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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8.00pm TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH 1999
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 23rd March 1999. All local residents are invited.

The Guest Speaker will be Terry Wilson, Manager Lane Cove National Park who will speak about the park and the possible effects of the inclusion of the Pennant Hills Park with the Lane Cove National Park.

President Betty Grant will report on activities of the Trust during 1998. The election of Committee Members for 1999 will also take place. Remember only financial members are eligible to vote at the meeting.

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

Subscriptions for 1999 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
Mailing details:		(please print)		
Name:				
Address:				
Telephone:				
Post to:- The Treasurer, PO Box 31, BEECROFT 2119				

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BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST Inc.

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust was established over 30 years ago, and is one of the oldest operating in Australia. The Trust aims to preserve the unique environment of the suburbs of Beecroft and Cheltenham.

To achieve this it is essential that we remain relevant to the needs of the community we serve. However the Trust can only be as strong as its membership, and in recent years this has been declining. We need **you** to be involved and the best way of achieving this is through active membership. You will find a Membership Subscription form in this issue. If you are not already a member of the Trust please seriously consider it **now**.

The views of the Trust are often sought and given attention to by government and council because the Trust is constantly involved in issues which affect the residents of this area. The Civic Trust tries to keep up to date on all matters affecting Beecroft and Cheltenham. Representatives regularly attend Hornsby Council meetings as observers.

We are lobbying for improved traffic conditions and rail services, are actively involved in retaining our bushland environment and in bush regeneration, provide funds to support local community groups and are currently working with Council to restore our War Memorial.

The Committee of the Civic Trust will be elected at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 23 March, if you would like to help then give our Secretary a call or put your name forward at the meeting.

GREEN GREEN THE GRASS IS GREEN

Not only on the far side of the hill, but the recent rains and humid weather have encouraged plant growth and many shrubs are now overhanging fences in Beecroft and Cheltenham. In some cases this can be quite dangerous to pedestrians using our local footpaths. We are lucky to live in a part of Sydney that abounds in natural greenery complimented by beautiful gardens and shrubbery. We would ask residents however to be aware of the difficulty pedestrians face walking or jogging around the area and cut back those overhanging branches to ensure a safer area for all of us. Oh! And do not forget to make sure that your letter box is easily accessible and house number clearly visible. Thank you.

HONOUR FOR TRUST MEMBERS

Council at its meeting on December 2 approved of the appointment of Rod Howard and Eric Adam as community representatives on the Steering Committee for the preparation of the draft Local Environmental Plan for exempt and complying development. Rod is a former President and Vice President of the Trust. He is a former Architectural Officer with the National Trust of Australia and a professional heritage practitioner specialising in restoration and adaptive reuse of significant buildings and places. Eric has for many years been a tireless worker with Planning Power for People representing community interests in relation to proposed planning changes. Both bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Steering Committee and we look forward to their progress reports.

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WESTERN WALK

The Bushland Sub-committee of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust will conduct a walk on Sunday 16 May. The walk will follow generally along the M2 and commence from the end of Welham Street at 10.00am.

It is quite some time since this particular walk has been held. You will be able to see the results of bush regeneration work carried out at Chilworth Reserve and the impact of the motorway on our bushland. The walk will take about two hours. Stout walking shoes and comfortable clothes are recommended. Come and join us rain hail or shine.

PLANT HERBARIUM DISPLAY

Trust member Jenny Lewis has collected over 500 plants from our local area which are currently on display at the Hornsby Library. All plant cuttings have been preserved on herbarium paper and represent a unique collection of our native flora. The collection has taken years to gather and is well worth a look.

HISTORY GROUP WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP

As reported in our June 1998 Bulletin the Beecroft Cheltenham History Group are currently undertaking research for their next publication. Many residents will recall the magnificent work published by the group in 1995 titled "BEECROFT AND CHELTENHAM the shaping of a Sydney community to 1914" which was 5 years in the making.

The History Group would like community help, that is residents, business people or former residents as they commence their research to develop Volume 2 of our History of Beecroft and Cheltenham, which takes the story from 1914 to the present.

On the back of this Bulletin you will find a return sheet where you can indicate how you may be able to help. Please complete and forward to Ian Mcleod at the address shown, or if you wish give Ian a call.

THOUGHT FOR THE AGM

If you think you are too small to be effective
you have never been in bed with a mosquito.

Betty Reese

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BEECROFT CHELTENHAM HISTORY GROUP

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

We need community help (residents, business people, former residents) as we research and develop Volume 2 of our History of Beecroft and Cheltenham, which takes the story from 1914 up to the present.

- A. **Interviewers:** Would you be able to interview people who have an interesting story to tell of life in the early days of the 20th Century?
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- B. **Records:** Do you have old cuttings, photographs, maps, subdivision plans, letters, diaries, etc. which shed light on our history?
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- C. **Supplying names:** You may know the names and addresses of former residents, teachers or business people who lived and worked in our district but who have moved elsewhere.
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- D. **Private Histories / Family Histories:** Are you aware of anyone or any group that has written a history which would be useful? We already have some of these - Beecroft Rotary Club, Beecroft Bowling Club, Beecroft Uniting Church, Beecroft Public School, Arden School, Early Years at St. John's, Cheltenham Croquet Club.
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- E. **Sports / Clubs:** If you or other members of your family have been involved in any of the large number of sporting groups that have existed in the district, we would like to hear something about them.
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Your details:

Name:
Address:

Phone No.:

Please send to:

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68 Chapman Avenue
BEECROFT NSW 2119
Phone: 9484 1615

Thank you for your assistance