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## End of Year Get-Together

The next public gathering of the Trust will be held at the NORTHERN DISTRICTS EDUCATIONAL CENTRE corner Beecroft Road and The Promenade, Cheltenham, on Wednesday, 14th November, 1979.

You will note that it is not called a "meeting" as it is planned as a less formal gathering when residents and members can meet with each other, members of the Trust Committee and Councillors to discuss progress and problems in the community.

There will not be any formal business, but a talk will be given by Trust President, Geoff Armstrong, entitled "CONSERVATION OVERSEAS, IN AUSTRALIA, AND IN HORNSBY SHIRE".

In this talk, slides will be shown of National Parks, of other conservation activities and areas in Australia, New Guinea, Malaysia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Canada, United States of America, and Mexico; and some forecasts and warnings given which may be relevant to the way in which we manage our local natural areas of conservation and recreational value.

NOTE: CHANCE OF LOCATION - 14th NOVEMBER, 1979.

**Wednesday 14th November 8pm**

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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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## The Park

### ANNUAL WALK

The annual walk in the Park was held on Sunday, 23rd September. Unfortunately, due to threatening weather, only thirty five residents and visitors attended, and no Councillors were able to participate. However, for the few who attended it was a very pleasant outing, with a profusion of wildflowers to be seen. The Trust's thanks go to Mrs. Florence Dwight and her helpers for organising the outing.

### HONORARY RANGERS

On Thursday, 11th October, four members of the Trust's Park sub-committee (F.Dwight, T.Lewis, J.Noble and G.Armstrong) were invested by Shire President, Don Evans, as Honorary Rangers. The remaining members (W.Freeburn, M.and H.Fallding) will be similarly invested as soon as convenient. (Ms.R.Buchanan is already an Hon. Ranger.) Any Trust members or residents interested in undertaking this useful and responsible position are encouraged to contact Subcommittee Convenor, Tony Lewis, (Ph.869 8130) or the Shire Clerk.

### EXPENDITURE ON THE PARK

When the 1977 Plan of Management for Pennant Hills Park was being prepared, Council advised the Trust that total expenditure on the Park had been \$283,580, excluding construction of No. 1 Oval (cost unknown). Recently, the Trust noted from Council minutes that expenditure was now \$1.07 million, of which Eastwood-Thornleigh Tennis Club was to repay \$270,000.

The Trust is endeavouring to obtain details of this rather dramatic increase in expenditure. It understands that the cost of reconstruction of fire trails was funded by the Outer Sydney Bush Fire Prevention Association.

### OF DUMPING AND TRAIL BIKES

When the fire trails were reopened, and a link trail constructed, the Trust forecast that this would lead to increased rubbish dumping and damage by trail bikes. The first dumped cars have appeared (on Pennant Hills ridge) and trail bikes are common. Danners erected at the Lane Cove River and on Pennant Hills Ridge have been removed or destroyed. Oh! for a regular ranger patrol!

### PARKING AND PICNIC AREAS

Council in November, 1978, agreed to allocate \$3,700 over two years to improve Day Road parking, entry and picnic areas. No work has been done to date. The Trust recently submitted to Council proposals for similar developments at Somerset Street and Boundary Road (Nth.Epping entries.)

### PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - NORTH TURRAMURRA

The South Turramurra Environmental Protection Society (STEP), which was heavily involved in defending bushland against the Curroon Road netball court development, is preparing a plan of management to protect that section of the Lane Cove River Valley. Any residents with an interest in, or who could help in that area, are invited to contact Ms. R. Buchanan, Ph. 84 2530.

## Granny Flats

With all the recent publicity given to Mr. Landa's comments about multi-family residences, the Trust sought from Hornsby Council its policy in this matter. Council's policy remains that it approves of granny flats where the flat provides temporary accommodation for aged persons or relatives, provided that when that purpose no longer exists there is a reversion to a single dwelling-house status.