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BULLETIN

October 1998

President Betty Grant Phone 9876 3521

Secretary Gordon Winch Phone 9876 5865

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING 8.00pm TUESDAY, 3rd November 1998 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL MARY STREET, BEECROFT

Mark the date in your diary, the Public Meeting on November 3 will be a report back to resid back to residents on the current position of our deliberations with authorities on the traffic in the date in your diary, the Public Meeting on November 2 with authorities on the traffic in the date in your diary, the Public Meeting on November 2 with authorities on the traffic in the date in your diary, the Public Meeting on November 2 with authorities on the traffic in the date in your diary, the Public Meeting on November 2 with authorities on the traffic in the date in your diary, the Public Meeting on November 2 with authorities on the current position of our deliberations with authorities on the traffic in the date in your diary, the Public Meeting on November 2 with authorities on the traffic in the date in your diary, the Public Meeting on November 2 with authorities on the traffic in the date in your diary, the Public Meeting on November 2 with authorities on the traffic in the date in your diary. the traffic issues in our area, particularly Beecroft Road. The outcome of our recent position of interest to all residents. recent negotiations with the RTA should be of interest to all residents.

Over the past year the Trust has continued to seek commitments from the authorities for authorities for some firm decisions to be made in addressing our traffic problems.

We have We have been supported in this by large numbers of residents expressing their views at a supported in this by large numbers of the views at a support of the views at a suppor views at our public meetings. Our recent survey indicated that 447 of 508 (88%) of respondent respondents urged us to press for lights and pedestrian crossings on Beecroft Road at both the contract and Cheltenham Road intersections. Road at both the Kirkham Street and Cheltenham Road intersections.

lan McLeod of the Beecroft Cheltenham History Group will tell us about the research and any the droup for their next publication. Most research currently being carried out by the group in 1995 titled "BEECROFT Would be formula being carried out by the group in 1995 titled "BEECROFT would be familiar with the work published by the group in 1995 titled "BEECROFT AND CHELTERING WITH THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO 1914". AND CHELTENHAM the shaping of a Sydney community to 1914".

Following a decision taken at the Annual General Meeting John Noble will be made an Honorar Live Rescrict Cheltenham Civic Trust at this meeting. an Honorary Life Member of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust at this meeting.

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#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT SURVEY RESULTS

The reply to our public transport survey has been amazing with well over 500 responses being received. The responses being received. Thank you to all who took the time to complete a questionnaire. questionnaire.

Most rate our train service as good (44%) very good (10%) or fair (35%). Responses were evenly split as the Responses were evenly split on the general frequency of trains on our line but most felt they would like an impart most felt they would like an improved service during peak times. The majority of the they would like an improved service during peak times. It was felt they have the theorem to the theor respondents can get a seat always (30%) and most of the time (15%). It was felt the trains were clean and court (29%). the trains were clean and comfortable most times (58%) sometimes (29%). Personal safety is a issue (64%). The content of the time (15%). It was the trains were clean and comfortable most times (58%) sometimes (29%). Personal safety is a issue (64%). The Trust has undertaken to pass your concerns onto the appropriate authorities.

Most respondents travel to the city and surprisingly travel off-peak. Over half walk to the station (52%) or go by con (440) to the station (52%) or go by car (44%). Of the 8% who sometimes use the bus, respondents felt the service is near (62%). respondents felt the service is poor (33%) adequate (25%) and good (28%).

For those brave enough to try their hand at the ticketing machines about half said times they had a problem and those with problems have occurred between 2 and 15 times.

With regard to improvements, more parking spots at Beecroft and Cheltenham Street and Ch stations ranked highly as did traffic lights on Beecroft Road at Kirkham Street and Cheltenham Road. Pedestrians would Cheltenham Road. Pedestrians would also like to have safe crossings at these locations.

Many respondents also made comments which will be helpful to the Trust in formulating its policy and direction in the second sec formulating its policy and direction in regard to transport matters generally.

A full listing of the results can be seen on the Trust notice board in the Beecroft

## BUSH REGENERATION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are lucky to live in a part of Sydney where areas of bushland still remain. species many of the species many of the species many of the species was species to the species many of the bushland is, however, under threat from the invasion of privet and other shife Council commenced escapees from our commenced of the council commen species many of them escapees from our own backyard. In 1989 Hornsby supported by Council to Volunteer Bucks. Council commenced its Volunteer Bushcare Program. One of the Beecroft Reserve. supported by Council was a Beecroft group formed in 1987 working in the Beecroft

This small group of volunteers have, since 1991, directed most of their effort adjacent to their property done Chilworth Reserve. Other residents have joined the program and worked on adjacent to their property. Good progress by adjacent to their property. Good progress has been made, but a lot more could be adjacent more volunteers.

Bush regeneration is the rehabilitation of weed infested and degraded bush weeds and encouraging native community of plants which occur naturally in an area. It involves removing weeds and encouraging native plants in their place.

The Beecroft Reserve group have also recently mapped the walking tracks in the Reserve both. Reserve between Pennant Hills Golf Course and Cheltenham Oval. Included with is issue in this issue is a copy of the map A small brochure is also planned.

Congratulations also to the Bambara Bushcare Group who were successful in Obtaining a second to the Bambara Bisser Catchment Management Committee to Obtaining a grant from the Lane Cove River Catchment Management Committee to assist in a series of workshops and a planting program.

Volunteers for bush regeneration are needed. If you are interested in helping contact Hornel. contact Hornsby Shire Council's Bushcare Program on 9847 6797.

### THE URBAN FOX

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NP&WLS) have recently launched a campaign to the Lane Cove National Parks and Wildlife Service (NP&WLS) nave recently Lane Cove River Catching to limit the urban fox population. A brochure funded by the Lane Cove River Catchment Management Committee and prepared by the Urban Feral Animal Action Group Action Group, supported by NP&WLS and Councils, has been prepared to assist the community in understanding the problem.

Foxes are predators of native wildlife, and their spread is supported by food scraps, net feet and their spread community support is possibly the most effective way in the Lane Cove catchment to control their spread as baiting is not as baiting is not possible due to restrictions near residential areas.

We can help by not feeding foxes, not leaving food scraps or pet food outside, advising coursely and setting a advising council of any sightings or den locations and borrowing and setting a council trap if the council trap, if there are foxes on your property.

Further information can be obtained from the NP&WLS Pest Species Officer, phone 9412 1011 phone 9412 1811 or Hornsby Shire Council 'phone 9847 6591.

#### GRAFFITI

The Trust has expressed its concern to both the RTA and Hornsby Shire Council regarding the structures in our huildings, signs and other structures in our archive the structure of huildings. regarding the increase of graffiti on buildings, signs and other structures in our area. We are area. We are currently waiting on advice from them regarding suitable action that <sup>can</sup> be taken.

# HELP REDUCE THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT

It is well known that trees will help absorb the nasty greenhouse gases. As trees grow, they told the effectively doubling the saving in greenhouse affectively doubling the saving in greenhouse grow, they take in carbon dioxide, effectively doubling the saving in greenhouse gases. When gases. When we plant trees we should choose species which are native to the The tree. The tree When we plant trees we should choose species which are pests.

The trees attract native birds which in turn help control insect pests.

Over the period 1995 to 1998 this is just what the Pennant Hills Golf Club has been doing. been doing. During this period 13,000 trees, shrubs and other vegetation have been planted.

Over 10.000 of the plantings are native species. been doing. During this period 13,000 trees, shrubs and other vegetation has been planted around the course. Over 10,000 of the plantings are native species.

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