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RESIDENTIAL STRATEGIES

Hornsby Council is required by the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP) to submit proposals for providing its share of additional housing which DUAP estimate will be required to meet the anticipated population growth in Sydney of 520 000 by the year 2020, 35 000 extra people in Hornsby Shire alone.

The procedure for preparing the required Stage 1 and Stage 2 reports is set out by DUAP in their brochure "Residential Strategies", issued last year. Failure to meet this requirement could mean the hard won Hornsby Council Local Environmental Plan (LEP) could be withdrawn and residential development controlled by a new and unacceptable State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP). This in effect would take our residential and ecological standards back some 5 years.

Council's Stage 1 Report was approved by DUAP and is currently on public exhibition for community comment at council libraries. Council would welcome your comments. Council is required to

nominate sites for possible additional medium density housing with their Stage 2 Report by the end of November.

It should be noted that Council has been forced to follow this procedure to avoid any attempt by DUAP bureaucrats to use the new SEPP to regain development controls in this Shire.

Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust together with other Civic Trusts, Progress Associations and resident groups in the Shire is working with Planning Power for People to assist Council to retain our LEP and to prevent the harmful effect the State Government's residential strategies could cause to our unique environment.

For those who wish to comment on a proposed dual occupancy or multi-unit development copies of a suggested procedure for responding to such developments are available from either the Trust President or Eric Adam of Planning Power for People at 40 Cheltenham Rd. Cheltenham.

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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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LIFE AFTER THE M2

The Member for Northcott Barry O'Farrell MP has been working with community groups and local residents to use the opening of the M2 as an opportunity to address some of our longer term traffic issues.

The aim of this work is to identify measures which will ensure that after the M2 is opened our area does not remain as a major thoroughfare for traffic travelling from the north and north-west to the city and other parts of Sydney.

A draft proposal was presented by Barry O'Farrell MP to a recent meeting, where the Committee was able to comment on aspects of the plan. Local residents will also have the opportunity to comment when the final draft is made available for public comment in January 1997.

The many aspects of this proposal and indeed life after the opening of the M2 will be the subject for discussion at a General Meeting early in 1997. Residents will be advised of the date once it has been set.

BUSH WALKS

The Trust's Parks walking group will again be arranging walks for members in 1997. They are planned for Sundays in May and September. The September Annual Walk will coincide with the Beecroft Festival activities.

More about these in future Bulletins.

For those who would like more information on local walks arranged by Hornsby Council should contact Council on telephone 9847 6797.

GENERAL MEETING REPORT

Our General Meeting on 29 October was well attended.

Two issues of concern to residents were discussed at some length, the siting of the Telstra tower on Pennant Hills Golf Course land and the proposed pedestrian bridges over Beecroft Road.

The meeting resolved that "**Pennant Hills Golf Club and Telstra be asked to move the tower to a site away from homes**". The Trust is supportive of the efforts of residents against the siting of

the tower and congratulate them in their efforts.

In relation to the overbridges, a majority vote supported the following motion "The Trust would be supportive of proposals to provide pedestrian overbridges if:-

- (a) there was a proven need for such structures
- (b) there was no advertising on the structure, and
- (c) the bridge designs were environmentally sensitive and compatible with the proposed location

SCHOOL MERIT AWARDS

Again this year the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust is supporting our local schools with Merit Awards to Cheltenham Girls High School, Beecroft Primary School and Arden Anglican School.

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