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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Trust has arranged a meeting
at which you'll be able to meet the
C Riding candidates for the election

TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

at ST JOHN'S HALL BEECROFT 8PM

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

On Saturday 17th September Local Government Elections will take place in N.S.W.

The effects of Local Government decisions on the local environment are far reaching, being concerned with the form of our suburbs and their general maintenance and servicing.

Voting is compulsory. Your vote will not only assist to elect candidates who will do most good for your area; it will also show those ultimately selected that the people of Beecroft-Cheltenham do have a very real concern about what happens to their area.

Six candidates have nominated for C Riding, and the Trust has arranged for you to have a chance to meet them, hear their views and policies, and question them, on Tuesday, 9th September.

The six candidates are:

D. R. Evans,
47 Hull Road, Beecroft.
(Councillor, Shire President)

W. H. Hodson,
32 Keeler Street, Carlingford.
(Councillor)

R. J. Payne,
7 Waterloo Road, N.Epping.
(Councillor)

G. Bennett,
35 Cobbadah Avenue, Pennant Hills.

Ms. B. Dobeson,
6 Wingrove Avenue, Epping.

Ms. D. Wood,
16 Thorn Street, Pennant Hills.

Information on the candidates and their policies, summarised from written statements and/or conversations with them, are given on page 2.

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Information about the Candidates

D.R. EVANS - Engineer
47 Hull Road, Beecroft.

Councillor for 15 years.
Currently Shire President.

R.J. PAYNE - Naval Architect
7 Waterloo Road,
North Epping.

Councillor for 12 years.
Chairman of Recreation Committee
since establishment 6 years ago.

W.H. HODSON - Hospital Administrator
32 Keeler Street,
Carlingford.

Councillor for 9 years.

Councillors Evans, Payne and Hodson have worked as a team over the last three council terms to maintain the environment of "C" Riding. All stated in discussion on their policies for the next three years that they would continue to support the residents of Beecroft-Cheltenham in their efforts to preserve the lifestyle of the area. This includes opposition to high rise development and to any efforts to erode the values of the area. Their achievements over the last three years have included improvements to commuter parking, aesthetic improvements around stations, development of parks and gardens, prevention of the development of high rise units or flats. The three sitting councillors undertake to continue to support residents' requests which are consistent with Council's policies. They look forward to continuing close co-operation with the Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust if re-elected.

G. BENNETT
Pennant Hills.

Endorsed A.L.P. candidate for the Federal seat of Berowra.
Holds B.A. (Hons) and Master of

Town Planning degrees. Employed by Bankstown City Council. Mr. Bennett forecasts the need to plan for recreation, shopping and possibly work facilities closer to home as a result of technological change, higher fuel prices, and the use of new sources of energy. Council should develop policies on which to formulate plans for the environment, recreation, commercial, residential and industrial development.

BARBARA DOBESON
Epping.

Resident of Epping for 36 years. Active in the past in the P. & C. and currently involved with the Inner City Council for Regional Development. Member of A.C.F., a "Friend of the Earth", and a Green Bans supporter. Particularly concerned with the progressively aging population of Epping. As a Labour candidate, supports a Pensioner's Home Maintenance Scheme financed and controlled by Council to prevent old people having to give up their homes and familiar environment because of increasing costs. Ms. Dobeson is also concerned about the proliferation of units in the Epping area.

DIANA WOOD
Pennant Hills.

Ms. Wood has lived in Pennant Hills for 10 years. She is a High School teacher, an English teacher to migrant children, and laterly a research assistant in criminology. She holds a B.A. Dip. Ed. and Diploma in Criminology. Ms. Wood feels that there should be a balance between active and passive use of bush areas, and sporting facilities should be planned to prevent the traffic problems of the past. She is committed to community involvement in decision making, and open government.

Trust Policies

General Aims

From its foundation, the Trust's primary objective has been the preservation of the natural environment and "village" atmosphere which make the Beecroft-Cheltenham area such a pleasant place in which to live.

Residential Construction

The Trust aims to preserve the area as a low-density residential suburb. It opposes the erection of any high density housing.

