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E. J. RICHARDS TROPHY COMPETITION

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Poster Competition for the E. J. Richards Trophy is to be held again this year.

Ted Richards was the Foundation President of the Trust and this competition is held every second year with the aim of promoting an awareness of our natural surroundings and the need for their conservation for the future.

The competition is organised with the co-operation of local Primary Schools who distribute the application forms and collect the entries for us. Full details will be available through the schools shortly, the topic for this year's Poster being "My Favourite Nature Spot".

Prizes of book tokens are awarded for the best two entries in three age groupings and the School with the best response relative to its size holds the Trophy for the ensuing 2 years. Past winners have been Arden and St. Gerard's.

The age groups are -

	1st Prize	2nd Prize
5-8 years (Infants)	\$5.00	\$3.00
8-10 years (Jun. Primary)	\$10.00	\$5.00
10-12 years (Snr. Primary)	\$10.00	\$5.00

Individual entries from students of schools not participating in the Trophy Competition are very welcome, and are eligible for the prizes.

Further information can be obtained from Garry Fairweather on 871-1717.

HORNSBY COUNCIL CONTACTS:

Hornsby Shire Council - 476-3333
Cr. Don Evans, Beecroft (Shire President)
84-3318
Cr. Bill Hodson, Carlingford - 871-7317
Cr. Ron Payne, Epping - 869-7410

Council meets every second Thursday evening.

PUBLIC MEETING WEDNESDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER 1975.

On Wednesday 24th September, Miss Val Swane, at Swane's Nurseries, will give a slide illustrated talk on recent trends in the use of trees in the street landscape, a topic which any resident of Beecroft or Cheltenham will find of great interest.

BURNING OFF

We are often asked where and when it is permissible to burn household wastes, garden clippings etc. It is, of course, preferable to recycle anything that is readily re-cyclable and this should take care of garden clippings and leaves, paper, glass, and tin and aluminium cans.

Council's garbage collection service should take care of the rest, even at only one collection per week, but if you must burn off, remember the following points.

- between 1st October and 31st March (plus any other bush fire danger periods declared) you must not burn off unless you have a properly constructed incinerator with spark arrestors (which most incinerators don't have) or unless there is no growing or non growing inflammable material within 15'0" of your fire. Even then you may only burn off between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. and the fire must be thoroughly extinguished before 7 a.m.

- the Clean Air Act prohibits the burning of anything but kitchen and household waste, which would include garden clippings, arising from the day to day activities of a single household.

- the Police Summary Offences Act prohibits the lighting of fires in a gutter or any part of a public road.

NORTH EPPING BOWLING CLUB

The Land Board hearing, at which Hornsby Council objected to North Epping Bowling Club's application to buy a section of Pennant Hills Park held on lease, dismissed the Council's objection.

The Trust sees this as a preliminary to the purchase of the whole leasehold, thus completing the alienation of another piece of Public Recreation Reserve in the interests of a minority group, and establishing a very dangerous precedent.

One may only guess as to why the installation of the Copeland Road lights has been repeatedly delayed.

Perhaps it was the widening of Copeland Road (now dropped), the Traffic Plan for Beecroft Centre (where is that now?) or the proposal for a new fire station.

PENNANT HILLS PARK

The various planning groups collecting information for the Resources Management Plan report satisfactory progress.

Work on the identification and mapping of vegetation is still proceeding.

A bird list has been completed, including the 103 species sighted in the Park during preparation of the Plan.

A report on water quality has been prepared.

Following discussions with the Board of Fire Commissioners a fire protection plan is being drawn up.

A Macquarie University group, under Prof. Rob. Hall of the Department of Bio. Sciences, has designed a sampling of areas surrounding the Park to assist in the Visitor use study. 1000 questionnaires are to be distributed, with Trust assistance, to help analyse Park use, public needs, etc. An on-Park survey of actual Park users will follow.

Liaison has been established with representatives of sporting groups to endeavour to have planning of developments rationalised. It is hoped from these discussions to make a joint approach to Hornsby Council and State and Federal Departments concerned with Environment and Recreation to enable future development to be along the most desirable lines and to ensure the restoration of unsatisfactory areas. A survey of actual use of the present sporting areas will be the basis for recommendations to be made.

The Planning Committee hopes to have the first Draft of the Management Plan completed by the end of July.

BEECROFT SHOPPING CENTRE

In our first Bulletin this year, mention was made of Beecroft Shopping Centre and your ideas and comments on possible improvements, on shortcomings, and on the Centre's attractions were sought.

A sub-committee comprising Alan Thomas (869-1359 or 635-9968 at work), June Sanderson (869-7659) and Des Hillier (84-3781) has been set up to collect and collate ideas from shoppers, shopkeepers, Council, and Planners, with a view to making recommendations to Council on the desirable future form and extent of the Shopping area, particularly bearing in mind the neighbourhood centre concept.

If you have anything at all to offer, either constructive or destructive, please write to or phone one of the sub-committee members.

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING.

Hornsby Shire Council has assured a Copeland Road resident that no further kerbing and guttering or sealing is to be carried out in the near future.

The Committee has been seeking to have Council's "Dempster Dumpster" service continued through the Christmas holiday break when many residents are on holidays. At present, this time of the year is used to carry out maintenance and repair work on the equipment.

The Police Traffic Branch advises that as there have not been any accidents notified at the Midson Road, Murray Farm Road corner they do not believe a "Stop" sign is necessary.

Council has adopted a Code relating to the materials, height and extent of front fences.

C Riding Councillors have rejected an Engineer's Report recommending dumping of clean fill in Pennant Hills Park, at North Epping, and alongside Murray Farm Road.

A long time member of the Trust, Dr. B. Byles has been awarded the O.B.E.

Since our last Bulletin, which mentioned the possibility of increased fares and reduced services to and from Beecroft and Cheltenham, much has happened, as all you railway commuters will be aware. The Trust made representations through our State member, Mr. Jim Cameron, when the reduced services were instituted, although the later return to the normal (?) timetables has remedied some of the problems which arose.

MEMBERSHIP

Trust membership this year so far is about 60 below last year's figure.

We cannot stress too much that the effectiveness of the Trust on your behalf depends to a great extent on your demonstrated support.

If you feel that for some reason you cannot continue your membership, we would appreciate the chance to discuss the reasons for your decision. Your views as a resident of Beecroft/Cheltenham are important to the Trust.

If, on the other hand, you have simply overlooked renewing your membership please send your subscription, with your name and address to
The Treasurer,
P.O. Box 31,
Beecroft. 2119.

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\$4.00 for Family Membership
\$2.50 for Single Adult Membership
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