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**BEECROFT - CHELTENHAM  
CIVIC TRUST**

P.O. BOX 31, BEECROFT, N.S.W. 2119.

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1983**

**ST. JOHNS CHURCH HALL**  
**BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT**

**at 8.00pm**

**SUBJECT:** Local Government Elections

Candidates nominating for Hornsby Council "C" Riding will be invited to attend and address the Trust on their views and policies

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**TRUST MEMBERSHIP**

We have before mentioned that for the Beecroft/Cheltenham Civic Trust to be effective it must show that it has the community's support. The most realistic way to provide this support is to be a financial member of the Trust, thereby helping to maintain the area how we would like to see it.

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#### VILLAGE GREEN

For some while now concern has been expressed over the condition of the "Village Green" and its use. Hornsby Council has adopted a policy of restricted use limiting public functions on the green to 3/4 per year.

In view of its location the Village Green is the focal point of the community. Should it be left as it is or should we try to make it a place that is not only pleasing on the eye but functional? Part of the problem used to be the allowance of cars onto the grassed area and the Trust will continue to press for a pedestrian area.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

The meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th September will present an opportunity for residents to meet and talk with those who have nominated for a seat on the Hornsby Council to represent "C" Riding at the forthcoming local government elections to be held on 24th September 1983.

A list of candidates is provided:

Both the Shire President Councillor Don Evans and Councillor Bill Hodgson will retire from office at these elections and the Trust wish to record their appreciation of the services given to the community by these two gentlemen.

#### PENNANT HILLS PARK

The annual Walk in the Park was held on the afternoon of Sunday 21st August 1983 with an estimated 150 people attending.

The weather was fine and showed the park off in all its grand splendour. It is hoped that all who attended enjoyed the chance to either discover the beauty of the park for the first time or retrace memories of past visits.

#### PENNANT HILLS PARK

The Trust has recently written to Council concerning erosion in the park and also on the dangers to the public of the Archery Range. No answer has been received as yet. Trail bikes are a constant menace - to walkers, to trails and to the peace of nearby residents.

By holding the annual Walk in the Park we hope to encourage the use of our park by local residents for passive recreation. The many people who came on this year's walk saw an excellent display of wild flowers. We supplied a map, brochure and botanical guide.

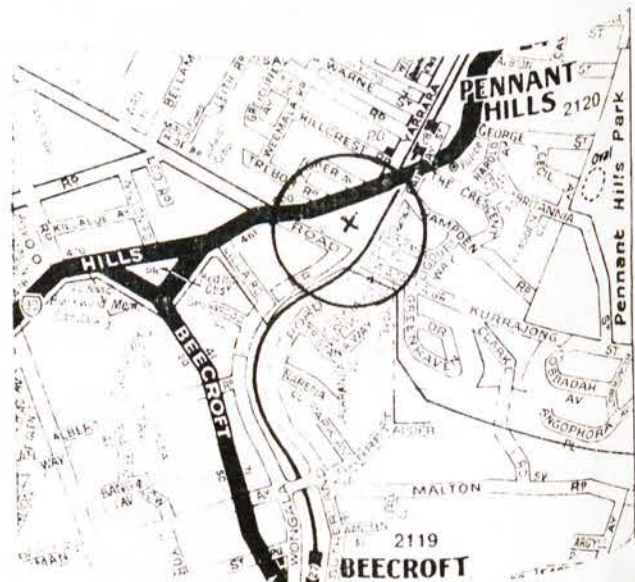
#### PENNANT HILLS BOUNDARY ROAD

Most residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham would be aware of the controversy surrounding a proposed development nicknamed the "Bermuda Triangle" bounded by Pennant Hills Road, Boundary Road and the northern railway line.

This proposed development whilst located outside our area could have significant bearing on our environment.

Problems appear to have arisen over traffic flows from this development onto the Pennants Hills Road and one alternative being canvassed is to open up Wongala Crescent to accept this load.

A further point worth noting is that Hornsby Shire Councillors have admitted to an error (Northern District Times August 24th 1983). This error relates to permitting the plot ratio to be altered from 0.5:1 to 1.5:1, thus opening up the possibility of the erection of high rise buildings.



BEECROFT SHOPPING CENTRE

Our June edition of the Bulletin advised you of a proposal before Council to allow the house located next door to the Beecroft Childrens Library in Wongala Crescent to be rezoned from Residential to Special Business to permit the building of six Strata Title offices.

