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CIVIC TRUST
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9th June, 1992

P. O. BOX 31, BEECROFT, N. S. W. 2119

PRESIDENT
KEN CREGAN

SECRETARY
MICHAEL MOORE

GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, 23rd JUNE
ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL
BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT
8 pm
MAUNSELL REPORT

We have invited Mr Bob MORRIS of the RTA to present the salient features contained in the MAUNSELL REPORT to our meeting.

NOTE The meeting has been convened ONLY for the information of residents and no debate will be entered into. Your cooperation is requested in this matter.

1992 COMMITTEE

The Committee Members and Office Bearers for 1992 are:

President	Ken CREGAN	8691068
Vice-presidents	Bill GREENHALGH	8762306
	Rod HOWARD	4810892
Secretary/Public Officer	Michael MOORE	8711620
Treasurer	Jocelyn LLOYD	4841163
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General Committee	Sue BENSON	8692026
	Pam CONROW	4843994
	Julia GARNETT	8731686
	Tony LEWIS	8698130
	David ROWDEN	4845307
Sub-committees	Bill GREENHALGH	Housing
	Tony LEWIS	Parks
	David ROWDEN	Traffic
	Heather THOMAS	History

DIARY DATE

The annual WALK IN THE PARK is scheduled for Sunday, 23rd August and will be conducted in conjunction with the E.J. RICHARDS TROPHY competition. Make a note of this date.

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MEMBERSHIP

You are no doubt bored with our continual pleas for membership but we stress the advantages of a strong Trust membership in maintaining our beleaguered urban amenity.

BEECROFT-CHELTHENHAM CIVIC TRUST INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

for financial year commencing 1st January

Name..... Telephone.....

Address.....

Annual subscriptions - Family \$10.00

Single Adult \$5.00

Post to: The Treasurer, P.O. Box 31, Beecroft, NSW 2119

Thank you for your support

FOOTPATHS

Once again we ask residents to keep footpaths clear of overhanging trees and shrubbery as these can be hazardous to walkers particularly in the evenings and remember, if you have a RHUS tree in your garden these are a declared noxious plant and must be removed.

HOUSING MATTERS

Three pronouncements in the past six months highlight the continuing assault by the State Government on the integrity and independence of our Local Government system. Three times the planning powers of our Shire suffered at the hands of the State Minister for Planning.

*On Christmas Eve the Shire was made aware of the provisions of the Second Amendment to State Environment Planning Policy 25 (SEPP 25). This provided for separate titles to Dual Occupancy dwellings and sequential approvals to lot sizes as low as 200 square metres.

*In April the Minister approved a study permitting the zoning of lands within one kilometre of specified railway stations for medium and high density housing (flats, units etc). Beecroft and Cheltenham railway stations were two of the 47 stations listed.

*In mid May, the Minister removed from Councils throughout the State, the powers to make planning decisions on projects of value greater than \$25m or which employ more than 20 people.

Your Committee has agreed to send to the Minister a strongly worded letter expressing our outrage at the proposals concerning re-zoning around our railway stations and our extreme disappointment that his Department seeks to do so without prior consultation with our elected Local Government representatives or our Trust.

Additionally, a delegation to our Local State Representative, Mr Bruce Baird, on April 3rd resulted in Mr Baird arranging an interview with his Ministerial colleague, the Minister for Planning. That meeting took place on Tuesday 26th May, and was led by Mr Eric Adam, co-ordinator of Planning Powers for People. Both the Minister and his Director of the Department of Planning took note of the concerns of residents, ratepayers, Civic Trust representatives and Coucillors concerning the threats to the residential amenity of our suburbs. Points raised with the Minister were:

1. More involvement of, and consultation with, the electorate on planning matters.
2. Erosion of Council powers.
3. To remove the right of developers to use sequential development.
4. Contribution Levy to apply to dual occupancy developments where appropriate.
5. Recognise 'special circumstances concerned with the existing character and/or environmental factors of a locality' (as recommended by Commissioner Simpson) and arrange for negotiations with responsible Councils and your Department regarding exemptions.

A more complete report of developments will be given by Dr Bill Greenhalgh during general business at our forthcoming meeting on June 23rd.

