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**GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 8th. DECEMBER  
8 P.M.**

**NORTHERN DISTRICTS EDUCATION CENTRE  
CNR BEECROFT RD & THE PROMENADE  
CHELTENHAM**

FOR THIS MEETING OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE

**Mr G.N. BAUR**  
**FORESTRY COMMISSION OF N.S.W.**

WHO WILL PRESENT AN ADDRESS ENTITLED

**A FOREST FOR THE PEOPLE OF SYDNEY  
A LOOK AT THE CUMBERLAND  
STATE FOREST**

Once again the end of year meeting will be an informal occasion. Refreshments will be available and a small donation will be solicited to offset the cost of the evening. As in previous years, any excess after costs have been met will be donated to charity.

MEDIUM DENSITY HOUSING

If you do not want the State Government's new urban consolidation policy to be applied to Beecroft Cheltenham, you have until 9th December to lodge objections with the Minister for Environment and Planning. The draft policy is on exhibition at local councils and offices of the Department of Environment and Planning until 2nd December.

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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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AHISMA PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

The National Trust of Australia has forwarded a copy of the Plan of Management of Ahisma, Day Road, Cheltenham, the former home of the late Marie Byles who donated the property to the National Trust in 1970. The author of the Plan is Robin Buchanan.

Marie Byles wishes were that the surrounding natural bushland be preserved with retention of the full range of plant species that occur naturally on the property, and that Ahimsa should provide a retreat for people seeking peace and quietness, especially through the practice of meditation.

The Plan seeks to implement these objectives in management policies presented without ambiguity and with careful attention to detail. The Plan includes a general description of the 1.3 ha property, a detailed vegetation survey, a map, identification of mapping and ecological methods used, and proposed protection procedures.

The detailed examination of the area and analysis of possible future problems are in sympathetic accord with the wishes of the donor and would have delighted her legally trained mind.

In the words of the Plan: "Ahimsa is a fitting memorial for her, not so much for its conservation value but as an example of her philosophy and lifestyle. The simple house perched on top of the cliff, the small vegetable garden and the Hut of Happy Omen which is open for people to use for meditation, surrounded by the peaceful Australian bush, is the result of a very rare and special personality."

As Ahimsa adjoins the larger bushland area of Pennant Hills Park it is recommended that they be managed on a complementary basis. Therefore the National Trust hopes for co-operation with Hornsby Shire Council (Trustees for Pennant Hills Park), the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust and neighbouring residents in implementing management and protection procedures which are suitable both for Ahimsa and the Park.

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