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**GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, 2nd DECEMBER**  
**8 pm**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICTS EDUCATION**  
**CENTRE**  
**BEECROFT ROAD, CHELTENHAM**

This is our popular end of year family function and our guest speakers will be Leigh SHEARER-HERIOT and Garry McDOUGALL who will present:

***'THE BI-CENTENNIAL WALK'***

The Bi-Centennial Walk extends from the Hunter Valley to Sydney. All residents and their guests are welcome. As in previous years we would welcome donations to offset the cost of refreshments for the evening.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The results of our membership appeal have been encouraging and we are now only 5% below last years level. However, a matter of particular concern to the Committee is the fact that 28% of members did not renew their memberships this year. We stress that the Trusts role in the community is becoming more vital with ever increasing interference with Local Government and continued interest on the part of developers. We need you and you need us, so let us have a stronger Trust than ever in 1988.

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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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COUNCILLORS

The Trust extends congratulations to Shirley Alexander, Ron Payne and Steven Pringle on their election to Hornsby Shire Council representing 'C' Riding. We look forward to working with our Councillors in the interests of Beecroft and Cheltenham residents.

THE BEECROFT-CHELTHENHAM HISTORY GROUP

The talk given to the Trust in 1986 by Helen Barker, research member of the Hornsby Shire Historical Society, has resulted in the formation of the Beecroft-Cheltenham History Group. The aim of this Group is to search out and record the evolution of the area since settlement.

An appeal is made to anyone who has records of business or home life, diaries, photographs, or any memorabilia which relates to the area to contact the Group. Of particular interest are older residents, some of whom may now be living away from the locality. It is hoped that in the search, such items as the missing records from the School of Arts (1923-33) will turn up.

The Group particularly needs help with:  
PHOTOGRAPHIC SKILLS-photographers with access to darkroom facilities for copying and enlarging. Also to maintain photograph file.  
TYPING SKILLS-to transcribe tapes of oral history.  
FUND RAISING SKILLS-suggestions have been made to have open house days.

Many of the accounts coming forward from past residents tell of a secure life here, challenged by two World Wars and the Depression. The coming of the railway and the social life centred around the School of Arts were significant, as are the accounts of people who worked here in domestic and business life or those of the gentry who built large homes here for their families.

The goal of the Group is to publish a book which will show with historical accuracy the unfolding life here from orchard and timbergetting days to the twentieth century life style which takes the best of its past into its future.

Acknowledgement is made of the support already given by the Trust and the Group is working closely with the Civic Trust.

Mrs Heather Thomas has joined the Group as Liaison Officer. For further information on the project contact:

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MEMBERSHIP

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