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GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER
ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL
BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT
8 pm

PLAN AHEAD

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Following the announcement that the Castlereagh Expressway does not have the approval of the Commission of Inquiry, it is necessary to consider alternative plans.

Speakers invited to lead the discussion are:

1. Mr Ron ANDERSON, Trust Committee - Transport Strategies.
2. Mr David STUART-WATT, Project Manager, R.T.A. Blacktown.
3. Mr Peter FERRIS, National Research Officer, Australian Railways Union.

ABOUT OUR MEETING. In mid-August Commissioner Woodward handed down his report on the enquiry into the proposed expressway from Pennant Hills Road, Beecroft to Pittwater Road, Ryde. He recommended against the construction of Stage 1 of the F2 expressway, as planned by the Roads and Traffic Authority.

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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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Following a short time with the Minister for Local Government and Minister for Planning, the report was forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority; the "determining authority". At the same time, the new Minister for Roads made it known that he would be calling for a further E.I.S. to evaluate alternative plans for providing transport routes. The R.T.A. have appointed a project manager to arrange consultants to bring plans to fruition.

Many residents have called for an expanded public transport system to resolve the issue of increased road traffic. The Australian Railways Union has commissioned Jacana Consulting to prepare a report "A Rail Strategy for the Sydney Region". This recent report proposes, in part, the construction of a rail link between Epping Station and Carlingford Station. A speaker has been invited to present that report.

TRANSPORT STRATEGIES GROUP

The Transport Strategies Group, a sub-committee of the Trust will be meeting on a date to be announced at the November General Meeting. The purpose of the group is to provide advice to assist the Trust in the formulation of transport policies.

David Rowden will convene the next and subsequent meetings.

Although there are many issues this group might address, the following are seen as important at this time:

- * the impact of developments outside the local area e.g. Kellyville, Rouse Hill/NW Sector and the movement of people through and within our local area;
- * the impact of the proposed tollway or its alternative;
- * the effectiveness of the existing transport infrastructure;
- * projected improvements, priorities and timing to be considered.

WIDENING OF PENNANT HILLS ROAD

This project will now be the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement under Section 112 of the E P & A Act 1979.

It is understood from Connell Wagner that the traffic flow calculations are to be revised and will not now include the effect of the F2-East Tollway. A review of submissions which summarises the responses received has been completed and is available at Hornsby and Baulkham Hills Shire Council offices, the electoral office of Mr B.G. Baird at Pennant Hills Market and the RTA office at Blacktown. The President of this Trust also has a copy.

VALEDICTORY DEREK BARNETT who passed away on 10-9-90 after a sudden illness in his 74th year. Derek has been a resident of Beecroft for over 40 years. He was one of the founders of the Trust and contributed much to its early success as a committee member and, for a few early years, as Secretary.

He consistently retained his concern for environmental protection and for the objects of the Trust which have helped to keep Beecroft a good place to live.

After a period of absence from the Trust Committee he recently sought its support, rejoined Committee and successfully organised local objection to the proposed extension of Wongala Cr. northward thus preventing diversion of heavy traffic through Beecroft village to the new development at Pennant Hills.

While this achievement was a great relief to Derek it must have been at some cost to his failing health. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him as one of nature's gentlemen.

John Noble