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E. I. S. WORKSHOP

8 pm

WEDNESDAY, 17th MAY

ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL

BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT

The object of the 'WORKSHOP' is to discuss the contents of the Environmental Impact Study on the Ryde-Castlereagh Tollway.

Indications are that the Study will be released by this date, and the Trust wishes to give residents an opportunity to express their opinions on its findings.

GENERAL MEETING

8 pm

WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE

ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL

The Honourable B. G. BAIRD M. P.

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

Mr Baird has agreed to speak at our meeting and we anticipate that he will address the problems of local transport and other issues. All residents are welcome to attend what should be a most informative evening.

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On Saturday, 11th March, the RTA hosted a tour of sections of the Berowra Freeway F3) and the proposed Ryde-Castlereagh Tollway corridor through Cheltenham and Beecroft.

The tour was organised by the Trust President, Dr Bill Greenhalgh, and was conducted by Mr Ed Sansburg of the RTA.

Several of the Trust committee were joined by members of Beecroft and Cheltenham resident groups, sporting associations and clubs, 2nd Beecroft Scouts, and the Principal and Parents' Association President of Beecroft Heights Public School.

Sections of the F3 between Wahroonga and Ku-ring-gai Chase Road were inspected with Mr Sansburg explaining overbridge, on-off ramp, embankment, and drainage construction and the use of fences and tree and shrub plantings to achieve noise abatement. Siltration traps and natural watercourse protectoin measures were also seen.

On returning to the Beecroft/Cheltenham area, the group inspected the proposed Ryde-Castlereagh Tollway corridor at the Pennant Hills Road intersection, the areas near Ferndale Road and below Cheltenham Oval, and at the intersection adjacent to Devlins Creek.

Mr Sansburg answered many questions put by residents worried by the effects of the Tollway on their environment. He also undertook further meeting with groups with localised problems.

ROADS AND TRAFFIC

Much of the Committees activity and deliberation is devoted towards problems concerning local roads and traffic.

As a resident group we have a far different outlook from that of councils and statutory authorities.

The function of a road is not solely to act as a corridor for traffic. It also must provide for resident interaction and is an inescapable influence on our quality of life. These aspects are continually overlooked by planning groups whose energies are solely directed to moving traffic. The Trust sees its role as providing an argument for a balance between traffic and resident needs.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of 8th February, 1989 was attended by approximately 150 members and passed the following motions:

1. Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust Incorporated supports the Beecroft-Cheltenham Park Action Group in their written request to the Minister for Transport, The Hon. Bruce Baird, for an undertaking that if the Ryde-Castlereagh Tollway is constructed through the Beecroft/Cheltenham Park area it will be within the reservation corridor as show on the Hornsby Shire Council Planning Scheme and have due regard for protecting the amenity of residents along the Tollway by every means possible.
2. Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust Incorporated takes all possible steps to object to the RTA's Options B4 and B5 and any other options which bisect Beecroft.
3. At its meeting on 8th February, 1989, Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust Incorporated condemns construction of the Castlereagh Freeway and asks that the Government looks at alternative means of public transport.

WESTERN WALK

WESTERN WALK 21st MAY

Join us for a walk around the Beecroft-Cheltenham Parks area on 21st May at 2 p.m.. Stakes have been placed marking the centreline of the proposed Tollway, so come and see the effect it will have on our precious bushland. This may well be the last organised walk through the area if the Tollway is built.

The walk takes about one and a half hours and covers the area from below Austral Avenue to Cheltenham Road. Meet at the lower end of Welham Street. Guides and free maps will be available. In places the banks of Devlins Creek are quite slippery, so some nimbleness is required.

Shortly before the end of the walk some of you may care to make a short diversion to visit a Bush Regeneration Area. Jenny Lewis and her team will show you that it is possible to restore our local bush. There will also be a display of native plants and weeds and of the history of the area.

DIARY NOTES 21st May Western Walk
 27th August Spring Walk

BUSH WALKS

Newcomers to our area who would like to be shown our local bushland can ring Tony Lewis on 683 2006 in business hours or call on him on weekend mornings at 14 Cobran Road, Cheltenham.

BUSH REGENERATION UPDATE

Progress in bush regeneration has been slow recently due to the wet weather; however, enthusiastic teams work when the weather permits. Hornsby Council takes an active interest in helping these groups. They did the initial clearing and replanting of Fernleigh Park, and work in consultation with the team of volunteers maintaining it in a weed free state. Two signs have been erected on the Beecroft Reserve site announcing that it is a bush regeneration site, and warning residents not to dump garden wastes and other rubbish in the bush. A new group has begun working on another part of Beecroft Reserve on Sunday mornings at 9.30, under the auspices of the newly formed Friends of Beecroft Reserve, set up to care for the Reserve, which is somewhat neglected. Contact Jenny Lewis for further information.

To join one of the groups, contact:-

- **Jenny Lewis, 869 1175 for Beecroft Reserve,
- **Sheila Woods, 484 6764 for Fernleigh Park,
- **Eva Jones, 484 6773 for Day Road, Pennant Hills Park.

FREEWAY TOUR

A glimpse of things proposed was afforded some members of the Beecroft and Cheltenham communities recently. Residents concerned at the prospects of a tollway passing through Cheltenham and Beecroft were given an informative tour by the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA).

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4. Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust Incorporated approaches other interested groups with a view to co-ordinating contacts with the Road Traffic Authority.

COMMITTEE

The Trust Committe elected for 1989 and its office bearers are:

President	Dr. W. Greenhalgh	68 2306
Secretary and Vice President	Mr. A McDonald	484 1170
Treasurer and Vice President	Mr. J. Vandore	484 7778
History Group Representative	Mrs. H. Thomas	481 9762
Parks Sub-committee Representative	Mr. A. Lewis	869 8130
Publicity Officer	Mr. S. Bough	869 8142
	Mrs. J. Lloyd	484 1163
	Mr. R. Anderson	86 3405
	Mr. D. Barnett	484 1282
	Mr. R. Kitson	868 4898

MEMBERSHIP

Many new members have joined the Trust recently, apparently as a result of the planned construction of the Ryde-Castlereagh Tollway. However, quite a few former members havenot, as yet, renewed.

The Trust committee is devoting much time and expense towards representing residents views and keeping them informed about the Tollway and other issues. Your continued financial support through your subscriptions is essential as is your numerical strength when negotiating with various authorities and individuals.

WE NEED EACH OTHER. JOIN NOW OR RENEW.

The opinion has been expressed that it is not worth writing a cheque for a few dollars. Surely the preservation of the beautiful area in which we live makes it worthwhile.

A reminder is enclosed with this Bulletin for those members who, according to our records, have not renewed for 1989.

BEECROFT-CHELTHENHAM CIVIC TRUST

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Address.....

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