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Special Public Meeting

8.00pm. Thursday 27th September 2001

Cheltenham Recreational Club

The Crescent, Cheltenham

Our next Public meeting on Thursday 27th September promises to have something to interest all residents.

Trust member Bill Greenhalgh will update residents on the proposed changes to residential planning development in our area. Following the public exhibition of the White Paper "Plan First" by the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, legislation is to be presented to Parliament possibly as early as the Spring Session in October that will establish four regions in the Sydney metropolitan area. The Northern Region will comprise the local government areas of Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Pittwater, Ryde, Warringah and Willoughby. Who will represent us on this new body and what is to become of Planning Power for People, which has up until now represented our interests?

Residents will also be brought up to date on the latest developments in our representations on your behalf to the RTA to address the now critical

traffic issues that face our area. In particular your request to have traffic signals installed at the intersections of Beecroft Road and Kirkham Street, and Beecroft Road and Cheltenham Road. In our last Bulletin we asked residents to complete a tear off and return it to the Secretary, it is still not too late to send in your completed slip, or you could sign the petition which will be available at the meeting.

The application by Manboom Pty Ltd to erect advertising signage along the M2 at the Epping Tunnel's east and west portals, the east and west face of the Kent Street Bridge and the eastern face at Pennant Hills Road, will be discussed. Residents would possibly be aware that a further development application is now before Hornsby Council, this follows an earlier unsuccessful application submitted last year.

Member for Epping Andrew Tink will be in attendance at the meeting to answer residents' questions. Local C Ward councillors have also been invited to attend the meeting.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS
HAVE YOUR SAY

A public meeting to discuss local policing will be held at the Pennant Hills Community Centre on Sunday 16th September between 2.00 and 4.00pm. Come and find out where policing is at locally. All welcome.

SPRING WALK

This year's spring walk is a short but interesting one that will include a tour of the Ludwig Blackwood Sanctuary with a guide from the National Trust. This area is not usually open to the public and it is an ideal opportunity to experience at first hand the bushland and learn of its history and management.

Walkers are asked to meet at the Observatory Park parking area near the intersection of Beecroft Road and Pennant Hills Road at 2.00pm on Sunday 23rd September.

Following the tour of the sanctuary walkers will return to Observatory Park to view the regeneration area commenced by John Noble in 1989 and expanded in 1999. Over the last 12 years this area has developed an established understorey of native shrubs and ground cover with over 100 different species recorded.

Afternoon tea will be provided at Mount St Benedicts School where walkers will also be able to see the bush regeneration project currently being undertaken in the school grounds.

All are welcome to join in what should be a varied and interesting afternoon. Remember sensible walking shoes are recommended, bring a hat and sunscreen.

Contact: Sheila Woods 9484 6764 or Jenny Lewis 9869 1175.

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

Members of the Trust and golfers met at Pennant Hills Golf Club on Sunday 29 July, National Tree Planting Day, with a target to plant 900 shrubs and other indigenous plants at the golf course. Over the last 5 years the golf course has been addressing the management of its trees and remnant vegetation.

The planting was arranged by Richard Kirkby, Course Manager and Jason Rothery, Head Horticulturalist. The main focus of the day was Devlin's Creek, which runs through the course. The planting is part of the Club's global plan to restore the waterway and its tributaries to their former condition and become a scenic feature of the course. More clearing of introduced exotics is planned in the future as well as streambank restoration work and further planting.

Well done Pennant Hills Golf Club!

THE TRUST AT WORK

Many people have asked what does the Trust do? In this issue we have tried to give a snapshot of some of the matters your Executive deals with on a regular basis.

- **Traffic and pedestrian safety.** The Trust is continuing to pressure the government to address safety issues on Beecroft Road and to meet requests for the installation of traffic lights at Kirkham Street and Cheltenham Road.
- **Advertising on the M2.** The Trust has met with Manboom Pty Ltd on a number of occasions regarding its proposal for advertising along the M2.
- In the last three months the Trust considered over **20 development applications** and has made written submissions to Council on a number of these where it was considered there are serious implications for residents. The government's proposed changes to **residential planning** as well as aged housing issues, proposed subdivisions, stormwater issues, house extensions, matters affecting the visual amenity of our area have also been considered as well as providing impartial advice to residents on their particular concerns. Over the last few years an increasing amount of the Trusts effort is directed towards these matters.
- The Trust has provided comment on the proposed **Post Office site development**, was directly involved in seeking to resolve the **Beecroft Shopping Centre** lower car park dispute, is working with Council to solve the long term access problem at the **Beecroft Community Centre**. It is actively working with Council, residents, community organisations and businesses to maintain an appropriate level of **policing** for our district.
- The Trust is working with council, police, community organisations and the local member to develop strategies to address the increasing **graffiti** scourge in our area.
- **The Parks Sub-committee** takes special interest in the preservation and well being of our bushland area. It holds regular monthly meetings, organises bush regeneration working parties and conducts the Trusts popular walks program.
- Representatives from the Trust regularly attend **council meetings**, and the Land and Environment Court in support of issues on behalf of residents.
- The Trust was instrumental in the restoration of the **Beecroft War Memorial** a major community project completed this year.