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20th MAY, 1985

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**GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 29th MAY**

**8 pm**

**ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL  
BEECROFT ROAD BEECROFT**

***SGT. RAY PHILIPSON***

**WILL SPEAK ABOUT**

***NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH***

A motion was passed at the Annual General Meeting calling on the Trust to make contact with Hornsby Police with a view to the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

In response to this motion the Committee has arranged this general meeting to provide residents with the information necessary to move towards setting up local programs.

Each group covers approximately fifty residences.

We look forward to a full attendance as this subject should be of vital concern to all.

Neighbourhood Watch is a program aimed at reducing burglaries in a district. In the last four years the number of burglaries per head of population in NSW has doubled. Last year 69,000 homes were robbed.

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### WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

Neighbourhood Watch is a community based crime prevention program which takes four directions:-

1. Identification - recording and identifying property.
2. Crime Prevention - involves making your home secure.
3. Personal Safety - the program is aimed at preventing assault as well as burglary.
4. Crime Reporting - what to look for and how to report it.

Neighbourhood Watch is not a vigilante group. You should not become physically involved. The program has full Police support and is aimed at reducing the alarming number of burglaries in residential areas and crime in general.

### 1985 COMMITTEE

The Annual General Meeting on 20th February, 1985 elected ten members to the Trust Committee. The committee meeting on 27th February elected the office bearers. Your Committee for 1985 is:-

President	W. Greenhalgh	Phone 862306
Vice President	J. Vandore	847778
Vice President and Publicity	S. Bough	8698142
Minute Secretary	D. Macartney	8682472
Correspondence Secretary	K. Davidson	863611
Treasurer	T. Lloyd	841163
	Mrs. H. Thomas	8489762
	M. Briggs	847552
	K. Campbell	865808
	A. Lewis	8698130

The following appointments were also made:-

- Convenor - Parks Sub committee - A. Lewis
- Convenor - Village Green Working Committee - W. Greenhalgh
- Delegate - Union of Lane Cove Valley Conservationists - Mrs. F. Dwight
- Delegate - Bicentennial Committee - J. Vandore
- Auditor - L. Broad

### PARKS

The Parks Sub-Committee members are A. Lewis (Convenor), Mrs. F. Dwight, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. G. Levy, J. Noble, A. Reid and F. Waddington.

The Trust continues to monitor progress towards a new Plan of Management for Pennant Hills Park. Council has received a report on Bush Regeneration from the National Trust and is now considering terms of reference to guide consultants yet to be appointed.

### A DATE TO REMEMBER

Sunday 15th September has been fixed as the date for this years walk in the Park. The walk will commence at 2.00 p.m. from Day Road. Keep this day available for an enjoyable family outing. Details will appear in the next Bulletin.

RAILWAY STATIONS

Six members of the Trust met with two representatives at the State Rail Authority and a Hornsby Council Officer on 28th February and inspected Beecroft and Cheltenham Stations on environs.

Some of the areas that all agreed required attention were platform surfacing, toilet facilities, station approaches, fencing, paths, drainage, rubbish disposal, parking facilities, bordering bushland and existing gardens. Unfortunately Council and the S.R.A. are negotiating responsibility for maintenance of areas external to the stations so it could be sometime before improvements are seen. The Trust will continue to press for these improvements some of which are considered essential from a safety point of view.

Curbing and guttering and a new footpath in The Crescent at Cheltenham Station have greatly improved the station approaches and solved a bad drainage problem.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Residents should have recently received a Shire of Hornsby Questionnaire inviting comments on council services and planning. Council is to be congratulated for giving the residents this opportunity to express their opinions and the Trust strongly recommends that all residents complete the questionnaire and return it to Council.

SURVEYS

Several members have contacted the Committee after observing drilling activities in parts of the Devlins Creek Reserve. Enquiries have ascertained that this work was carried out by a contractor as part of a survey for the Department of Main Roads. Survey work has also been carried out in several streets around Beecroft and Cheltenham including Copeland Road. Fears have been expressed that road widening may follow. We are making enquiries as to the purpose of these surveys and will advise further when information is available.

TRAFFIC

Council is endeavouring to have the timing of the right turn arrow at the intersection of Beecroft and Carlingford Roads extended. This is to compensate for the No Right Turn at Beecroft Road and Kandy Avenue.

Following a request from a resident the Trust wrote to Council pointing out the poor condition of road shoulders in Sutherland Road. Council has replied that repairs will commence as soon as plant is available.

GENERAL

You may have noticed extensive clearing along some of the creek banks in the area. Apparently this was done to allow access to workmen clearing out rubbish. Our concern now is that it does not also provide easy entrance for trail bikes etc.. Council has constructed earth banks to block entrances and a suggestion has been made in Council that the banks be planted with natives.

The Trust will make representations to ensure that suitable action is taken to close off the areas.

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A cluster development has been approved in Albert Road. Enquiries directed to Hornsby Council determined that this was the best type of development for this particular site and there were no reasonable grounds for opposition.

MEMBERSHIP

How often have you thought that you really should join The Trust only to put it off again.

If you are a new resident or even one of longer standing who does not know what the Trust stands for, here again are our objects:

- (a) The preservation of the existing village character and the natural beauty of Beecroft and Cheltenham.
- (b) To express in the appropriate quarter the point of view of the Beecroft and Cheltenham residents with regard to any proposed development in the Beecroft-Cheltenham area.
- (c) To work with and assist the local government in any effort to instigate such improvements.
- (d) To endeavour to achieve the above objects by all means, including:
  - I. Dissemination of information to residents, councillors and others.
  - II. Public meetings.
  - III. Exhibitions.
  - IV. Lectures.
  - V. Publications.
  - VI. Public relations activities, including news releases.
- (e) To co-operate with, and to seek the co-operation of, the National Trust of N.S.W. and flora and fauna protection societies.

If you agree with these aims, then put it off no longer - JOIN.

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MEMBERSHIP

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Address.....Telephone.....

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