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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

(Cnr. Beecroft Road and The Promenade, Cheltenham)

on WEDNESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, 1980.

Once again we are organising a less formal gathering to conclude our year's activities. We hope that members, intending members and interested residents will join with us and Council representatives in a social atmosphere to discuss matters of community interest and progress.

There will be a minimum of formal business, and the evening will be restricted to two main activities:

1. A TALK BY RUSSELL SMITH, Senior Lecturer in Landscape Architecture at the University of N.S.W. Russell will talk about the "role of landscape architecture in protecting and enhancing the natural environment. He will use slides of situations in urban and natural parks, both overseas and in Australia to demonstrate its value. He will include comment on the present status of the profession, and on training and careers in landscape architecture.
2. SOCIAL GATHERING AND SUPPER.
This will follow from about 9 p.m. A small charge will be sought to defray costs (surplus to go to charity).

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting held on 9th September in St. Johns Hall attracted about 60 people.

All of the "C" Riding candidates for the Local Government elections attended except Ms. D. Wood, who had a prior commitment. Those who were able to take part were -

Cr. D.R. Evans,
Cr. W.H. Hodson,
Cr. R.J. Payne,
Mr. G. Bennett,
Ms. B. Dobeson.

Each candidate was first given an opportunity to present his/her policy or views on local issues. This session was followed by numerous questions from residents. The number and nature of these questions indicated the interest of those present in community affairs. It is a pity that the attendance did not do more to encourage this sort of initiative by the Trust and response by Councillors.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

At the elections held throughout Hornsby Shire on Saturday, 20th September, the following Councillors were elected for the next 3 years:

C. RIDING -

Cr. Donald R. Evans,
47 Hull Road, Beecroft.
Phone: 84 3318.

Cr. William H. Hodson,
32 Keeler Street,
Carlingford.
Phone: 871 7313.

Cr. Ronald J. Payne,
7 Waterloo Road,
North Epping.
Phone: 869 7410.

B. RIDING -

Cr. G.S. Curby,
Cr. P.A. Waite,
Cr. F.R. Gennaoui.

A. RIDING -

Cr. G.A. Williams,
Cr. G.W. Provest,
Cr. W.S. Storey.

Subsequent to the election, Cr. Don Evans was reappointed Shire President.

The Trust's congratulations go to the elected Councillors, and to Don Evans on his re-appointment. We look forward to continuing close liaison with Council, and particularly the "C" Riding Councillors, on matters affecting Beecroft-Cheltenham area.

CR. R. PAYNE

Shortly after the election, Cr. Ron Payne underwent a serious operation. At last report, Ron was recuperating well, and the Trust wishes him a speedy recovery.

SUPPORT YOUR TRUST

A great proportion of the activities of the Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust involve liaison with Hornsby Shire Council. The Council has the responsibility for managing the affairs of the Shire on behalf of the residents. In the absence of well expressed community opinion, Councillors must make decisions on the basis of their own views or knowledge. Civic Trusts and similar bodies provide a forum which, if properly supported, can pass on to Council community views on matters of importance. However, for the Trust to have the respect of Council, and be able to expect it to listen to its views, it must be supported by the residents of Beecroft-Cheltenham. You can do this by joining the Trust, and/or attending the regular public meetings which are organised.

OUR NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Russell Smith has taught Landscape Architecture at the University of N.S.W. since 1975. Prior to this, he worked in private practice, and has been involved over a long period in developing architectural techniques sympathetic to the environment. He has been a member of Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park Advisory Committee for many years, and landscaped the West Head area of the Park. Russell feels very strongly about the need for public authorities to develop expertise in this area. It is hoped that representatives of Hornsby Shire Council, as well as residents who value the natural and cultural values present in our suburbs, will attend this talk.

UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W. HELPS ON PENNANT HILLS PARK.

Final year landscape architecture students from the University of N.S.W., under the guidance of Sen. Lecturer Russell Smith, have been undertaking practical exercises on Pennant Hills Park over recent months. These activities included planning and design for -

- Day Road entrance and picnic area;
- Somerset Street entrance;
- Boundary Road entry, North Epping;
- Sporting areas, Pennant Hills;
- sign posting.

28th October, the students presented their final reports to University staff, Trust representatives (T. Lewis, M. Fallding, F. Dwight) and Council representatives (Cr. G. Williams and Asst. Superintendent). All were most impressed with the standard of the presentation, and the Trust has re-

commended to Council that it consider using the designs produced by the students, and that provision for this be made in next year's budget. We will endeavour to have some of the work available for inspection at our meeting on the 26th November.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT, LANE COVE STATE RECREATION AREA

The National Parks & Wildlife Service has engaged a consultant to prepare a plan of management for the Lane Cove River S.R.A. The Trust has submitted a detailed report stressing the need for complementary management of all parts of the Lane Cove river valley. Residents interested in the future of Lane Cove River S.R.A. are encouraged to take advantage of invitations for the public to participate in management planning for the area.

PENNANT HILLS PARK

The Park sub-committee has been meeting regularly, and activities have included

- inspection Pennant Hills to Thornleigh re fire management,
- attended seminar Ku-ring-gai High School on park protection,
- regular home meetings to deal with correspondence, etc.,
- prepared submission on planning, Lane Cove River S.R.A.,
- examined proposal to burn Byles Creek area,
- attended presentations University of N.S.W. 30th September & 28th October.

This sub-committee has also lost members, and anyone interested in assisting should contact convenor, T. Lewis, Phone 869 8130).

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THE TRUST COMMITTEE

The Trust constitution calls for election of a committee of ten at each Annual General Meeting. That committee can then appoint two additional members to make a total of 12. As a result of resignations and non-availability, it was not possible to appoint a full committee for 1980/81.

The committee now consists of:

S. Bough, Pres. (Ph. 86 4901)
K. Campbell, V.Pres. (86 5808)
Ms. S. Benson, " (86 1895)
A. Rich, Corres.Sec. (8681282)
Ms.C.Daggett, Mins.Sec. (84 4280)

M. Gibbs, Treas. (86 5738)
G. Armstrong, Pub.Offr. (86 5063)
W. Greenhailgh, (86 2306)
T. Lewis (8698130)
G. Bott, (84 1155)

We would like to see some new faces on the committee in 1981 to make up the total of 12. Please think about it in advance, and, if you are available and interested, discuss it with the President or other committee member.

PUBLICATIONS

Copies of the Plan of Management for Pennant Hills Park (cost \$4) will be available at the November 26th "social". The Trust has had a further 1,000 copies of the very popular walking track brochure prepared by Ms. F. Dwight, and these will also be available then.

NO NEWS

In case you are wondering, the Trust has no further information on the following matters, which have been raised in previous Bulletins:

Traffic Report - understood to be still with Motor Traffic Authority;

Railway Widening - Last report to the Trust was that the fill being dumped along the line from Epping north has no immediate implications for widening of the line.

1981 Membership fees may be paid at the meeting. Subscriptions paid prior to 31/12/80 will be valid for 1981 even if there is a subsequent increase at the 1981 Annual General Meeting.

NAME Mr.
Mrs.
Miss

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