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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8.00pm TUESDAY, 24th MARCH 1998
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL
MARY STREET, BEECROFT

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Incorporated will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Mary Street Beecroft at 8.00pm on Tuesday 24th March 1998. All local residents are invited. **PLEASE NOTE VENUE.**

The Guest Speaker will be Garry Kennedy, Traffic Engineer, Hornsby Shire Council who will speak on the structure and function of Council in relation to traffic matters, its duties, responsibilities and authority.

Local 'C' Ward Councillor Steven Pringle will also be in attendance at the meeting to answer members questions concerning Council matters.

President Betty Grant will report on activities of the Trust during 1997. The election of Committee Members for 1998 will also take place. Remember only financial members are eligible to vote at the meeting.

Subscriptions for 1998 are now due. If you are not financial please use the attached slip and forward payment to the Treasurer or alternatively you may pay at the Annual General Meeting.

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST INC.

Membership Subscription	Family	\$12.00	Single	\$6.00
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One may only guess as to why the installation of the Copeland Road lights has been repeatedly delayed.

Perhaps it was the widening of Copeland Road (now dropped), the Traffic Plan for Beecroft Centre (where is that now?) or the proposal for a new fire station.

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BEECROFT WAR MEMORIAL

Many years ago our forefathers erected a memorial at the corner of Copeland Road and Wongala Crescent to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Beecroft-Cheltenham residents in both world wars.

The Memorial is now showing signs of decay and is in need of urgent repair work. The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust is concerned that there appears to be no-one or group that has the responsibility of looking after the monument. Our enquiries so far through the RSL, Council and the Australian Government have failed to find anyone who is responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. We will continue to pursue this issue until we find a satisfactory solution.

In an effort to shed some light on the issue we have reproduced the complete inscription from both the western and northern faces of the memorial in the hope that some present day residents can shed some light on the origins of our memorial and help us to restore it to its former glory. If one of your forebear's is listed please let us know.

Western Wall

1914 1918
Beecroft Cheltenham District
in Grateful Memory
of our men who gave their lives

H.T.S Bembrick
A.P. Black
J. Blackwood
R.L. Cadden
H.K. Crawford
J.H. Douglas
D.J. Finlay
C. Kerr
N. Lea

A.N. Meadmore
C.A. Nixon
P.A.R. Rash
H. Roberts
F.L. Seale
W.C. Smith
W. Speechley
G. Young

And in humble tribute
to those who served

Northern Wall

1939 1945

R. Atkinson
E.P. Austin
A. Baird
A.G. Fenton
G. Flynn
A.C. Heath

J. Howard
H. McAlister
J. Minet
A.C. Moore
D. Munroe
V.W. Partridge

A. Passmore
H.K. Priestley
K.E. Kerridge
T. Rayment

T.A. Smith
F. Spooner
F.P. Stanger
R.H. Walker

BEECROFT ROAD - A SAFETY ISSUE

A number of residents in the Boronia Ave / Cheltenham Road area have approached the Trust following recent circulation of an anonymous letterbox flyer. The flyer was inaccurate in its content, - the Trust has consistently supported the installation of traffic lights on Beecroft Road at both the Cheltenham Road and Kirkham Street intersections. One can only assume that the author of the flyer has not attended the recent Trust meetings where there has been open discussion on this matter. Our reply to those concerned residents is reproduced below.

"At all times the Trust has emphasised the urgency of lights at both intersections."

"This and other matters relating to safety were included in the Traffic Proposals paper, which was prepared from the results of a survey of all residents. The survey was taken in conjunction with the State Minister for Northcott, Barry O'Farrell. The plan was enthusiastically adopted at a public meeting on 11 February 1997, at which 150 residents attended."

At equally well attended meetings on 8th July and 24th November, the need for lights at both intersections was emphasised. Representatives of the police, RTA, M2 operators, representatives of the local schools, local MP's, councillors and staff from Council's Road and Traffic Safety Section were present at the meetings. Many facts were made known to us including the statement from Sergeant Harris of the Eastwood Police that 42 accidents on the Kirkham Street corner had been reported to police in the past three years."

In December 1997, the Trust Committee met with Craig Moran (Manager State Network Services) and Stuart McIntyre (State Network Leader - North) of the RTA. We again emphasised the need for two sets of lights."

It would be unrealistic to think that all problems will be solved by any single installation. Ongoing monitoring of the problems will be necessary in the years to come. With this in mind we have asked Hornsby Shire Council to prepare an overall Traffic Plan for the entire Beecroft Cheltenham area to assist in problem solving."

The Trust will continue to hold discussions with all the appropriate authorities to ensure that the decisions of residents voiced at our Public Meetings are made known to those authorities".

RAILWAY STATION STAFFING PROPOSALS

The Trust has written to the State Rail Authority expressing its concern at the possibility of staff reductions at Beecroft and Cheltenham Stations. The proposal we believe could see Beecroft and Cheltenham Stations staffed only during peak hours, or worse not staffed at all. **What about the safety of our children and off-peak rail users?**

It is possible the reduction of staffing hours at the stations could make it easier for graffiti artists to ply their trade resulting in damage to public property and which usually ends up with the taxpayer having to bear the cost of repairs.

All residents are urged to come to the Annual General Meeting and show your opposition to what appears to be a blatant cost cutting exercise in the name of efficiency.

REALIGNMENT OF WONGALA CRESCENT

Reproduced on the following page is a plan of the proposed re-alignment of Wongala Crescent. This is the result of concerns expressed by residents and follows discussions between Council, the Trust and other local groups including the schools. The matter is to be considered by Council on Wednesday 11th March.

