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**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**8.00pm MONDAY, 24th November 1997**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL**

**MARY STREET, BEECROFT**

Following the successful July Public Meeting where residents were able to discuss at length their concerns regarding the operation of the M2 and associated local traffic issues, the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust undertook to follow up the issues raised with the relevant authorities.

The Trust is committed to seeking satisfactory solutions to our traffic problems and, as we indicated at the time, a follow up public meeting to provide feedback to the community would be held.

We have invited to the meeting on Monday, 24th November representatives from the RTA, Police and Council, the Hornsby Traffic Committee and members of the Traffic and Road Safety Branch of Hornsby Council. All residents are welcome, come along and hear what they have been doing to answer your concerns.

**TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR BEECROFT ROAD**

At the July Meeting there was support from those in attendance for the installation of additional traffic lights on Beecroft Road at both Kirkham Street and Cheltenham Road. The Trust believes that there is a need for immediate action to be taken because of the safety issues involved for both local residents and through traffic.

Unfortunately answers are not readily forthcoming, in spite of the overwhelming endorsement for action from our July meeting. It would seem unlikely that any real action will occur unless we continue to show our concerns and support for better management of traffic along

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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Beecroft Road. The installation of additional traffic lights could be the first step.

It would seem that residents will now have to write to the relevant authorities if we are to see any immediate changes to traffic management in Beecroft Road. With this in mind we are encouraging all residents to now take up pens and write. Below are some points you may like to consider when putting your thoughts together, and the addresses of the relevant authorities involved. You can post direct, or you bring your letters along to the Special Public Meeting on Monday 24 November, we will make sure they are delivered to the right people. Lets see what people power can do!

### WRITE TO:-

Mr. David Stuart-Watt  
Director, Sydney Operations  
Roads & Traffic Authority  
83 Flushcombe Road  
BLACKTOWN 2148

Hon. Carl Skully MP  
Minister for Roads  
Parliament House  
SYDNEY 2000

### THINGS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER INCLUDING IN YOUR LETTER

- Difficulty in accessing the Railway Station
- Problems caused for buses in dropping and picking up school children in Beecroft Road.
- Safety related issues particularly for pedestrians.
- Difficulty for residents along Beecroft Road in accessing and exiting their homes.
- Express your concerns generally. We have heard of cases where residents have waited 10 to 15 minutes to cross the road, this has come from pedestrians and motorists alike.
- **An essential first step in addressing these matters is through the installation of traffic lights at both Cheltenham Road and Kirkham Street.**
- Difficulty in crossing from one side of the road to the other
- Problems for traffic including buses turning in and out of Kirkham Street during peak hours.
- Difficulties encountered in going to the shops, schools or churches.

### OW AND OUCH!

It's that time of year when it is pleasant to walk our leafy streets - would be if there were not so many bushes and boughs making a walk along the footpath both irksome and down right dangerous. Please take a walk with a pair of secateurs along your stretch of footpath and clip at least 15 cms (6 inches) in from the path. Also clip any over hanging boughs so that they give head and umbrella room for anyone higher than a dwarf! Our walkers will delight in your thoughtfulness.

**DON'T FORGET THE SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER  
BEECROFT PRESBYTERIAN HALL MARY STREET 8.00PM**