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PUBLIC MEETING

At the Beecroft Community Centre Hall at the corner of Copeland and Beecroft Roads,
commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Please note the different location and time.

Wednesday 24 th September

Miss Val Swane, of Swane's Nurseries, will give a slide illustrated talk on "Trees in Streets", which will deal with the use of trees in the street landscape, discussing types of trees, their location and their care.

Miss Swane lectures on landscaping at the U.N.S.W. Architecture Faculty and has studied the use of landscaping as an architectural and town planning element.

Her talk will be of special interest to the residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham and may provide added insights into the character of our suburbs.

Also at this meeting...

E. J. RICHARDS TROPHY COMPETITION

The prizes in the Trust's Poster Competition for the E. J. Richards Trophy will be awarded at our meeting on Wednesday 24th September.

Children from Primary schools in our district have been creating Posters depicting their "Favourite Nature Spot".

The Prize winners will be selected by Mr. Doug Albion, Art Director of the Reader's Digest.

An exhibition of entires in the Competition, which seeks to foster an awareness of our environment in the children, will be mounted at the meeting. Come and see how the children of Beecroft and Cheltenham see Nature, and how they feel about their surroundings.

After the meeting there will be time for discussion and questions, and supper will be served.

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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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HORNSBY COUNCIL FENCES CODE

The Council has adopted a Code governing fences for residential properties, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Trust.

Briefly, it provides that -

1. On streets other than Pennant Hills Road and Beecroft Road, in Beecroft and Cheltenham, the fence on the street alignment and for the first 25' of the side boundaries may not be more than 3'6" high unless a Building Application is approved by Council. In support of such an application plan and specifications, signed by the adjoining owners, must be submitted.
2. On Pennant Hills Road and Beecroft Road, fences up to 6'0" high will be considered, although a Building Application would still be required.
In either case Council reserves the right to reject or approve materials and design suggested, whether the fence should have a break in its line or decorative inserts, and whether or not the fence should be set back inside your boundary, with the setback landscaped to Council's satisfaction.

If you erect a fence without approval, Council has the power to order its demolition.

Apart from the restrictions outlined, the construction of dividing fences is regulated by the Dividing Fences Act, administered by the Courts, not by Council.

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING

The Trust has been provided with a new Notice Board at the Beecroft Arcade by the Developers, Mirvac Pty. Ltd., whom we thank for their assistance.

You may have seen comments in the local press relating to a statement by Sir John Fuller that the Hornsby Shire Planning scheme would "probably" be gazetted early in 1976 "if" the Planning and Environment Commission keeps to its programme. It was hardly a definite answer to our representations through Mr. Cameron but Hornsby has been waiting so long now it wasn't a surprise.

The Trust has written to Council querying the establishment of a small child care centre in a house in a residential area.

PENNANT HILLS PARK

Work on the Resources Management Plan for Pennant Hills Park is continuing and the first draft of the Plan is being discussed.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are -
\$4.00 for Family Membership
\$2.50 for Single Adult Membership
50 cents for Junior Membership (under 18)

Send your subscription with name and address to:

The Treasurer,
P.O. Box 31, Beecroft, 2119.

If you have any special skill or are willing to assist in any other way please let us know.

HORNSBY COUNCIL CONTACTS:

Hornsby Shire Council - 476 3333
Cr. Don Evans, Beecroft (Shire President) 84-3318
Cr. Bill Hodson, Carlingford - 871-7317
Cr. Ron Payne, Epping - 869-7410

Council meets every second Thursday evening and a Trust Committee member is rostered to attend each meeting. If you would like to attend a Council meeting to see and hear how Local Government works, phone Alan Thomas, who can put you to touch with whoever is going to the next meeting. Your company will be welcome.

We are sad to have to report the deaths recently of two very well known and highly respected members of the Trust, Mr. Keith Thornton and Dr. Baldur Byles.

Both men have been residents of Beecroft/Cheltenham for many years and both have contributed enormously to the Community. We extend to their families our deep sympathy on behalf of all members of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust.