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CIVIC TRUST
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June

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18TH - 7.30PM.

The next General Meeting of the Trust will be held, as above, in

ST. JOHN'S HALL, BEECROFT.

Business will consist of -

POSTER COMPETITION

Presentation of award to the school winning the E.J. Richards Trophy, and to individual prize winners. All posters entered will be on display.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Chris O'Brien, Education Officer with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, will give a talk entitled

"LOOKING, BUT NOT SEEING".

This will be a talk with a difference, directed at both young and old. Chris will bring along some "friends" from the bush, some slides, and some "touch me, feel me" things to get you involved. Pennant Hills Park will have a new attraction and meaning after this.

GENERAL BUSINESS

SUPPER - served about 9.45 p.m.

Membership subscriptions accepted at meeting.

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CIVIC TRUST NEWS

TRUST MEMBERSHIP

The Committee is concerned about the fall-off in membership of the Trust. To encourage a very necessary build up to its former strength, the committee is taking two initiatives -

1. Letters will be sent to all whose membership has been allowed to lapse over recent years, drawing attention to the Trust's need for their support.

2. An information table will be set up in the Beecroft Arcade on Saturday, 19 July, 1980. Members of the committee will be on hand to give advice to residents and potential members on the Trust's policies and activities.

Trust members are requested to also encourage neighbours to learn more about the Trust, and consider joining as full members.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Voting to elect local government representatives for the ensuing three years will be held on Saturday, 20 September. Nominations for positions on Council will close on 1st August.

In the past, Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust has tried to organise a general meeting prior to each election, which nominees are invited to attend to outline their policies and to answer questions. As soon as nominations have been announced, we will contact prospective councillors to see if we can arrange such a meeting before the 1980 election.

1980/81 COMMITTEE

The committee of ten was elected at the February meeting, but, unfortunately, two new members, John and Win Hammond, subsequently resigned. In accordance with the constitution, the committee then filled the vacant positions by invitation, and the election of officers was conducted at the April meeting. The committee for 1980/81 will be -

President - Mr. Spencer
Bough 86 4901
Vice presidents - Prof.
Keith Campbell 86 5808,
Ms. Sue Benson 86 1895
Correspondence Secretary -
Mr. Alan Rich 868 1282
Minutes Secretary -
Ms. Clare Daggett
Treasurer - Mr. Mark Gibbs
Publicity Officer - Mr.
Geoff Armstrong 86 5063
Members: Mr. Tony Lewis
869 8130
Mr. Geoff Bott 84 1155
Mr. W. Greenhallgh
86 2306

New member, Tony Lewis, has been convenor of the Trust's Park sub-committee for the last year or so; Geoff Bott is a member of Hornsby Shire Council's Traffic Committee. Both will be able to provide valuable specialist input as well as assistance on Trust business generally.

The committee still has the right to invite a further two members to join it. Anyone interested in occupying a place on the committee for the balance of the year is invited to contact the President.

MORE TRUST NEWS

WALK IN THE PARK

In recent years, the annual Walk in the Park has been held late in September in the Day Road area. Our botanical members have convinced us that we should organise this year's Walk earlier, to show different flowers in a different area.

So, the 1980 Walk will start in Dawson Avenue, Thornleigh, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 3rd August. As usual, members of the Park sub-committee and invited specialists will be there to help with wildflower identification. Walkers will have a choice of a short walk within Thornleigh Park, or a longer walk down the Lane Cove River.

This will be the last Bulletin before the Walk, so make a note of it in your diary now, and we will see you there. Any enquiries to -

Tony Lewis - 869 8130.

POSTER COMPETITION

The Trust Committee this year decided that the E.J. Richards Trophy (donated by the inaugural president of the Trust for regular competition between schools in the area) would be awarded for the best entries in a poster competition on the theme, "A Walk in the Bush". The best posters will be used to advertise the annual Walk.

Eleven schools in, or adjoining, the Beecroft-Cheltenham area have been invited to submit entries. The Park sub-committee, which is organising the competition, is being assisted by Ms. Janelle Paisley, who will judge the entries.

Judging will be held on Saturday, 14th June, and all entries will be displayed at our meeting on 18th June.

Guest Speaker for June

To a mixed audience of children and adults, Chris O'Brien is well qualified to present a talk to complement the poster competition and its theme, "A Walk in the Bush". After five years' teaching experience, specialising in environmental education, and employment as a Seasonal Ranger on a number of National Parks, Chris has spent the last two years with the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Her work is now concentrated on organising programmes for seasonal rangers, junior ranger, and adult environmental awareness.

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COMMUNITY REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillors for "C" Riding are:

Cr. Don Evans (Shire President) 84 3318
Cr. Bill Hodson 8717317
Cr. Ron Payne 8697410

Council meets every second Thursday, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Supper is served about 9.45 p.m., and visitors then have an opportunity to discuss matters on the agenda or of community interest generally with councillors and council staff.

Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust endeavours to have a representative attend each meeting, to keep the committee in touch with council activities, and to maintain liaison with our councillors. If you are interested in accompanying the Trust's representative to one of these meetings, contact Spencer Bough (86 4901). You would find such a visit instructive, constructive and enjoyable.

CHELTHENHAM RAILWAY STATION

It had to happen!

After earlier concerns over the design of the new road bridge, whether it should be one lane or two, where STOP signs should be located, whether pedestrians would survive the battle with ever increasing traffic, most residents will, we think, agree that, whilst many of these problems have not been solved, the bridge itself turned out to be a handsome (for road bridges) well-built structure, and the landscaping has been first class.

So, of course, it was too good to last. The Sydney County Council is now doing its best to break the hearts of the landscapers and the spirit of commuters and residents by ruthlessly tearing up all of the good work done on the Crescent Road side of the bridge. Will the Sutherland Road side be attacked next? Is any other authority impatiently waiting its turn?

We hope that Council will ensure that the approaches to the bridge are restored to their former commendable condition. Would it be too much to expect the P.T.C. to follow suit by landscaping the station area when the new station buildings are completed?

Perhaps some member of the Trust would like to organise a regular working party to maintain the station area, provided it does not cause any industrial problems and bring our transport to a halt. One resident made a valiant effort last year to improve the station area, but received no support from the P.T.C. Perhaps the time is ripe for a further attempt.

PRIVET

Hornsby Shire Council has re-introduced its privet pick-up from 19th May, 1980. Residents who have problem privet on their properties can cut it, heap it in front of their property, and call Council (476 3333) to have it taken away. The service will be available for the next six months. Make the most of it!