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PRESIDENT
JIM VANDORE

SECRETARY
KEITH DAVIDSON

**TWENTY THIRD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH
8 pm
ST. JOHNS CHURCH HALL
BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT**

The Annual General Meeting enables us to review Trust activities over the past twelve months and gives you the opportunity to determine future policy. All Committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations called for the 1987 Committee to be elected by members of the Trust. Committee members are required to attend a meeting each month, usually a Wednesday evening, and, on a voluntary basis, be available one thursday evening approximately every six weeks to attend Council meetings as an observer.

Help maintain the amenity of Beecroft and Cheltenham by supporting YOUR Trust. Become a member or renew your membership for 1987.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1986

At the 22nd A.G.M. on Wednesday, 19 February 1986, a committee of 10 was elected. The first meeting of this committee elected office-bearers as follows:-

- President: Mr. Jim Vandore
- Vice-Presidents: Dr. Bill Greenhalgh
- Secretary: Mr. Keith Davidson
- Treasurer: Mr. Tom Lloyd
- Members: Mr. Spencer Bough
- Prof. Keith Campbell
- Mrs. Audrey Yates
- Mrs. Heather Thomas
- Mr. Mike Briggs
- Mr. Tony Lewis

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During the year circumstances caused both Mrs. Yates and Prof. Campbell to resign. The Committee, however, co-opted both Mr. Ron Kitson and Mr. Les Renfrey and later Mr. Dereck Barnett. Some committee members acted in special capacities on behalf of the Trust during the year.

Mr. Spencer Bough	-	Publicity Officer
Dr. Bill Greenhalgh	-	Convenor of Village Green Steering Committee
Mr. Tony Lewis	-	Convenor of Parks sub-committee
Mr. Jim Vandore	-	Delegate on Bicentennial Committee

In addition, Mr. Fred Waddington managed the job of Bulletin distribution as well as acting as honorary auditor.

We had a very interesting and busy year as you will see from the list of committee actions.

Meetings

At the Annual General Meeting on 19th February, two principal matters were raised. The first concerned the repainting of the Liquorland store in an insensitive manner. The trust committee expressed its great concern on a number of occasions to Liquorland management and to Hornsby Shire Council and I am pleased to say that the matter was finally resolved.

Another matter of great concern was the continuing traffic problem on Sutherland Road. Despite a number of Trust letters expressing the committee's concern and proposing at one stage that roundabouts be installed, there is no progress to report.

At the well-attended meeting on 21st May, Mrs. Helen Barker from Hornsby Historical Society gave a very interesting presentation on the beginnings and development of our community and answered an array of questions from the audience. Margaret Hellman from the N.S.W. Bicentennial Authority then gave an interesting and lengthy dissertation on some of the activities expected in 1988.

The meeting expressed concern about the development of land adjoining Beecroft Bowling Club. After consultation with residents, the Trust committee came to the conclusion that an objection should be lodged. The latest advice we have is that the land will be developed, but in a much less intensive manner.

The general meeting held on 10th September considered the proposals raised by the NSW Government in relation to minimum lot sizes and dual occupancy. Sue Dryden from the Department of Environment and Planning explained the Government's proposals and then expertly fielded a number of questions. There was general opposition to the proposals and your committee decided to lodge objections to both proposals and to recommend that the final decision on such issues should rest with the Shire Council.

Mr. John Farkas from the Chamber of Commerce also addressed the meeting on proposals for the further development of Beecroft Arcade.

The final meeting of the year, held on 10th December, was a great success. Nancy Pallin from the Kuringai Bat Colony Committee gave a very interesting address on bats, their interesting habitats and lifestyle.

Business considered at this meeting concerned the ongoing serious problems in Sutherland Road, for which no solution is in sight and consideration of the pros and cons of the possible introduction of Otto Bins.

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The Village Green

Although there is general agreement between the Trust, Rotary and Community Centre representatives on what should be done and funds have been voted by Hornsby Shire council, there remains some disagreement between Council and the Community organisations about the exact details of the plan. During the year, the Trust committee initiated discussions with State Rail officials about the contiguous railway property and a submission was made to the Bicentennial Authority for financial assistance. This submission was unsuccessful.

It is hoped to make progress in 1987/88 with an update of the Village Green which essentially maintains its natural character.

