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**CIVIC TRUST**

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SEPTEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

8 PM.

The next General Meeting of the Trust will be held, as above, in

ST JOHN'S HALL, BEECROFT.  
Corner Beecroft Rd. and Chapman Ave.

IS BEECROFT READY FOR

DENSER HOUSING ?

GUEST SPEAKERS:- Mr. Don Fox  
Mr. Alan Thomas.

Don Fox who until a month ago was President of the Local Government Planning Association and Chief Town Planner of Baulkham Hills Shire, is now with Collin C. Donges and Associates, Consulting Town Planners.

Alan Thomas is an Architect and a former President of the Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust.

Supper - served about 9.30p.m.  
Membership subscriptions will be accepted at the meeting.

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# TRUST POLICY-

## RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION.

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

This is current Trust policy - is it valid today?

The Trust Committee is aware that many people who live alone, and retired couples, are forced to leave the area as they are unable (physically or financially) to maintain the homes they have occupied for many years. Some of these people would like to remain in this area, but under present regulations and policies no provision is made for them. "Granny Flats" are seldom the answer and Town Houses and Villa Homes are not permitted.

The N.S.W. State Government has adopted the principle of Urban Consolidation and is developing a consolidation policy for Sydney. (Urban Consolidation has been defined as an increase in the gross population density of the existing urban area)

The trust remains strongly opposed to Home Units in Beecroft-Cheltenham, but in view of comments we have heard and correspondence received, we would like to know if the majority of residents would support a change in Trust policy to remove our opposition to Town Houses and Villa Homes (in selected and controlled areas) within Beecroft-Cheltenham.

The General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd September in St John's Hall will provide an opportunity for residents to listen to experts, ask questions and make their views known.

### BEECROFT-CHELTHENHAM CIVIC TRUST

NAME.....	MEMBERSHIP
Address.....	Telephone.....
Attached is my cheque/cash for \$ .....	as renewal/new membership.

Annual Subscriptions:

Family membership - \$5.00 Adult membership - \$3.00  
 Financial year commences 1st. January.  
 Receipts will not be issued unless requested.

Post to: The Treasurer, P.O. Box 31 BEECROFT 2119.

## WALK IN THE PARK - 1981.

On Sunday August 16th about 200 adults and children met at the Day Road picnic area for the annual walk in very good weather. After a brief introductory talk by Geoff Armstrong we set off on two walks. The shorter walk was for those interested in the native flowers and shrubs and the longer was for those who wanted a good hike and to discover the extent of the Park.

Both tours went via Byles Creek and Devlin's Creek to the junction with Lane Cove River. From there the shorter route went up the new trail to the ridge thence via towers 43 and 42 back to Day Road. The variety and abundance of the flowers on the ridge pleased all. Our volunteer botanical guides were able to identify plants when required. The boronia and hardenbergia were particularly noticeable this year.

The longer route continued along Lane Cove River to Boy Scouts Creek, up the bed of the Creek to the Scouts Camp and thence south behind the houses to the Ovals. From there we followed the trails behind Britannia Street and Blackbutt Avenue back to Day Road. This is a long walk, but very enjoyable.

An article in the Northern District Times led to some confusion as to the date of the Walk and quite a few people thought it was taking place on Saturday. We did what we could to correct this, but about thirty people turned up on Saturday afternoon. Florence Dwight took them on the shorter walk and still was able to guide people on the Sunday.

Those people who could not join us on the 16th will find the shorter walk in particular quite rewarding for a few weeks yet, and it is recommended for a pleasant stroll. Let us hope the weather and company are equally good next year.

The Trust committee wishes to thank Florence Dwight for her efforts in organizing, promoting and running this activity.

Trust Membership is open to any resident of Beecroft or Cheltenham or any person acceptable to the Committee.

Should you wish to become a member of the Trust please complete the application form in this bulletin and forward it to the Trust.

REMEMBER - the Trust can only be effective with a strong membership and the support of the community it represents.

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## SUTHERLAND ROAD SAGA.

Early in 1978 Hornsby Shire Council appointed a Traffic Survey Committee under Section 530A of the Local Government Act, to investigate and make recommendations to Council on possible alterations to the road pattern at Beecroft and adjacent areas, with a view to permitting through traffic without detriment to the general amenity of the locality.

The Committee produced an initial report which was widely circulated throughout the affected areas, a public meeting was held and written public comment, criticism and suggestions were invited. After careful consideration of all points raised a final report was prepared and submitted to Council in October 1979, which described a comprehensive traffic management plan based on the concept of a road hierarchy.

The final scheme proposed a number of road closures and traffic control measures which, taken together, were aimed at reducing through traffic. Any road closures proposed satisfied the criterion that traffic using that street could be redirected to the adjoining roads without exceeding practical capacity. If this criterion is not satisfied then it is unlikely that the authorities would permit such a closure.

The Committee's final proposal for Sutherland road was for a closure between Kethel Road and Chorley Avenue. Although this would not completely solve the problem, through traffic on the section between Cheltenham and Beecroft would be prevented and traffic volumes (especially at off-peak times) would be expected to drop on the Southern part of Sutherland Road. In addition, the safety of pedestrians at Cheltenham Station could be improved because the speed of traffic would be reduced and the sight distance required for a pedestrian crossing would be obtained.

Comment on the recommendations was received from the Police and Traffic Authorities in mid 1980. Council has taken no action whilst it is awaiting a further report on traffic hierarchies within the Shire.

Following an accident on Sutherland Road involving a young girl pedestrian, public meetings were held at Beecroft Public School on August 5th & 25th to try to initiate further action on Sutherland Road.

Hornsby Shire Council temporarily closed Sutherland Road on August 27th 1981.

The advice obtained by the Trust is that Hornsby Shire Council's application for permanent closure of Sutherland Road at Devlin's Creek is almost certain to be unsuccessful. All affected residents are therefore still awaiting a permanent solution.

The Civic Trust has supported, and still supports, the recommendations of the 530 A Traffic Survey Committee report. When is Council going to implement it?