**Beecroft Telephone Exchange**

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 10 July 1897, page 12**

EAST CARLINGFORD.

Proposed Telephone Exchange. —A strong movement is on foot to establish a telephone exchange at East Carlingford Railway Station, which would be a great boon, not only to the orchardists in the district, but also to business and professional men. The present system in vogue, of telegrams being sent to Sydney via Hornsby Junction, is certainly a very roundabout and slow way of doing business. Only 15 names are required to establish an all-day service and 25 names for an all-night service. If 15 residents will agree then, at a cost of £5 per annum (a trifle under 2s per week) to each, an exchange will at once be established and the necessary instruments fixed in each subscriber's residence. Residents of Beecroft, Ryde, Eastwood and Marsfield are cordially invited to co-operate and thus bring the district within easy communication of the metropolis and all suburbs. One thing is assured, that as soon as the exchange is established at Carlingford East, the few telephones now in the district will be switched on to Carlingford and not via Parramatta as at present. All wishing to co-operate are invited to communicate with Mr. J. H. Stephenson or Mr. H. A. Michael, of East Carlingford.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 1 January 1898, page 10**

EXIT ' 1897, WELCOME 1898.

Though, not yet completed, the efforts of the past year will result in a telephone exchange being opened at East Carlingford early in the year 1898, the poles being already placed in position.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 30 April 1898, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

Mr. R. Walker has been connected with the East Carlingford Telephone Exchange. It is expected that some Beecroft residents will bs connected soon, in which event an all-night service will be arranged for.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 30 April 1898, page 10**

RYDE GENERAL NEWS.

Telephone Exchange. — The Department has taken the initial steps in the direction of establishing a Telephone Exchange in Ryde. On Monday last Mr. W. Short, the Council Clerk, supplied particulars as to the distances of the several in tending subscribers from the Post Office. It is expected that tenders will shortly be invited for the supply and erection of the necessary poles for the connecting wires.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 14 May 1898, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

It is anticipated that very soon an all-night service will be established in connection with the East Carlingford Telephone Exchange.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 25 June 1898, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

The Postmaster-General has approved of an extension of hours for East Carlingford Telephone Exchange, and next week there will be an all-night service. Five fresh applications for connection with the Exchange have been sent in.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 August 1898, page 8**

Beecroft Progress Association.

Acting on a suggestion made by Mr. Stobo to the chairman, it was decided to approach the Department with a view to having a public telephone, connected with the East Carlingford Exchange, established at Beecroft for the use of the residents. Such an arrangement, it was thought, would result beneficially to the Department, as it would probably be the means of inducing people, when they became aware of the advantages of having telephones established at their private residences, to subscribe.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Wednesday 22 February 1899, page 2**

Police Protection of the Northern Line.

It has been ascertained that the scheme formulated some time ago for the establishment of special telephonic communication for the police in the Carlingford-Beecroft districts will very shortly be put into effect. This arrangement will bring the police at Hunter’s Hill, Gladesville, Ryde, East Carlingford, Beecroft and Dundas into close touch with each other.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 8 July 1899, page 11**

The Telephone Exchange. — The Beecroft police station is now connected with the East Carlingford Telephone Exchange.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 13 October 1900, page 10**

Epping.

Telephone. - The telephone exchange has been found a very useful adjunct to the facilities of the district. Subscribers are now connected with the local exchange from Beecroft, Pennant Hills, Carlingford West, Eastwood and Marsfield.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 14 December 1901, page 10**

Beecroft.

Progress Association. - The secretary was instructed to write to the Telegraph Department, it having refused to establish a telephone in Beecroft, asking that the twelve persons who were willing to connect may be permitted to connect with the existing exchange at Epping at the rate of £5 per annum.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 22 March 1902, page 12**

Beecroft.

Telephone Exchanges. — Replying to a request of the Beecroft Progress Association that twelve residents might be permitted to connect with the nearest telephone exchange at the mile rate, Mr. Dugald Thompson, M.P., -writes as follows: — “The regulations do not permit of those beyond a mile from an exchange being connected without an extra mileage charge. The desirability of making the limit two miles has, however, been urged, and the inspector has reported in favour. As, however, any alteration must apply to all Australia, the decision has come from the Hon. the Postmaster-General, and must be given not as regards an isolated instance, or a solitary State, but as regards the whole Commonwealth. I will question the Postmaster-General in Parliament on this matter.'