Parks and Bushland

Most of the level areas of land in Pennant Hills Park have already been set aside for organised sport. The Trust does not believe that further areas of the Park should be cleared for such purposes but rather left in their natural state. The Trust has furnished the Hornsby Council with a management plan to this end. The Trust further believes that the bushland outside the Park boundaries should be preserved as such. Developers of new extensive areas should be required to set aside the necessary space for recreation and other community activities.

Sport and Recreation

We support the upgrading of existing areas.

Roads

The Trust is opposed to the development of additional major traffic arteries through residential areas. Development of new residential areas in Hornsby Shire and adjoining shires should not be undertaken without proper provision of roads capable of carrying the additional traffic.

Representation on Council

The Trust believes no Council

should include estate agents or developers.

Commercial Development

The Trust maintains its strong stand against further extension of the commercial area in the Beecroft shopping complex and on Beecroft Road.

Adequate Public Notice of Proposed Developments

The Trust believes that the Council should go further than merely meeting minimum legal requirements regarding publicity. The Trust believes that the Shire Council should deal more openly with development proposals.

Alteration of Local Government Boundaries

The Trust believes that the interests of residents living in the more developed area of this large Shire (C Riding) are adequately represented. The Trust is implacably opposed to proposals for the amalgamation of local government areas in the County of Cumberland.

Beecroft Community Centre

The Trust supports the continued upgrading of the Beecroft Community Centre.

Control of Pollution

The Trust believes that the Hornsby Shire Council should improve the standard of tidiness in and about shopping centres, roads, public thoroughfares, parks and the bushland within its boundaries.

Conservation

In keeping with its overall conservation objectives, the Trust believes the Council should maintain the utmost vigilance in the preservation of the trees and native flora of the Beecroft-Cheltenham area.

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Civic Trust Activities

JUNE MEETING

The meeting held on June 18 was attended by about 50 people. After Mr. Armstrong, deputising for the President, Mr. Bough, had presented the winning prizes in the E.J. Richards Trophy to -
Simon Brown, Roselea Public School,
Catherine Benson, and
Cheryl Sewell, both of Beecroft Public School,
the guest speaker, Christine O'Brien, of the N.P. & W.S., gave an entertaining talk on how to enjoy and learn from our native bushland. Chris brought some "friends", including a (stuffed) snake, echnida, platypus, glider possum and others, and adults and children gained new insights into the wonders of our flora and fauna.

E.J. RICHARDS TROPHY

Mr. Bill Freeburn visited Roselea Public School recently to present the E.J. Richards Trophy. The school will hold it for the next two years, when the next competition will be held.

WALK IN THE PARK

Held on 3rd August in Thornleigh Park in delightful weather, this was attended by more than 150 people. Many of the children who attended had participated in the Poster competition. The Park sub-committee subsequently decided that next year's Walk should be held in the Pennant Hills/Cheltenham section of the Park.

PART WEEDING

Hornsby Shire Council has granted approval to the National Trust to use

Thornleigh Park and Pennant Hills Park as training areas in the Bradley method of bush regeneration. A group organised by Trust members (particularly Ms. Florence Dwight) have been using this system in the Devlin's Creek area for several years. The Council's initiative is good news, and anyone interested in further advice on the matter can obtain it at the September meeting.

"B.P. STATION"

Efforts are still being made to use this site on the corner of Cheltenham and Beecroft Roads for some form of commercial development. At its meeting on 11th August, 1980, Council rejected an application to use the site for a pre-school kindergarten on the grounds that it would generate noise, interfere with neighbours' enjoyment, and be out of character with existing development.

BEECROFT STATION

A report appeared recently in the Northern District Times detailing improvements carried out by the P.T.C. at the approaches to Beecroft station. Foundation members, Ruth and Maynard Davies, have been persistently corresponding with the P.T.C. for some years, and have had continued support from the Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust and from Shire President, Don Evans, in their efforts. The end result is a fine example of how concerned residents, with the assistance of the Trust and Council, can achieve results which benefit the community as a whole.