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**TWENTY SECOND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY
8pm
ST. JOHNS CHURCH HALL
BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT**

The Annual General Meeting reviews the Trusts activities over the previous twelve months and is an opportunity for residents to discuss topics of interest to the community.

The Trust is dedicated to preserving the amenity of the residents of Beecroft/Cheltenham so it is in your interest to attend this important meeting in the Trust calendar.

If you are interested in nominating to serve on the Committee for 1986 please contact a committee member or write to the Secretary. Committee membership requires attendance at monthly meetings, usually on a Wednesday evening, and attending Council meetings as an observer at approximately six weekly intervals on a Thursday evening. Committee nominees should either be present at the meeting or submit written approval to being nominated.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT 1985

COMMITTEE

The Twenty First Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 20th February, 1985 elected a Committee of ten. The office-bearers of that Committee for 1985 were:

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

Mr. Fred Waddington was invited to act as Auditor for the year. Mr. Spencer Bough was appointed Publicity Officer; Mr. Jim Vandore was Delegate to the Shire Bicentennial Committee; Mr. Tony Lewis was appointed Convenor of the Parks Sub-Committee, and Mrs. Florence Dwight was invited to act as delegate to the Union of Lane Cove Valley Conservationists. As president I convened the Working Group for The Beecroft Village Green. I should like to express my appreciation to the Committee for their loyalty and hard work during the year.

MEETINGS

The Twenty First Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 20th February, 1985. Among the issues raised were; proposals to revise the Plan of Management for The Pennant Hills Park; the commencement of the Epping Bypass; introduction of Neighbourhood Watch; minimum sizes for battle-axe blocks; unsatisfactory state of the area east of Beecroft Railway Station, and spread of weeds within the suburbs.

At this meeting, Mr. Fred Waddington was installed as the first Honorary Life Member of The Trust.

Three other General Meetings were held. They were:

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY. The subject of this meeting was the introduction of Neighbourhood Watch. Sergeant Ray Philipson of the Hornsby Police Station introduced the scheme and outlined the steps that are taken in establishing a Neighbourhood Watch in a residential locality. At the conclusion of the meeting, residents formed into groups to discuss the possibility of setting up a formal group in their particular locality. The purpose of the meeting was to initiate such action; the Trust then leaving it to the various groups to form their own committees. It is understood that two such groups E31 and E32, are now operating in the Beecroft/Cheltenham area.

WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER. This meeting was called to view a film and slide presentation by Mrs. Helen Peterson, Bush Regeneration Supervisor of the Ku-ring-Gai Council, on the subject of "The Bush Beyond Your Garden". The meeting was well attended and we were encouraged and inspired by the very good work being done by Mrs. Peterson and her team.

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER. Our Christmas function this year took the form of a screening of the film "A Singular Woman", the biography of Marie Byles. This proved to be very popular, with many friends of Miss Byles attending to participate in the evening of remembrance of a well known resident of Cheltenham

COMMITTEE ACTION

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

- * Guidelines for Parks Sub-committee.
- * State of gardens in Beecroft Shopping Area and Arcade.
- * State of the precincts of Beecroft Railway Station.
- * Naming of Byles Creek.
- * Submission to the Hornsby Planning Scheme.
- * Off Licence (Retail) Liquor Store at Beecroft.
- * Illegal use of premises in Wongala Crescent.
- * Car parking near Cheltenham Station.
- * "Development without consent provisions".
- * Overclearing, Plympton Road.
- * SRA timetables.
- * Traffic in Kandy Ave; "No right hand turn rules".
- * Survey for roadworks in Copeland Road (west)
- * DMR drilling in Devlins Creek Reserve.
- * Hornsby Shire Council Questionnaire.
- * Restoration of railway bridge, Chapman Ave.
- * Reconstruction of Hull Road (south).
- * Cluster-housing development.
- * Minimum lot sizes in residential areas.
- * Traffic problems in Lilla Road as result of reconstruction of Pennant Hills Road.
- * Title to Chilworth Reserve.
- * Location of Dempster Dumpsters.
- * Tree-logging, (Albert Road) and tree removals.
- * Traffic in Hannah Street.
- * Housing developments in Malton Road.
- * Extension of George Street, Pennant Hills, to provide access to Pennant Hills Sporting Complex.
- * Backyard burning of rubbish.
- * Dual occupancy of residential houses.
- * Trail bikes in Pennant Hills Park.
- * Pedestrian crossing at Cheltenham Station.
- * Development of land near Beecroft Bowling Club.

BEECROFT VILLAGE GREEN

During the year, students of the Ryde School of Horticulture prepared plans and specifications for the development of the Village green. A number of the better plans prepared by students were placed on display at the Christmas function in the Community Centre. These works are to be judged and an award of \$300 made on behalf of the Beecroft Rotary Club to the winning entry.

Negotiations have been in progress with the SRA for the release of some land so that vehicular access can be provided. The new fence line is to be surveyed shortly. An approach has been made to Hornsby Shire Council for funds to provide fencing and other services. Staff and students of Ryde School of Horticulture are keen to make the stage 2 development plans their project for 1986.

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PARK SUB-COMMITTEE

Now consists of seven Trust members who meet monthly to try to prevent further misuse of our Urban Bushland. We are always in need of more expertise and if you would like to help please telephone Tony Lewis on 869 8130(h) or 683 2006(o). Bush Regeneration Groups meet on the first Wednesday and second Saturday of the month. For details please telephone Mrs. Florence Dwight on 869 8845.

The Trust's bi-annual poster competition for the E.J. Richards Trophy will be held this year in conjunction with our annual Spring Walk in the Bush. An Autumn Walk is being held this year starting at 2p.m. at the end of Welham Street on Sunday 20th April. The walk will promote interest of nearby residents in the bush in the western part of our district.

Eternal vigilance is the price of unspoiled bushland. Probably the issue which has raised most hackles in the past year was an Engineers Report entitled Disposal of Surplus Spoil Throughout the Shire. This report discussed three sites all within the area we have been trying for years to preserve for our and future generations. The Council adopted in principle the scheme extending George Street, but has delayed implementation at least until the new Plan of Management is prepared by Land Systems Pty. Ltd. There were many protests to Council over this scheme.

On the 20th March 1985 Mr. Carr sent to all Sydney Mayors and Shire Presidents a forceful letter stressing the importance of the preservation of Urban Bushland Parks. This letter and the recent press release by Mr. Tim Moore - the Shadow Minister- should persuade our councillors that there is strong interest in our bush from both political parties.

MEMBERSHIP

Trust membership last year was at the highest level for some time reflecting the concern of residents for their environs. The Trust represents your views in local, state and federal government forums. A large membership means more notice will be taken of our submissions.

In your own interests we urge you to renew your membership for 1986 or, to join if you are not already a member. Your committee believes there will be several issues to be dealt with this year which will vitally concern all residents of Beecroft/Cheltenham.

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MEMBERSHIP

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Address.....

Annual Subscriptions

Family membership - \$6.00 Adult membership - \$3.50
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