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SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
8.00 p.m. TUESDAY, 6th JULY 1999
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL
MARY STREET, BEECROFT

Our next Public Meeting on Tuesday 6th July, promises to have something to interest all residents.

Eric Adam Trust Member and Community representative to the Council appointed Steering Committee, will update residents on progress to date on the preparation of a draft Local Environmental Plan for exempt and complying development. The Steering Committee was formed to address changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act amendments which took effect from 1 July 1998.

Other items listed for discussion include a progress report on **traffic issues** in the area, including safety concerns and the need to install traffic lights on Beecroft Road at both Kirkham Street and Cheltenham Road and a proposal for the introduction of a 50 KPH speed limit zone for areas in Cheltenham and Beecroft. There will also be an update on progress for the restoration of the **War Memorial**. If you have matters you would like to raise please let the Secretary or President know prior to the meeting as issues raised from the floor can often not be addressed due to lack of time.

Also in attendance to answer questions will be Local Member **Andrew Tink** and Hornsby Shire Council Mayor, **Councillor Steven Pringle**.

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Trust Member **Jenny Lewis** who was recently presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Council for Environmental Works in the Beecroft Area and support of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust.

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TRAFFIC SAFETY STILL AN ISSUE

We are particularly concerned that the safety of residents and motorists in our area is continuing to be put at risk.

The Trust is committed to seeking satisfactory solutions to our traffic problems and we have been well supported in this by you, the residents, at our public meetings over the last two years and by your letters of support and concern expressed to us and to the authorities.

The Trust has again recently been in contact with the RTA and the Minister's Office through the new Secretary for Roads, Reba Maher, who advised that traffic lights on Beecroft Road were not on the current program. However the area was in the top 1,000 of the State's traffic black spots and would continue to be closely monitored.

In line with local opinion the Trust has strongly advocated the construction of traffic lights on Beecroft Road at Cheltenham Road and Kirkham Street. We will continue to keep the pressure on the relevant authorities and your continued support through letters to them will help.

NEW PRODUCT HAS POTENTIAL

While the Trust does not normally promote specific products we feel this one is worth a mention. Called **N'VIRO TIE** it is an environmentally friendly product made of twisted Kraft paper and is great for tying up garden/green waste for the Council collection service, used newspapers for collection and numerous other jobs around the home or factory.

It is Australian made from Australian paper by a 100% Australian owned company and you could not get more dinky die than that! Available from Clarke and Walker (Hornsby) Mitre 10 for around \$5/5.50 for a 50 metre roll. For further information on other stockists contact Best Wishes Promotions on (02) 9477 3068. A sample of the product will be available at the public meeting on Tuesday 6 July.

WESTERN WALK A GREAT SUCCESS

Over 50 people took part in the Western walk recently organised by the Bushland Sub Committee of the Trust. Among them were recently elected Member for Epping, Andrew Tink, Hornsby Shire Mayor Steven Pringle and Ron Leslie representing Pennant Hills Civic Trust. The walk followed generally along the route of the M2 commencing at the end of Welham Street travelling west toward the Golf Course, inspecting areas of bush regeneration in the Allerton Road area and Chilworth Reserve along the way. A number of comments were made on the excellent bush regeneration work done by Sheila Woods and her team.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Mark this date in your diary now, the September public meeting of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust will be **Tuesday 7 September 1999**. This will be a special meeting as we are planning to **Meet the Candidates** for the forthcoming Local Council elections. One item sure to be discussed will be the proposed changes to the Council structure including Ward boundaries and the possibility of increasing the number of councillors.



BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST - 1999 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following members now form the Committee of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust:-

President	Bob Raymond	Cheltenham
Vice Presidents	Betty Grant	Beecroft
	Brian Thompson	Cheltenham
	Gordon Winch	Cheltenham
Secretary	Wayne Yeo	Beecroft
Treasurer	Peter Salier	Beecroft
Publicity Officer	Ross Walker	Beecroft
Parks Convenor	Vic Batten	Cheltenham
Housing Liaison	Glyn Evans	Cheltenham
Committee	Diana Winch	Beecroft
	John Mancy	

The Trust would also like to place on record its appreciation for the help and assistance received from the Uniting Church at Beecroft, particularly Rev. John Weston for making available a meeting room for our monthly committee meetings.

COUNCIL NOW ON THE WEB

Hornsby Council recently launched its community web site marking a new era in information services for the Council. The site contains a vast amount of local information including council's business papers and protocols, its organisational structure, history as well as information on fishing spots and bushwalks. There is even mention of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust.

You can find council at www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

FOOTPATH HAZARDS

It's that time of year again to get out the secateurs and trim the garden in readiness for spring. As you snip and prune just spare a thought for those walkers who regularly use the footpaths. When pruning please take a walk along your stretch of footpath to make sure it is clear of overhanging bushes and branches which can often spoil the enjoyment of walking in our leafy area.

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM SPRING FESTIVAL

This year the **Spring Festival**, will be bigger, brighter and better than ever. Running over the first three weekends in September, it will highlight both the talent and broad range of activities found in our community. The Festival will have something to suit everyone. Some of the planned highlights are:-

- A Heritage Walk by architect Rod Howard on September 5
- A literary dinner on September 10 with local author David Ellyard
- A piano recital by Nigel Nettheim and 'organ crawl' on September 12
- The Showcase Concert on September 17 with a galaxy of local talent
- A Street Festival sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and concert by the Beecroft Orchestra on September 19

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Other events include school art and chess competitions, poetry reading, garden showings and open days by the various Leisure Learning groups. The Festival is supported by Hornsby Council, the Rotary Club of Beecroft, the Civic Trust, the Garden Club and Chamber of Commerce.

Detailed programs will be distributed in mid August. Any community group wishing to stage an event under the banner of the Festival is invited to contact David Ellyard on 9876 4224 or ellyard@one.net.au

PROGRESS ON WAR MEMORIAL

Following the report from the consultants, Hornsby Shire Council is seeking quotes for the restoration of the **War Memorial**. Funding to undertake the work is being sought from the Department of Veterans Affairs, however a reply to Council's application is not anticipated until late July or early August. The work is expected to cost approximately \$14,000 with additional funds being required for landscaping.

Through the co-operation of the Mayor, Councillor Steven Pringle preparation and clearing of the area around the War Memorial has already begun. The Trust will be seeking volunteers for a working party to carry out planting when work on the memorial has been completed. For those who are interested in helping out when the time comes please let Betty Grant know on telephone 9876 3521.

Council is also looking at a proposal to hold a special event in October next year to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the death of David John Willis, a Beecroft resident killed in the Battle of Elandskop, South Africa. Mayor Steven Pringle said the Boer War Memorial in Copeland Road was erected by residents in memory of David Willis who was killed representing the local community in October 1900, just one day short of his twentieth birthday.

1999 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We are currently undertaking a complete review of our database and updating membership details. If your membership has slipped behind please help us out by completing the coupon below and forwarding to the Treasurer, or better still bring it along with your payment to our meeting on Tuesday 6 July.

Thank you to those members who have renewed their membership for 1999, this will make our job easier.

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