In keeping with the Trust's policy on development within this area and the concern expressed by residents, the Trust wrote to Hornsby Council objecting to the proposed change in zoning.

We are pleased to report that we have since been informed that the Council rejected the application and to retain the residential zoning.

SUTHERLAND ROAD

Most people will be aware of the ongoing attempts to provide some form of traffic control on Sutherland Road at Cheltenham Station. It started with the controversy of the rumble strips installed by Hornsby Council which were later to be filled in to the present system of a pedestrian refuge.

What is your opinion of the refuge?  
Are you in favour of it or not?  
If not, what would you have preferred to have been used? The Trust feels that public feedback on matters of this nature is essential in order that it can correspond with the Council and provide the Council with constructive criticism if required, or qualified praise if deserved.

COUNCIL SERVICES

Hornsby Council has several services available free to rate payers. These services range from the provision of letter box numbers to the supply of a limited number of trees and top soil for the nature strip.

These services are offered to encourage people to preserve the beauty of our neighbourhood. Make use of them.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
AGED PERSONS DEVELOPMENT  
MARY STREET BEECROFT

The Presbyterian Church is planning a development in Mary Street consisting of 10 aged persons units in two two-storey blocks to be located on a site in Mary Street between this church and the bottle shop. It is understood that the proposal is for these units to be of the self-care type without provision for any on site medical care or facilities.

The Trust has been concerned over the implications of such a development within the region as the overall appearance of the development gives the impression of a standard unit block.

Because the development is being undertaken by the church and in view of the type of development it will not under current State legislation require any change in zoning laws. Whilst not wishing to give the opinion that the Trust is against the caring for the aged, the Trust is concerned as to the effect such a development could have. This concern is added to by the fact that the church in formulating its policy has compared its set up to other aged person complexes within this region which appear to at least offer some on-site services for the comfort of those in residence.

The Trust is aware of the legislation under which the church will seek to proceed and the Trust feels that it is its duty to ensure that the regulations outlined are strictly complied with in all aspects of the development.

It should be noted that concern over this project has been raised not only by the Trust but also by members of the Presbyterian Church congregation.

A recent exchange of correspondence between the Civic Trust and Hornsby Council regarding this project is too involved to reproduce in this bulletin, therefore copies will be put on display at the notice boards located at the Arcade and Cheltenham Station.

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TRUST COMMITTEE

Each January at the Annual General Meeting a Committee of ten is elected by the financial members of the Trust. The Committee after electing office bearers then invites two others to join them.

The current Committee for 1983 is:

Bill Greenhalgh	President	6 Murray Rd., Cheltenham	86.2306
Spencer Bough	Vice President	82 Boronia Pl., Cheltenham	869.8142
Keith Campbell	Vice President	188 Beecroft Rd., Cheltenham	86.5808
Sue Lipsies	Secretary	16 Sutherland Rd., Cheltenham	868.1892
Tom Lloyd	Treasurer	24 Fiona Rd., Beecroft	84.1163
John Wollington	Publicity Officer	84 Copeland Rd., Beecroft	84.1444
Tony Lewis	Parks Sub-C'tee	14 Cobran Rd., Cheltenham	869.8130
Doug Macartney		20 Kirkham St., Beecroft	868.2472
Heather Thomas		1 Park Ave., Beecroft	848.9762
Keith Davidson		40A Sutherland Rd., Cheltenham	868.3611

The Committee is there to carry out the wishes of residents. There are, from time to time, events which become generally known as the Road Hierarchy Study and Urban Consolidation. Through the Trust the residents may air their views on these matters which greatly affect our community. Other matters are either brought to our notice by individual residents or from a member of the Trust Committee attending Council meetings which are held every other Thursday.

Therefore, please keep us informed. Because of the costs involved the Trust's Bulletin is only produced 4 or 5 times a year at present. This could mean that items arising between these Bulletins have to be dealt within the elected Committee.

These matters, which do not warrant a special Bulletin issue, are handled on the basis of the Trust's accepted policies which are, in brief, the preservation of our area as a natural environment and village atmosphere to help make Beecroft and Cheltenham a pleasant place in which to live.

BEECROFT-CHELTHENHAM CIVIC TRUST

MEMBERSHIP

NAME ..... TELEPHONE .....

ADDRESS .....

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.  
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