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**GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, 20TH JULY
ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT
8.00 p.m.**

HORNSBY SHIRE DUAL OCCUPANCY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CODE

This meeting will provide an opportunity for the local community to learn more about prescriptive measures and planning controls for Dual Occupancy Development in our area. A Development Control Code relating to Dual Occupancy Development for urban land under the Hornsby Planning Scheme Ordinance has recently been adopted by Hornsby Council. This Code provides detailed planning controls, standards and guidelines for dual occupancy development within the Shire. A representative from Council's Planning Branch has been invited to address the meeting and to answer questions relating to the Dual Occupancy Code. The Civic Trust made several submissions to Council while the Code was in its formative stages, and some of our suggestions have been incorporated into the version finally adopted.

CONDITION OF LOCAL FOOTPATHS

Numerous written responses were received to the request in the Trust's last Bulletin for information concerning local footpaths in poor repair. It seems that quite a few troublesome pathway sections occur throughout Beecroft and Cheltenham, and that some are potentially dangerous to pedestrians. A list identifying these 'blackspots' will shortly be forwarded to Hornsby Council with a request for urgent action. Thank you to all those residents who provided information on this issue.

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.

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ADDITIONAL WALKS - EVERY MONTH UNTIL OCTOBER

Following the resounding success of the most recent walk on Sunday, 30th May, and in response to many requests for "more walks", the Trust has decided to offer residents a chance to take part in a similar walk every month through to the end of October. The new "monthly walk" will be held on the **last Sunday of each month** for the next four months. Mark it in your diary. The programme for the rest of the year is as follows:

July 25th: Beecroft Tour. Village Green, Chilworth Reserve & Fernleigh Park. Meet at Village Green at 2.00 p.m.

August 29th: Botanical and Adventure Walks. Starting from Day Road Picnic Area. "Adventure Walk" is for the fit. Meet at Day Road Picnic Area at 2.00 p.m.

September 26th: North Epping to Cheltenham. Meet at the corner of Boundary Road and Braidwood Avenue North Epping at 2.00 p.m.

October 31st: I.B.M. and Cumberland State Forest West Pennant Hills. A chance to see some low bushland a little bit further afield. Meet at Forest Entrance in Oratava Avenue West Pennant Hills at 2.00 p.m. Each walk will start at **2.00 p.m.** and will take about 2 to 3 hours. Each walk will be a "loop" walk and finish off at the starting point.

We have enough keen volunteers to lead these new monthly walks, and if the response from residents remains enthusiastic this year, then next year the "monthly walk" will become a regular activity on the last Sunday of each month during the cooler months from March through to October.

MAY WALK A SUCCESS. THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As mentioned in the last item, our most recent walk was a great success. It was actually two walks simultaneously: a bush walk led by Fred Waddington and a shorter walk led by Sheila Woods which concentrated on inspecting some areas where bush regeneration is taking place. Over 120 people took part in the two walks, and following the walks local residents served free afternoon tea and refreshments to all. A vote of thanks to Sheila and Fred for leading the walks, and to their assistants; also thank you to the many residents who turned out to serve afternoon tea, and to the scouts for opening up their hall for our use. That type of enthusiasm and community spirit shown by all the helpers, and the appreciation expressed by residents who came along to take part in the activities, which has encouraged the Trust to decide to offer a new programme of monthly walks.

OBSERVATORY PARK

Observatory Park is that triangular area of parkland bounded by the northern end of Beecroft Road and Pennant Hills Road. Next time you are driving by that park have a look at the tall trees. According to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Observatory Park is a remnant of the "Blue Gum High Forest vegetation which grew naturally on this site prior to European settlement". The Royal Botanic Gardens also says "this type of vegetation once extended over about 11,000 hectares on the deep shale-based soils on ridges in the high rainfall area of northern Sydney, has been severely reduced to about 1 per cent of its former area. Thus even a small site as Observatory Park where a remnant of the Blue Gum High Forest can be conserved and enhanced is important scientifically". Road widening of Pennant Hills Road will soon take a strip of vegetation along the western side of Observatory Park, but most of the park will remain intact. The Trust has some concern, however, regarding the possible effects of plans by Hornsby Shire Council to construct paving and other "improvements" in the park. It is understood that the Council has deferred such development plans until after the completion of the road widening in Pennant Hills Road, but interested residents may wish to follow the progress of this work for themselves.

NORTH WEST TRANSPORT LINK (F2)

The Civic Trust Committee has set up an F2 Liaison Group comprising the following trust members:



Jocelyn Lloyd
Bill Greenhalgh
Graeme Stewart

The RTA has been advised and they will keep this group informed of developments concerning the F2. The Trust invites comments in writing which can be sent to:

The F2 Liaison Group
P.O. Box 31
Beecroft 2119

In July last year the Trust invited all financial members to vote on a plebiscite with 6 alternatives concerning the F2. A total of 309 individual members responded, representing 38.2% of the Trust membership. Because of lack of time between the counting of the votes and the closing date for submissions in response to the EIS the results were not statistically analysed, and the raw data was submitted to the RTA.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all residents within the postcode 2119 area. Our current membership is 298 family members and 75 single members. The Bulletin is hand delivered to all households in Beecroft and Cheltenham as a means of informing the residents of our activities. If you receive a copy of this Bulletin in the mail, you are a financial member for 1993 and entitled to vote at Trust meetings.

If you are concerned about:

- 1) traffic in our local streets;
- 2) medium density housing;
- 3) the state of footpaths;
- 4) amenities;
- 5) public transport;
- 6) parks;
- 7) street scapes;
- 8) other local matters;

then join the Trust and help us to preserve our pleasant residential environment.

Our membership mailing list has recently been reviewed. Please advise the treasurer of any errors. It is often difficult to decipher names and addresses if they are not printed clearly on the application form.

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