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STATE OF N.S.W.
10 MAY 1984
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7th MAY, 1984

**PRESIDENT
BILL GREENHALGH**

**SECRETARY
KEITH DAVIDSON**

GENERAL MEETING

8 pm

WEDNESDAY, 16th MAY

**ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL
BEECROFT ROAD BEECROFT**

**TO DISCUSS THE PRESENT STATE OF,
AND FUTURE PLANS FOR:**

THE BEECROFT VILLAGE GREEN

Over the years there have been problems relating to the use of the Village Green. Following representations to Council, access to the area has been controlled thereby eliminating the problem of unauthorised parking, but the surface condition of the area is poor. The Trust invites all interested residents to attend this meeting to give your views on the use of this amenity.

STOP PRESS

On the 26th April 1984 Hornsby Shire Council passed a motion rescinding the motion of 30th September 1976 adopting in principle the Plan of Management for Pennant Hills Park and surrounding bushland prepared by the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust.

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TREE PRESERVATION

The Hornsby Shire Council Tree Preservation Order prohibits the ring barking, cutting down, topping, lopping, removing, injuring or wilful destruction of any tree without the written consent of the Council.

Contravention of the Order can incur a penalty of up to \$200.

If you wish to fell or lop a tree you should contact the Council and arrange for an officer to inspect the subject tree. If he approves your felling or lopping the tree, he will issue a certificate of approval. In some cases he may stipulate that another tree of suitable type be planted.

The Tree Preservation Order is designed to protect the environment - an environment which we all enjoy. Such orders will sometimes cause inconvenience to individuals but are for the common good.

The Trust urges residents to assist Council in making the Order work. A tree destroyed is lost forever.

To contact Hornsby Shire Council regarding tree preservation telephone 4763333.

The after hours emergency number is 4771492.

PENNANT HILLS PARK

There have been two recent instances of major damage to the bush. These were the widening of the trails by the Outer Sydney Bushfire Prevention Association and the extensive destruction of trees under the transmission lines by the Electricity Commission. They have caused concern to members of the public and the Park Sub-Committee and have caused the Sub-Committee to again question the Council's ability to properly manage the Park.

A member of the Sub-Committee contacted the Commission after the tree-felling and met some of its officers in the Park. She was told that they had not known it was a "sensitive" area - by which she understood that the Commission had expected no complaints and had not felt it necessary to contact either Council or the Trust. This indicates that outside bodies do not need to contact Council before starting work as proposed in the Plan of Management prepared by the Trust and adopted in principle by Council.

The Sub-Committee is most concerned that Council appears not to have the will and/or the power to control outsiders who do far more damage than individual vandals and trail bike riders. Even the application of Council's Tree Preservation Order would surely have prevented both recent cases of destruction. The Trust is disturbed by the damage being done to an area which should be available to the public in as natural a state as possible. Parts of the damaged areas will take many years to return to normal while others are probably beyond restoration.

The Sub-Committee has had discussions with Councillors in an endeavour to solve the problem and a number of options are under consideration.

POSTING OF BULLETIN

As a result of recent enquiries the Committee feels it appropriate to explain again why some residents receive two Bulletins - one hand delivered, the other by post. We have been fortunate in having a group of volunteers to hand deliver the Bulletin throughout Beecroft and Cheltenham. However, there will sometimes be an odd problem with deliveries due to perhaps sickness, somebody on holidays, etc. The Committee feel it incumbent upon them to ensure that financial members of the Trust are guaranteed a delivery of each issue. This is best done by mail. To then exclude these addresses from the letter box drop would not be practical.

If you know of a Beecroft/Cheltenham resident who is not receiving a copy of the Bulletin please contact Mr. Fred Waddington - telephone 866250.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Any resident interested in attending Council meetings please note that these are no longer held on alternate Thursdays. From the beginning of this year Council meetings are being held according to a three week cycle, two on - one off. For example, meetings are scheduled for May 17 and May 24 then no meeting May 31, meetings June 7 and June 14, no meeting June 21. Meetings commence at 7.30 pm with a recess at approximately 9.00 pm when members of the public can speak to Councillors.

If in doubt contact Council. Telephone 4763333.

1984 COMMITTEE

At the Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Trust held on Wednesday, 15th February, 1984, ten committee members were nominated and duly elected. Another resident has accepted an invitation to join the Committee.

The Committee and office bearers for 1984 are:

President

Dr. W.J. Greenhalgh
Phone 862306

Minutes Secretary

Mr. J.D. Macartney
Phone 8682472

Vice President

Prof. K.O. Campbell
Phone 865808

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Mr. T.D. Lloyd
Phone 841163

Vice President and Publicity

Mr. W.S. Bough
Phone 8698142

Park Sub-Committee

Mr. A.S. Lewis
Phone 8698130

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Mr. K.V. Davidson
Phone 863611

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Mrs. H. Thomas
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Mr. J.F. Vandore
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WALK IN THE PARK

The annual Walk in the Park will be held on Sunday, September 16th, starting at the Day Road picnic area at 2.00 pm. A poster competition for local school children will be conducted in conjunction with the walk. Full details of these events will be in the next Bulletin. Make a note in your diaries to enjoy this popular outing.

BEECROFT CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Over 40 years ago the Beecroft Children's Library came into being. The concept for the library arose out of local parents' concern for the poor supply of books in the area and the implications this had for their children's quality of life.

Many residents of the area have assisted the library in its growth over the years, until now it resides in a pleasant brick building at the edge of the Beecroft Arcade car-park.

The Children's Library is the only one in the State staffed completely by volunteers. There is a continuing need for new volunteers and the library is urgently appealing for people, especially Beecroft/Cheltenham residents, to help look after the desk on a roster basis. No previous experience is necessary.

The roster is one afternoon, from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm every 4 weeks, choice of Monday to Friday.

If you can give of your time, contact any of the following:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Hipwell - 84-2553
- Mrs. Jenny Crawford - 869-1589
- Mrs. Norma Warneke - 869-7489

MEMBERSHIP

To date membership is a slight improvement compared to last year but renewals and new memberships must continue. To resist threats to the unique conditions we enjoy in Beecroft and Cheltenham the Trust must be able to represent as many residents as possible, so please join the Trust or renew your membership if you have not already done so. You, your family and Beecroft/Cheltenham will benefit.

BEECROFT-CHELTHENHAM CIVIC TRUST

MEMBERSHIP

Name Telephone

Address

Attached is my cheque/cash for \$ as renewal/new membership.

Annual Subscriptions:
Family membership - \$5.00 Adult membership - \$3.00
Financial year commences 1st January.
Receipts will not be issued unless requested.

Post to: The Treasurer, P.O. Box 31, Beecroft. 2119.