The Lilla/Wongala Issue

During the year, your committee spent a considerable period of time discussing the merits of joining or not joining Lilla Road with Wongala Crescent. The committee attempted to mediate with the factions in the dispute. Ultimately, however, it was not possible to reach a consensus on this issue.

Pennant Hills Park Sub-Committee

This is a hard working unit of the Civic Trust with a very lively interest in Pennant Hills Park and other areas of bushland within the community. Currently spending many hours on an assessment of the new Plan of Management for Pennant Hills Park, this group initiated two successful new bushland walks in 1986 and has announced the following programme for 1987.

- Western Walk - from Welham Street at 2.00 pm, April 12
- Spring Walk - from Day Road on August 30
- Long Walk - from Day Road on October 18

COMMITTEE ACTION

- * PLANNING FOR THE VILLAGE GREEN DEVELOPMENTS
- * REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE PAINTING OF LIQUORLAND STORE
- * REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE PRECINCTS OF RAILWAY STATIONS.
- * SEVERAL SUBMISSIONS ABOUT SUTHERLAND ROAD TRAFFIC.
- * CONSULTATION AND REPRESENTATIONS RE THE PROPOSED LILLA/WONGALA LINK ROAD
- * CONSIDERATION OF NEW PLAN OF MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS FOR PENNANT HILLS PARK
- * CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR BEECROFT SHOPPING CENTRE
- * SUPPORT FOR BEECROFT RAILWAY CENTENARY FAIR
- * REPRESENTATIONS RE PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO MINIMUM LOT SIZES
- * REPRESENTATIONS RE PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO DUAL OCCUPANCY
- * LEGISLATION
- * OBJECTION TO DUPLEX DEVELOPMENT ADJACENT TO BEECROFT BOWLING CLUB
- * CONSIDERATION OF BICENTENNIAL PROPOSALS
- * CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE OF USE PROPOSALS FOR WONGALA CRESENT PROPERTIES NEXT TO SHOPPING CENTRE.
- * SUBMISSION RE DANGEROUS CAR PARKING NEAR BEECROFT STATION
- * INITIATION OF ANNUAL WALK IN DEVLINS CREEK (BEECROFT WEST) BUSHLAND
- * CONSIDERATION OF SPRING STREET CLUSTER HOUSING PROPOSALS.

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WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT WEEDS IN THE BUSH?

The Trust is often asked by residents for help or advice concerning exotic plants growing in bush areas near their homes. They would like to eradicate them but are not sure how to go about doing so.

A self-help scheme recommended by the Trust is:

1. Find a small number of neighbours/other people who enjoy the bush and care about its state.
2. Have at least one person in the group who can identify native plants.
3. Decide on a regular day and time to work. One hour per month with e.g. a group of eight people provides 96 hours of work each year.
4. If the area you wish to weed is in a Council reserve, obtain Council's approval.

A large amount of weeding can be done by what is known as the Bradley Method. Working from areas where weeds are scattered, not thick, and using small tools, weeds are removed by hand, with minimal soil disturbance and avoidance of over-clearing. Two helpful references are a booklet, "Bush Regeneration" by Joan Bradley and "Common Weeds of Sydney Bushland" by Robin Buchanan.

Camphor laurels and tree-sized privets can be eliminated by cutting down and painting the stump with Round Up/Zero. Or, in the case of large trees, by injection of the weedicide into the softwood or painting it on a frilled ring-bark. Only one member of the group need be responsible for the use of the weedicide.

Supplementary planting of native plants of the locality may be helpful at some sites.

Bush regeneration is not heavy work and suits all ages. It is a very pleasant activity and a good way to learn more about the native plants of the area.

Groups are already at work or being formed at the following sites:

- Lynbrae Av. Beecroft - contact Jenny Lewis 869 1175
- Austral Av. Beecroft - contact Margaret Trotter 84 6503
- Mary St. Beecroft - contact Ramsay Underwood 848 8284
- Oaklands Av. Cheltenham - contact Elizabeth Anderson 86 6602
- Byles Creek (Day Rd.) Cheltenham - contact Florence Dwight 869 88
- Malton Rd./Kethel St. Cheltenham - contact Mike and Trish Briggs 84 7552

If you are interested in joining any of these groups or would like more information about them, please ring the contact number supplied

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Address.....

Annual Subscriptions

Family membership - \$6.00 Adult membership - \$3.50
Financial year commences 1st January

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