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TRAFFIC – ACT NOW

Traffic problems in our district are becoming dramatically worse. There **MUST** be traffic control in and through Beecroft and Cheltenham. Now is the time to act!

On Friday 6 July, 2001 members of the Trust Executive and Andrew Tink MP, Shadow Minister for Police, Member for Epping, met with Reba Meagher MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Roads, and senior representatives from the RTA, to press your case for immediate action.

In particular, your request (strongly supported by the results of questionnaires, public meetings, correspondence and a campaign extending over many years) to have traffic signals installed at the intersections of Beecroft Road/Kirkham Street, and Beecroft Road/Cheltenham Road was argued. These signals, among other things will: -

- help control the speed of traffic on Beecroft Road
- permit access and exit from and to Beecroft road by residents and motorists
- permit safe pedestrian access to Beecroft and Cheltenham Railway Stations and to sports areas, particularly for school children
- provide traffic breaks so residents may safely leave or access their properties
- reduce the parking problems around Beecroft and Cheltenham Railway Stations and adjacent streets as commuters will be able to leave their cars at home
- protect our children and the elderly from speeding traffic
- help preserve the quality of our district.

As a result of the Trust's action to date there are now 40 kph speed limits on Beecroft Road near schools, and within weeks **Don't Queue Across Intersection** signage will be installed at the intersection of Old Beecroft and Beecroft Roads. Added to this, RTA engineers are currently working on signal plans for the black spot intersections at Kirkham Street and Cheltenham Road.

YOU CAN HELP and give the Trust more muscle. SIMPLY FILL IN THE TEAR OFF SLIP BELOW AND POST TO GORDON WINCH, SECRETARY, BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST, PO BOX 31 BEECROFT 2119. **DO IT NOW!**

I/We strongly support the installation of traffic signals at the intersections of Beecroft Road/Kirkham Street and Beecroft Road/Cheltenham Road and urge the Minister to act on the matter immediately.

Name:..... Signature:.....

Address:.....

DIARY DATE

Note the date in your diary now. The next public meeting of the trust will be held on **Thursday 27 September 2001** at the **Cheltenham Recreation Club**, The Crescent Cheltenham at **8.00pm**.

Residents should note the change of venue and day.

Items for discussion will include

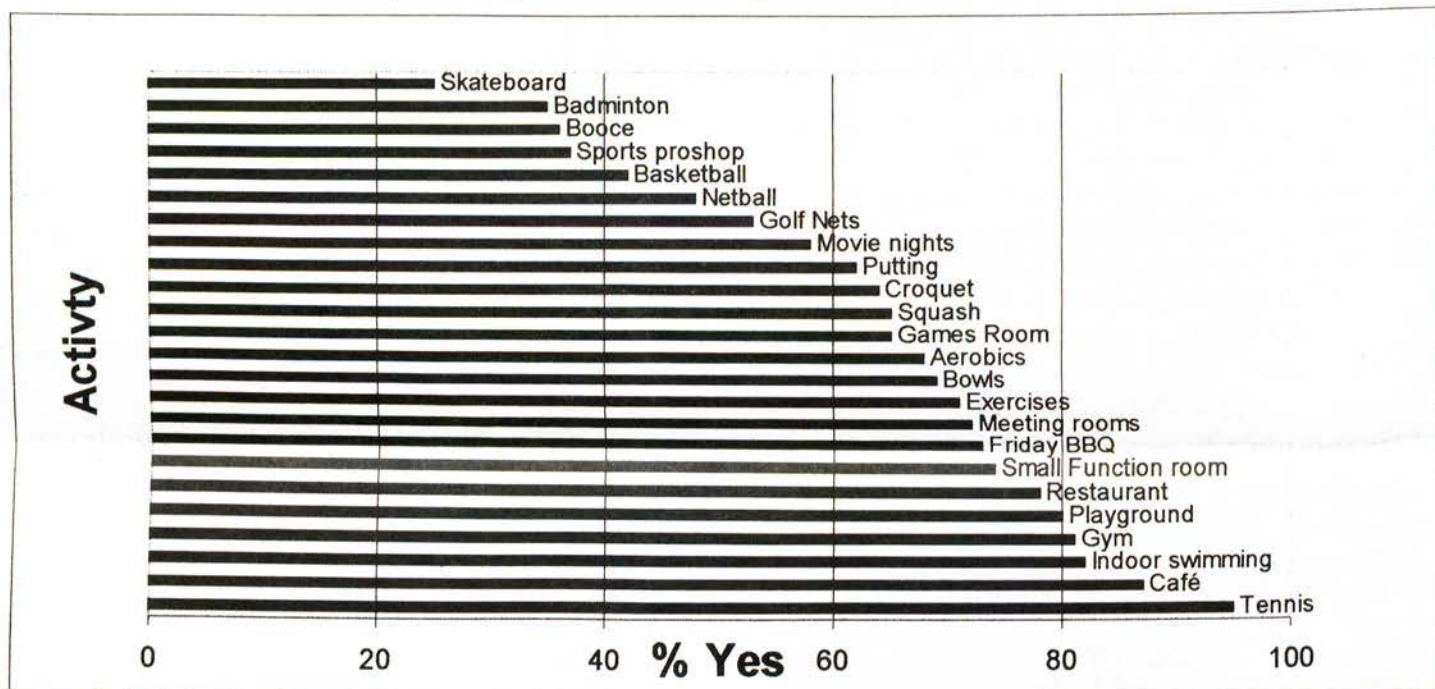
- traffic problems in Beecroft/Cheltenham,
- the application by Manboom to erect advertising on the M2, and
- the proposed changes to residential planning development in our area. Residents may be aware of the government's proposal to establish four planning regions in the Sydney metropolitan area along with regional forums.

