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PRESIDENT
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**TWENTY FIRST
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY
8 pm
ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL
BEECROFT ROAD BEECROFT**

All residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham are invited to attend the 1985 Annual General Meeting and participate in the activities of the Trust

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

If you are interested in joining the Committee, contact any of the current members. All that is required is that you be a Trust member and be able to attend the monthly committee meetings. Members also attend council meetings on a roster basis on a Thursday night every five to six weeks.

TRUST MEMBERSHIP

Please give Trust membership your urgent consideration. Our district is a very attractive development target. To attempt to ensure that any development complies with residents wishes, give the Trust your support that we may negotiate from a position of strength. Please join the Trust or renew your membership as soon as possible.

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion will be put to the Annual General Meeting:
"That the constitution be amended so as to provide for a category of membership 'Honorary Life Member'."

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PRESIDENTS REPORT 1984

COMMITTEE

The Twentieth Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 15th February, 1984 elected a Committee of ten. The office-bearers of that Committee for 1984 were:

President	Dr. William Greenhalgh
Vice Presidents	Prof. Keith Campbell
	Mr. Spencer Bough
Secretaries	Mr. Doug Macartney
	Mr. Keith Davidson
Treasurer	Mr. Tom Lloyd
Members	Mr. Tony Lewis
	Mrs. Heather Thomas
	Mr. Mike Briggs
	Mr. Jim Vandore
	Mrs. Sue Lipsies

Mr. Mike Briggs joined the Committee by invitation. Mr. Les Broad was invited to act as Auditor for the year. Mr. Spencer Bough was appointed Publicity Officer.

I should like to express my appreciation to the Committee for their loyalty and hard work during the year.

MEETINGS

The Twentieth Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 15th February, 1984. Among the issues raised were those of tree-preservation orders, train timetables and train punctuality, medium density housing, appreciation to retiring Council aldermen, the environment of Pennant Hills Park and the condition of the Beecroft Village Green.

Three other General Meetings were held. They were:

Wednesday May 16th. The subject was the Beecroft Village Green. Mr. Rowan Hayes, Lecturer in Horticulture at Ryde School of Horticulture, spoke to us on the subject of modern methods of developing and landscaping public parks.

Wednesday September 12th. This meeting was in two parts. On display were the entries in the poster competition for the E.J. Richards trophy. School representatives and students who won prizes in the competition were presented with their awards.

The remainder of the meeting took the form of a public debate on medium density housing with special reference to applications for proposed developments in Malton Road and Copeland Road. The topic was introduced by Councillor Neil Colquhoun of Hornsby Shire Council, Mr. Mike Briggs, a resident of Malton Road, and Dr. G. Smith of the Pennant Hills Residents Group. After further debate, the meeting carried resolutions concerning policy on medium density housing in the suburbs of Beecroft and Cheltenham.

Wednesday 12th December. At this, our Christmas meeting, Dr. David Ellyard spoke on the subject of Weather Phenomena: Storm, Fire and Tempest.

COMMITTEE ACTION

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

- * Depleted timetables for trains serving Beecroft and Cheltenham.
- * Role of public instrumentalities in fire control in the Pennant Hills Park
- * Observance of the Tree Preservation Order.
- * Participation in the Bicentennial Committee.
- * Maintenance and beautification of railway station precincts.
- * Staffing of Beecroft Childrens Library.
- * Illegal use of premises in Wongala Crescent.
- * Possible connection of Wongala Crescent to the Pennant Hills business district.
- * Local area traffic management plan.
- * Cigarette billboards at Beecroft station.
- * Format of Hornsby Shire Council meetings and agenda papers.
- * Naming of Byles Creek.
- * Advertising signs on footpaths and streets.
- * DMR Freeways.
- * Review of Hornsby Planning Scheme.
- * Additional liquor licences for Beecroft.
- * Dangerous road conditions in Kirkham Street.

The Committee approved of Mr. John Noble having access to the files and documents of the Trust in order to conduct a study of the role of the Trust in representing public opinion on the proposed Ryde Castlereagh Expressway. The Committee congratulates Mr. Noble on his comprehensive review of the history of the Trusts involvement in the matter.

PARKS COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee established some years ago to study the protection of the Pennant Hills Park has had its terms of reference broadened to include all parklands in the two suburbs. The Sub-Committee retains its status within the Committee which now has a formal association with the Union of Lane Cove Valley Conservationists in the person of Mrs. Florence Dwight.

PARKS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The Park sub-committee of the Trust had quite an active year including the running of the annual Walk in the Park and the Poster Competition which is held every two years. The present members are Florence Dwight, Eva Jones, John Noble, Allan Reid, Fred Waddington and Tony Lewis (convenor). If any member of the Trust would like to help on the sub-committee or the Bush Regeneration group please contact one of the above.

Despite our efforts there have been three recent cases of damage to our Reserves by (a) excessive widening of the Devlins Creek Fire Trail, (b) excessive clearing of trees by the Electricity Commission and (c) unnecessary clearing below Thornleigh Oval for control of future burning-off. Contact was made with various bodies over the damage.

Early in the year Geoff Armstrong moved to the country and resigned from the sub-committee - we miss his great knowledge and guidance. Geoff was a

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former President of the Trust, was a professional at Park Management and was the driving force behind the preparation of the Trust's Plan of Management for the Park which was published in 1976.

1984 was the year in which the Hornsby Council rescinded its approval in principle to the Trust's Plan of Management. Our C Riding Councillors met with a delegation from the Trust on Saturday June 2nd, but we could not persuade them to retain our Plan until another was prepared and approved by the Minister. The Council has recently received from the National Trust a report on Bush Regeneration and will be considering shortly the appointment of a private consultant to prepare a Plan of Management for Council.

BEECROFT VILLAGE GREEN

A working party was set up to investigate ways of improving the amenities of the Village Green. The Community Centre Association, the Tennis Club, the Scouts and Guides, the Rotary Club, and other users of the area were invited to contribute their views on how the Green ought to be improved and developed. A meeting of the working party was held and it was decided to accept the offer of \$300 by the Beecroft Rotary Club to be a prize for the best landscape design for the site. The Ryde School of Horticulture has agreed to participate in the competition.

COUNCIL CONTACTS

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Councillor Neil Colquhoun, 44a Day Road, Cheltenham. 868.3527
Councillor Geoff Findlay, 40 Castle Howard Road, Beecroft 869.7670

The Committee noted with regret the passing of former Shire President Don Evans. Don Evans had been a member and supporter of the Trust for many years and the suburbs of Beecroft and Cheltenham have much to be grateful for in the way that he fought to preserve and prosper our communities by his work with the Council.

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MEMBERSHIP

Name Telephone.....
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