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PRESIDENT
Ken Cregan

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RESTRICTED GENERAL MEETING
FINANCIAL MEMBERS ONLY

8 PM
TUESDAY, 21st JULY

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH HALL
BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT
(near Chapman Avenue)

DEBATE ON NORTH WEST TRANSPORT LINKS EAST
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

F2 Freeway through Devlins Creek
versus
Arterial Road Upgrade

EIS Prepared for the RTA by Maunsell Pty Ltd April 1992

The prospect of a Freeway through Beecroft and Cheltenham is the most substantial proposal to impact on this area since the construction of the main Northern Rail Line over one hundred years ago.

Following the presentation by the Roads & Traffic Authority and Maunsell Pty Ltd of the Environmental Impact Statement for the "North West Transport Links East" at its June Meeting, the Trust now invites members to debate the issues involved.

At the last meeting at which this matter was debated, after release of the RTA EIS in 1989, it was determined with a 66% majority that the Trust was opposed to the construction of a Freeway through the Devlins Creek Reserve.

The objective of this meeting is to debate the alternatives presented in the Maunsell EIS, and other options, to provide input as to how the Trust should respond.

In broad terms, the alternatives to be debated are:-

FOR THE FREEWAY:-

- a) Construct F2 Freeway East, generally as in Maunsell EIS

AGAINST THE FREEWAY:-

- b) Do nothing
- c) Upgrade Arterial Roads, generally as in Maunsell EIS
- d) Upgrade Arterial Roads not as in Maunsell EIS but as recommended by Woodward Inquiry, i.e. provide Epping Bypass urgently (tunnel), provide grade-separated interchanges, over a period of time progressively upgrade arterial roads, but not as wide as described in Maunsell EIS, omitting separate bus lanes.
- e) Provide a form of public transport such as light rail or magnetic

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- suspension suspended rail, generally along the corridor, say originating at Richmond, with train interchanges at Quakers Hill, Kandy Avenue Cheltenham, and at Chatswood, thence proceeding to Narrabeen.
- f) Provide a Woodward oriented upgrade of arterial roads as in (d) in conjunction with a form of public transport as in (e).

To open the discussion, past President Mr Bill Greenhalgh will provide the background to the Freeway issue in a 5 minute address.

The debate will commence with four pairs of nominating speakers with prepared speeches (4 For the Freeway, 4 Against), each to speak for 4 minutes. It is intended that each nominating speaker against will speak to a different specific alternative to the freeway.

The nominating speakers will then form a panel to answer questions from questioners, as required. Each will be allowed 2 minutes only, with 2 minute reply.

The debate will proceed with additional pairs of speakers or questioners (alternately For, Against) speaking impromptu from the floor, each to speak for 2 minutes. The speakers against at this stage may speak on any alternative to the freeway.

This will continue until the time for speakers expires.

Each speaker must announce name and street of residence. Time-keeping will be rigorously enforced. Over-time speakers will be passed over.

At the conclusion of the debate, the members will be asked to vote on the alternatives as presented above. A voting paper is enclosed. Only financial members may vote. For the purposes of this debate, a "family membership" entitles two members of the same family over 18 years of age to a vote. Membership subscriptions will be accepted before commencement of the meeting. Voting papers will be collected at the conclusion of the meeting, or if preferred, may be posted to the Trust provided received by 28th July, 1992. A photo-copy of the voting paper is acceptable.

The results of the vote on the various alternatives will be recorded and reported in the response of the Trust to the EIS, due to be submitted to the RTA by 14th August, 1992. All members are reminded of the importance of submitting a personal response to the EIS by the due date.

Speakers intending to nominate for participation in the debate should contact the Trust President Ken Cregan (phone 869-1068) by 17th July 1992, advising of subject area of interest and any special expertise. Speakers nominating will be selected based on an assessment of the contribution able to be made to the debate. Speakers from the floor will be selected at the Chairperson's discretion.

Please try to attend this important meeting. Your presence is especially important to the future of Beecroft and Cheltenham.

AUGUST MEETING

At the Trust's Meeting on 18th August at 7.30 PM, the winner of the "Poster Competition" for the "E.J. Richards Trophy" will be announced. This trophy is for the best Poster by students from local schools advertising the Trust's "Walk in the Park" on Sunday 23rd August at 2 PM. Note both the Meeting and the Walk in your diary now.