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THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 22nd MARCH 1994

ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL

BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT

8:00 p.m.

BEECROFT-CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust will hold its Thirtieth Annual General Meeting at the St. Johns Church Hall Corner Chapman Avenue & Beecroft Road, at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd March 1994.

All residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham are invited to attend.

HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL REPORT BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN PRINGLE

Draft Shire-Wide Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

The Trust's last newsletter raised the importance of this issue in preserving the lifestyle of the area in which we live. The plan is designed to replace a plethora of Council and State regulations with a document that is easy to read and lays down guidelines as to what forms of Development the Council would like to see, instead of simply identifying a series of "don'ts" without the "do's".

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Beecroft and Cheltenham are identified as "sensitive areas" due to the topography, soil types, tree cover and capacity of drainage systems. Conservation Precincts have also been identified to preserve their special characteristics and the streetscape.

The Trust has been particularly supportive of the plan with its emphasis on environmental and heritage matters and its sensible submission will be incorporated into the final version of the Plan. Many thanks to the Trust and Planning Power for People for explaining the concepts of the Plan to individuals and encouraging them to write to Council. Your efforts certainly have paid off as Council received a massive 950 submissions which were overwhelmingly in favour of this new Plan.

Council held a public workshop on 23rd February and many of the public submissions received have been incorporated into the final version of the LEP which will now go to Robert Webster, Minister for Planning, for approval and hopefully gazettal.

BEECROFT SHOPPING CENTRE

Council, the Trust and the Chamber of Commerce, continue to look at ways of improving the appearance and function of Beecroft Shopping Centre. Council is keen to encourage the "village" atmosphere with a heritage theme that includes improved paving and "street furniture".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1993 - A YEAR OF CHANGES

A number of significant changes in the composition of the Trust's Committee and operations occurred during 1993. Several long-serving, hard-working Committee members did not stand for re-election at the twenty-ninth Annual General Meeting held on 23rd February 1993, and I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of all Trust members to thank past Presidents William Greenhalgh, Ken Cregan and Spencer Bough and also Tony Lewis, Julia Garnett and Ray Kidd for their valuable contributions to our organisation over a long period of time.

At our last AGM ten members were elected to form the 1993 Committee. In accordance with the Rules, two additional members were appointed to the Committee in March 1993. Committee membership for the year was:

<i>President:</i>	Rod Howard	
<i>Vice-Presidents:</i>	Betty Grant	
	Pam Conrow	
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Jocelyn Lloyd	
<i>Secretary/Public Officer:</i>	Michael Moore (until August)	
	Paul Goodrick (from Sept.)	
<i>Publicity Officer:</i>	Tony Mobbs (until August)	
<i>Housing Working Group Convenors:</i>	Sue Benson/Rod Howard	
<i>Parks Working Group Convenor:</i>	Terry Jessop	
<i>General Committee:</i>	Margaret Rich	Sue Benson
	Philip Sparks	Terry Jessop
	Paul Goodrick	Graeme Stewart

There were further changes to the Committee structure during the year with the resignation of Secretary Michael Moore and Public Officer Anthony Mobbs. Again I wish to express the Trust's appreciation for the tremendous amount of work done by Michael and Tony while

they served on the Committee. The position of Secretary was filled by Paul Goodrick (with assistance from Pam Conrow) while that of Publicity Officer remains vacant.

For many years, our Honorary Auditor Mr. Fred Waddington has co-ordinated a group of dedicated volunteers to distribute the Bulletin to every household in Beecroft and Cheltenham. This situation too has changed following the request from Fred to be relieved of this important task. Philip Sparks has taken over the role of the Bulletin Distribution Co-ordinator. If you can help out by joining the band of distributors please contact Philip on 869 7849.

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PLANNING ISSUES

Important changes have been introduced in the planning codes affecting Beecroft and Cheltenham. Following completion of the Hornsby Heritage Study, a Draft Local Environmental Plan was prepared by Hornsby Council which outlines new planning provisions for the Shire. The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust generally supports the objectives of the LEP - in particular those provisions and controls relating to permissible densities for new residential development. The Plan recognises most of Beecroft and Cheltenham as a Conservation Area worthy of special protection. In December the Trust made a submission to Council commenting on the Draft LEP.

Mr Cameron Holt and Mr David Green of Council's Planning and Development Staff addressed General Meetings of the Trust in July and October on the subjects of Dual Occupancy, Heritage and the Draft LEP. We thank them both for their time in explaining the new controls and guidelines and answering members questions. I believe that the relationship between Hornsby Council and the Trust has been strengthened as a result of our interest and involvement in the planning process during the past year, and I'm sure that the Trust would wish to continue working closely with elected Councillors and Council Staff on important issues which effect our area. We appreciate being given the recent opportunity to comment on proposals to remove large trees from behind the Beecroft Post Office.

FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS

Following representations from the Beecroft Chamber of Commerce and the Civic Trust, footpath improvements are being implemented in Hannah Street near the Village Arcade.

The Trust forwarded a list of local footpaths considered to be in poor condition to the Council in May 1993. These troublesome pathway sections are to be given priority in future footpath upgrading programs.

MONTHLY WALKS

In 1993 the Parks Working Group conducted a series of monthly bushwalks during the cooler months. These were extremely successful and will be continued this year now that the hot weather has finished. Our first walk for 1994 will take place on the last Sunday in April, and remember, from April through to October there will be a walk conducted on the **last Sunday in the month, each walk commencing at 2.00 p.m.** A full list of the planned walks for this year appears on the back page of this bulletin.

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LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Beecroft Childrens Library requires volunteers to help out on weekdays between 3.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. Contact Mitty Scott (tel. 876 2463) or Jenny Angus (tel. 876 2169)

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST 1994 WALKS PROGRAMME

Held on the last Sunday in each month from April to October
(each walk commences at 2.00 p.m. and takes approx. 2 hours)

- 24th April:- Guided Tour of Parks within Beecroft. Meet on Village Green behind the Community Centre.
- 29th May:- Western Walk showing progress of bush regeneration areas in Chilworth Reserve and Beecroft Park. Meet outside Scout Hall in York Street. (The area separating these two Reserves near the bottom of York Street is a weed infested "road reservation". The Trust would like to see this area declared part of the Reserve and cleaned up. Come along on this walk and see for yourself).
- 26th June:- North Epping to Cheltenham. Find out how to get from North Epping to Cheltenham through bushland trails, and then pass through a tunnel under the railway line to emerge near Beecroft Road. An exciting and unusual exploration.
- 31st July:- "Going Round in A Circle." Starting at the Village Green we go down Day Road to Byles Park then across the creek and north through the bushland to emerge in Britannia Street Pennant Hills and finally back through Beecroft to the Village Green. Meet on Village Green behind Community Centre.
- 28th Aug:- Our most popular walk, the Annual Spring Walk which has been organised by the Trust for many years. Meet at Day Road Reserve Cheltenham.
- 25th Sept:- History Walk. This walk is being organised in conjunction with the History Group and participants will learn some of the history of our area. Meet on Village Green behind Community Centre.
- 30th Oct:- I.B.M. Forest and Forestry Commission West Pennant Hills. This was a very popular walk last year, and much appreciated for the opportunity it presented to see some beautiful forest not far from our area. What gives this walk added interest is that I.B.M. has recently sold its land to a property development company, and it is not known what the future holds for this beautiful piece of privately owned bushland. Meet at Forest Entrance in Oratava Avenue West Pennant Hills.

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