This is a meeting you should attend.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED - A MESSAGE FROM THE C. R. C.

The Cheltenham Recreation Club Ltd recently undertook a community survey to determine what additional activities should be introduced to reflect more appropriately the needs and wants of the Cheltenham Beecroft community.

The results of the survey are reproduced below;



WANTED - VIOLIN PLAYERS

The Beecroft Orchestra needs violin players to augment their numbers for their next concert on Sunday, 30th September when they will be playing Beethoven's Triple Concerto and Mozart's Requiem with the Beecroft Festival Chorale. Rehearsals are held every Sunday evening at 7pm in the Beecroft Public School hall.

If you, or if you know of anyone who would like to join in making music, please ring Dawn Nettheim, 9869 0451

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM HISTORY GROUP GATHERING MEMORIES

An Oral History Training Day was held recently by the Beecroft Cheltenham History Group. Associate Professor Carol Liston, a member of the Group, spoke of the need for future historians to tap into peoples' memories so that the record of how life was lived during the Twentieth Century becomes much more meaningful to people in the future.

Carol's enthusiasm was infectious, and those present were asked to contact people they felt could help. The next step is to arrange an interview with the person, which may be tape-recorded. Special areas of interest presently being targeted are:

- Beecroft and Cheltenham in the depression
- Beecroft and Cheltenham in World War II
- Education before 1960 – Arden, Beecroft Primary School, Beecroft Grammar School, there may also be others
- The shopping centre
- The environment movement
- The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust, reputed to be the oldest such community organisation in Australia

At a later stage, other important aspects of life in our community may be targeted, such as sporting clubs and societies, youth movements such as scouts and changes in home building.

In 1995, the Beecroft Cheltenham History Group published *Beecroft and Cheltenham, the shaping of a Sydney community to 1914*, a widely acclaimed history of the beginnings of suburban development in our region, which gives an excellent insight into what life was like nearly a century ago. It is hoped ultimately to publish another volume, continuing the story up to the present day.

If you are interested in participating in this important project, recording the past for the benefit of the future, please contact the Chairman of the Beecroft Cheltenham History Group, Stuart Braga, 7 The Glen, Beecroft 'phone 9980 5363. The group is interested in contacting both interviewers and potential interviewees.

BEECROFT POST OFFICE SITE

Residents would be aware that the old Beecroft Post Office site has recently been sold to a developer. The Trust was pleased to have been invited to comment on proposals for the site, which include a mix of residential and commercial use, retaining the existing post office building. Residents will be advised of the outcome of the proposals in due course. More information will be available in future bulletins.

SPRING WALK

The very popular Spring Walk will be held on Sunday 23 September commencing at 2.00pm at Observatory Park. A special point of interest this year will be access to the Ludwig Blackwood Memorial Sanctuary under the control of the National Trust. Remember sensible walking shoes are recommended, bring a hat and sunscreen.

Was our face red? For those readers who like to keep things in chronological order we apologise for the error in the last edition of the Bulletin which was issued without a number and shown as February 2001. Of course this should have been **Bulletin 1 April 2001**. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused. Publicity Officer.

HERITAGE – ARE WE LOSING IT?

Are we losing too many houses that help create the special character of Beecroft and Cheltenham that we all enjoy? Recently a number of perfectly sound houses with character have been bulldozed to make way for new developments that are not in keeping with our area and spoil the local streetscape. Your Trust thinks it is time to take another look at the criteria for heritage listing of houses and streetscapes before more damage is done. We are inviting residents to tell us of any houses they consider worthy of preserving and their suggestions will be forwarded to Hornsby Council's Heritage Committee.

To quote from The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Story 1968/69 "It is a strange and sad paradox that, in flocking to a locality to share in its charm, so many contribute to the destruction of the very beauty which had attracted them." Let us fight to save this charm.

Your comments and suggestions in writing should be forwarded to the Secretary Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust PO Box 31 Beecroft 2119.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT?

Wash Your Car On the Grass - Use environmentally friendly detergents.



Otherwise use water only to wash the car or go to a car wash

Use a Broom to Sweep Up - Compost vegetation such as



leaves and grass clippings for your garden; recycle paper, bottles and drink cans

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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.

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