time at the methods proposed by the State Government to effect urban consolidation and introduce medium density housing in all areas. It was with relief that the Trust learned of the abandonment by the N.S.W. Government of the controversial Medium Density Housing Policy.

PENNANT HILLS PARK

A note for your diary this year's Walk in the Bush will be held on Sunday September 16th 1984. At this stage two walks are planned, one less strenuous than the other, each approx 2 hours long.

Much has happened in regard to Pennant Hills Park of late, not always of benefit to the park. Whilst it was hoped in this edition of the Bulletin to provide, in some detail, a more descriptive coverage of the Park and those matters relating to the Park which are of direct concern to the Trust and its Park Sub-Committee, anybody who would wish for further details are requested to contact Tony Lewis who would gladly assist.

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BULLETIN

Four issues of The Bulletin were prepared in 1983 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.

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