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 17 October 1903, page 10**

Beecroft.

Progress Association. - It was also decided to write to the Postmaster-General, inquiring how many subscribers would be necessary to secure the establishment of a telephone exchange at Pennant Hills or Beecroft.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 16 March 1907, page 10**

Beecroft.

It was decided to make further application to have Beecroft made a measuring centre in connection with the telephone service, seeing that the greatest number of subscribers on to the Epping exchange were residents of Beecroft. If granted, it would mean a difference of £2 to each subscriber, that amount having now to be paid for mileage.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 4 May 1907, page 10**

Beecroft.

THE TELEPHONE. — Another effort is to be made by the Beecroft Progress Association to have Beecroft proclaimed a measuring centre. This would be the next best thing to an exchange, and it is felt that Beecroft is entitled to some consideration of the kind in view of the fact that the subscribers there exceed in number those at Epping where there is an exchange.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 December 1909, page 8**

Beecroft.

A member called attention to the delays experienced by people using the telephone here, and said that the association should use every effort to get a telephone exchange for Beecroft. The president said that the delay was especially noticeable in regard to the Beecroft telephone service, and he instanced several cases. They should write and ask that an inquiry be made. Mr. Slingsby said that when using the bureau telephone, he could hear a gramophone, but could not get his number for over a quarter of an hour. Another member said that the installation of the whole service was bad, and a most searching investigation should be made. It was agreed to write to the Department, complaining of the unsatisfactory nature of the service and the want of attention given to calls by the attendants at Epping exchange.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Thursday 2 March 1911, page 5**

TELEPHONE TROUBLES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir-There is a public telephone bureau at the Beecroft Railway Station, What its use is I wish to explain.

**Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954), Friday 6 October 1911, page 2**

EPPING POST OFFICE.

Considerable rivalry exists between Beecroft and Epping as to which district may have the honor of possessing the principal post-office and telephone exchange. So far Epping holds nine points of the law, as the exchange is there, and the tenth point is promised them. The progress association has been informed by Mr. J. Cook, M.P., that plans are now in course of preparation for the erection of an official post and telegraph office and telephone exchange at Epping, and that £2000 odd has been voted for consideration when the estimates are being prepared. The progress association expressed the opinion that the department should hurry up over the matter, as the accommodation at the present post-office is totally inadequate for the needs of the telephone and postal stuff, and that there is room on the switchboard for only one or two more telephones.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 21 March 1914, page 8**

Beecroft Progress Association.

The Phone, Nightmare.

From D.P.M.G. (per the Prime Minister), stating that a new junction line between Epping and Sydney had been put in action, and further trunk lines would be put up as the public need demanded. It was regretted that owing to the lack of slot boxes, the Cheltenham telephone bureau could not be connected. The President said that Beecroft was also suffering from the scarcity of telephone slot boxes. A week or two ago, the bureau had been burgled, and the slot box taken to Cheltenham and smashed. In consequence of that the bureau here had been disconnected. The box had been taken to Cheltenham. He did not

mean to infer that some of the Cheltenham people had appropriated the box so as to be fitted to their own bureau. (Laughter.) Since the association had complained about the bad telephone service, things had greatly improved. Mr. H. H. Sugden had been put onto inquire into complaints, and he was proving himself a live man. All complaints about inattention should be forwarded to him in writing, c/o the Telephone Department, North Sydney, stating the time and other particulars. Several members said that Epping was the worst exchange to get a connection through.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 24 May 1913, page 8**

Epping.

Hello. — A new telephone cable has been completed as far as Beecroft, and a new switch-board has been connected at the present exchange. Some inconvenience was caused to subscribers whilst the change was being effected.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 15 January 1916, page 8**

THE FIRE STATION.

The station is also connected to the Epping telephone exchange, its number being Epping 139.