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***Residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham
are invited to attend
a Re-dedication Ceremony
of the
Beecroft War Memorial
corner Copeland Road and Wongala Cres, Beecroft
at 11.00am on Saturday 28 April 2001***

The restoration of the War memorial was initiated by the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust with financial assistance from:

Department of Veteran Affairs
Rotary Club of Beecroft
Hornsby Shire Council
Epping RSL and Community Club and
Families of those who served

Honours, Awards, Medals and Decorations may be worn.

The laying of floral tributes will form part of the ceremony and participation by local organisations and residents will be welcome.

A special thanks to Councillor Steven Pringle for his assistance in the planning for this important community event and for agreeing to conduct proceedings on the day. Our thanks also to Rev. John Weston, of the Beecroft Uniting Church, Father Vince Casey, St Agatha's Pennant Hills and Rev Geoff Collison, St John's Beecroft who will be assisting in the ceremony. We also wish to acknowledge the assistance from the Beecroft and 1st Cheltenham Scout Groups, Cadet Warrant Officer Shannon Pendlebury, bugler, and Ed Beeby, Heritage Officer Hornsby Shire Council, for their support and assistance.

All enquires should be directed to Pam Conrow on 'phone 9484 3994, who would also like to hear from anyone with a connection to those recorded on the memorial. The names of those who served are recorded elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Residents are reminded that due to the arrangements for the re-dedication ceremony the Copeland Road Bridge will be closed to all traffic from 10.00am to 1.30pm on Saturday 28th April.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Over 60 residents attended the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 6 March to hear President Bob Raymond report on what has been a busy year for the Trust. Prominent among the activities has been the continuing issue of traffic and safety of residents, development proposals and State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP)5, the increase of graffiti in the area, a proposal for illuminated advertising on the M2 and car parking at the Beecroft Shopping Centre.

Residents also were informed of the successful completion of the War memorial and conservation of the Boer War Memorial - projects the Trust has been pursuing for some time. Details for the rededication of the War Memorial are on the front page of this Bulletin.

There was considerable discussion on many of the issues covered in the President's Report particularly the question of parking in Beecroft and SEPP5. In fact members were so concerned about these issues the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

- that the car parking in the Beecroft Shopping Centre in its existing size is vital to the health of the Beecroft community
- that this meeting supports Councillors Pringle and Benson in their opposition to SEPP5 development in this district and requests the State Government to support and implement this now – this was unanimously adopted by Hornsby Shire Council.

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST – 2001 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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AUTUMN WALK

The annual May walk this year will be held on Sunday 27th May commencing from the Scout Hall in York Street, Beecroft, adjoining Chilworth Reserve at 2.00pm. The walk will last about 2 hours. Those attending should wear sensible walking shoes and bring a drink. For further inquiries contact Sheila on 9484 6764.

THOSE WHO SERVED – BEECROFT WAR MEMORIAL

1914 - 1918

H.T. S. Bembrick A.P. Black J. Blackwood R.L. Cadden H.K. Crawford J.H. Douglas D.J. Finlay C. Kerr N. Lea	A. N. Meadmore C.A. Nixon P.A.R. Rash H. Roberts F.L. Searle W.C. Smith W. Speechley G. Young
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1939 - 1945

R. Atkinson E.P. Austin A. Baird A.G. Fenton G. Flynn A.C. Heath A. Passmore H.K. Priestly K.E. Kerridge T. Rayment	J. Howard H. McAlister J. Minet A.C. Moore D. Munroe V.W. Partridge T.A. Smith F. Spooner F.P. Stanger R.H. Walker
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OBITUARY

**Eric Adam B.E. (Mech. and Elec.) F.I.E.Aust. CPEng., M.I.Mech.E., CEng., F.I.V.M.A.
1913 - 2001**

For last 10 years of his life Eric Adam, who passed away Friday 23 March, worked tirelessly to ensure the preservation of our urban environment. With his passing the residents of Hornsby Shire have lost an outstanding advocate in the battle for better planning policy.

It was the issue of urban consolidation and dual occupancy in the early 1990's that drew Eric into the public spot light. He was approached by a Councillor seeking his guidance as to how the community might be galvanised into action regarding the government's proposed planning provisions. Eric quickly noted that the effectiveness of local resident action groups acting separately could not be as powerful as the concerted action of all community groups in the Shire working together. Calling on Civic Trusts, Ratepayer and Progress Associations and the like he formed a coalition that gave itself the name Planning Power for People or PPP.

The work of the PPP led to a moratorium on development in the Shire, the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and ultimately to the upgrading of the Hornsby Sewage Treatment works. Cumulative impact was finally recognised by the Government and Ecologically Sustainable Development principles were introduced to Hornsby Council.

The State and Shire planning authorities took greater notice of the views of taxpayers and ratepayers and instituted community consultation into policy developments in residential planning in our area. Eric and his team were invited on to such groups as the Local Area Review Program, Local Environment Plan, Housing Strategies, Section 94 Contribution Plan, Green Organics Steering Committee as well as other policy and administrative groups. In all this time Eric continued to advise and liaise on behalf of individual ratepayers and groups and was always in possession of factual case histories when confronting bureaucracies over matters of compliance with housing regulations. Eric's high standards of precision in the writing of legislation and its implementation gave PPP the authority to be heard at both local and state government levels.

More recently Eric followed with concern the matter of State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP)5 and its potential to be misused at the local level. His wealth of knowledge and analytical skills will be greatly missed.

Eric had a distinguished career in management. Following his resignation as Managing Director of Driclad Industries Pty Ltd in 1977, Eric undertook Value Management and Value Engineering assignments with a number of organisations such as State Electricity Commission of Victoria, James Hardie Industries, Department of Defence, State Rail Authority and the RTA. He was also well known for his musical interests including his ability to repair and restore wind instruments.

Eric is survived by his wife, Del, their four children and families.

REVIEW OF PLAN MAKING IN NSW – WHITE PAPER

The State Government has recently released its White Paper on the reform of the NSW planning systems, contained in part 3 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Copies of "Planfirst" can be obtained from the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning 'phone toll free 1800 806 361 or from their website www.duap.nsw.gov.au/planfirst

The plan proposes to abolish all State Environmental Planning Policies, Regional Environmental Policies and Local Environmental Plans. Instead the planning systems will be regulated under the following instruments: • A single State Planning document • Regional Strategies based on district geographical areas and • A single Local Plan for each local government area.

Comments on the new proposals and Submissions on the White Paper close on 11th May 2001. Public information sessions are currently being held in the City and suburban areas.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

As reported at the recent Annual General Meeting the Trust, on your behalf, has continued its efforts to improve road safety along Beecroft Road. The following are results of the Trust's actions. Special thanks for the support from our local member Andrew Tink, MP and Shadow Minister for Roads, John Turner MP.

Warrants have been issued for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Beecroft Road and Kirkham Street. Preliminary work has been carried out and the lights will be installed when funds are available on a state-wide priority basis.

The installation of 40km/h School Zones in the vicinity of Arden Anglican School, Beecroft Primary School and Cheltenham Girls High School have been approved and the work is scheduled for funding in the 2001/2002 financial year.

The RTA is investigating pedestrian activity at, and in the vicinity of, the intersection of Beecroft and Cheltenham Roads with a view to the installation of pedestrian signals, again having regard to the relative provision of funding.

The Trust will continue to apply pressure on the authorities on these matters over the next 12 months.

TRAFFIC - YOUR COMMENTS ARE WELCOME

Residents will recall the Trust lobbied Hornsby Council very strongly for a 50km/h speed limit to be imposed on all residential streets in the area, not just selected areas as first proposed. The 50km/h zones have been operating for some time now and we would like your feedback and comments on how effective you think the speed limits have been. Comments to the Secretary PO Box 31 Beecroft 2119, would be appreciated and will help us gain a more accurate picture of traffic in our area.

Do you consider the 50km/h limits have been successful in making our streets safer? Are the speed limits being observed by motorists? Are there some areas where there is need for enforcement?

Have you observed an increase in traffic on Beecroft Road as a result of these changes? If so, has this resulted in further inconvenience for you as a residential motorist or pedestrian?

You may be assured the Trust will continue to encourage Eastwood Police to maintain its radar patrols in selected areas. *How fast are you going now?*

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

Subscriptions for the period 1 January to 31 December 2001 are due. If you are not financial please use the attached slip and forward payment to the Treasurer or alternatively you may now pay subscriptions at Raine and Horne, Real Estate, 1 Hannah Street, Beecroft. It would assist if the exact amount payable were tendered.

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST INC. Annual Membership

Subscription Family \$12.00 Single \$6.00

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