**Beecroft Water Supply & Sewerage**

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 30 July 1892, page 2**

Proposed Slaughter House for Carlingford

Beecroft on the Warpath. Application Refused.

Some of the Beecroft people use the water in Devlin's Creek. The creek runs into a place called Brown's waterhole.

Some of the people drink the water from what is called Flat Rock and Frog's Hole.

**Cumberland Free Press (Parramatta, NSW: 1895 - 1897), Saturday 21 September 1895, page 6**

BEECR0FT.

Water here had become so scarce, that some of the leading inhabitants found it necessary to apply to the Railway Commissioners for aid. Accordingly, a truck was specially fitted up for the purpose of conveying supplies. Three tanks were connected together by piping and fixed in the truck, and to the centre tank a pump was attached for the purpose of delivering the water. This apparatus was filled at Ryde and conveyed by rail to Beecroft on Saturday last, reaching there about 2.16 p.m. The charge for the load of water was 14s 3d; and the whole was discharged the same evening.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 19 Oct 1895**

Beecroft.

From the Water and Sewerage Board, explaining the water scheme to Wahroonga, and stating that the question of the supply being extended between Hornsby and Ryde was now occupying attention with a view of provision being made for it when the next estimates were being considered.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 1 February 1896, page 6**

Beecroft Progress Association.

Annual Report.

A steady advance was being made with the Northern Suburbs Water Supply, the laying of the pipes being completed within a few miles of Hornsby Junction.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 9 May 1896, page 1**

BREVITIES.

The water supply in the district is again assuming a serious aspect. In some places, recourse has already been made to the use of water-carts.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 8 August 1896, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

The water mains are now complete in all the principal streets at the Junction. Therefore, with very little trouble any householders can now have the water laid on to their promises.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 15 August 1896, page 11**

Thornleigh Progress Association.

The Beecroft Progress Association wrote asking for co-operation in requesting the Water and Sewerage Board to construct water mains for the districts between Hornsby Junction and Ryde. — Decided to co-operate.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 7 November 1896, page 11**

Beecroft.

The Weather. - Through the recent rain the water supply has been very much replenished — a fact which is as much appreciated by residents requiring water for domestic purposes as by those requiring it for the orchards and gardens. Great benefit in the latter case will follow the copious downpour.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Monday 7 December 1896, page 4**

THORNLEIGH, PENNANT-HILLS, AND BEECROFT WATER SUPPLY.

For some time past the Beecroft Progress Association and others have urged the necessity for an adequate supply of water for the Thornleigh, Pennant-hills, and Beecroft district. Particulars are given with reference to the scheme at length decided upon. These state that the supply will be taken from the Wahroonga tanks, which are built at an elevation of 750ft. above sea level. From the existing 10in. main at Pearce's Corner, an 8in. main will branch off to Thornleigh, Pennant-hills, and Beecroft, following the Pennant-hills-road to the first-named township, and thence along the Hawkesbury-road past Pennant-Hills railway station to its intersection with Boundary-road. The main will then be taken along Park-road and Beecroft-parade, and through Beecroft township as far as Murray-road corner. Branches will be inserted in the trunk main at each intersection, and extended therefrom as may be required. A site has been selected, and application made for its resumption for a service reservoir for the district, which will place the residents in an independent position as regards the Wahroonga tanks. With regard to the immediate supply, however, the work of laying the mains will be proceeded with as soon as arrangements can be made for procuring the pipes, and residents are assured that the water will be available this summer.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 12 December 1896, page 5**

Water Supply to Thornleigh, Pennant Hills and Beecroft.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, — Having seen your report in this week's issue on the above, and received further information and the Water Board's approval, in respect to the matter, I beg to forward the following particulars.

The supply to Thornleigh, Pennant Hills and Beecroft, will be taken from the Wahroonga Tank, which is built at an elevation of about 720 feet above sea level. From the existing 10-inch main at Pearce's corner, an 8-inch main will branch off to Thornleigh, Pennant Hills and Beecroft, following the Pennant Hills Road, to the first named township, thence along the Hawkesbury Road, past Pennant Hills Railway Station, to its intersection with Boundary Road, thence along Park Road and Beecroft Parade, through Beecroft township, as far as Murray Road corner. Branches will be inserted in the trunk main at each street intersection, and will be extended therefrom, as may be required upon application by the residents, provided that the revenue accruing from such extension will be sufficient to cover interest on the outlay. A site has been selected, and application made for its resumption, for a service reservoir for the district, which will place the residents in an independent position as regards Wahroonga Tank, and secure ample volume of water in case of fire. Regarding the immediate supply, however, the work of laying the mains will be proceeded with as soon as arrangements can be made for procuring the pipes, and we are assured that the water will be available this summer. In the event of long stretches of dry weather, arrangements could be made for the residents of outlying districts to obtain supply from local officer in charge of the standpipe, at a reasonable rate. The petitions from Thornleigh and Beecroft, that were lately presented to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and on which the Board decided to act, were drawn up by the committee of the Beecroft Progress Association, and kindly submitted by Alderman John Taylor, of Meadowbank, who has greatly interested himself in the matter. — Yours, etc.,

E. C. PERDRIAU, Hon. Sec., Beecroft Progress Association. Beecroft, December 3.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 16 January 1897, page 12**

ALONG THE LINE.

Tenders have been accepted for the laying of pipes in connection with the 'Wahroonga— Beecroft water supply.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 30 January 1897, page 12**

Beecroft Progress Association.

It was elicited at the meeting that the water pipes for the northern suburbs water supply will be completed in about six months, when the contract for laying the pipes will be started.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 17 July 1897, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

The pipes for the water supply between Beecroft and Wahroonga are being laid. Until the cutting down at Hammond's Hill is finished the pipes cannot be put down. At the rate the work is being done lately it will be two or three months before the hill is finished.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 16 October 1897, page 11**

**PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.**

Beecroft.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Water and Sewerage Board re the conditions and sale of tickets for a water standpipe. In the event of the Board agreeing to erect the standpipe, Mr. Stobo is to be asked to take charge of it.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 December 1897, page 7**

PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS.

Beecroft

Mr, Seale wished to know if anything further had been done regarding the erection of a water standpipe in Beecroft. Mr. Green said that he had found out the probable cost, which was £12; and the authorities wished to know who would take charge of it if erected. It was decided to inform the Water and Sewerage Board that Mr. Stobo would take charge of the standpipe, providing however that it is erected at a convenient centre for him to attend to.

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

EXIT 1897, WELCOME 1898.

The water supply to Beecroft, Thornleigh and Pennant Hills is one of the greatest accomplishments for the year, and the efforts of the various Progress Associations deserved the reward. Unfortunately for Carlingford the residents there cannot boast of a water supply.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 15 January 1898, page 10**

Beecroft.

From Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, stating that a water standpipe would he erected at the request of the Association in the district, providing the Association would be responsible for the safe, custody of same, and guarantee payment of 1s 6d per thousand gallons for the water used and registered by the meter. The communication further requested the appointment of three bondsmen in connection with the matter. - Referred to next general meeting.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 19 March 1898, page 10**

Beecroft.

From the Water and Sewerage Board, stating, with regard to the contemplated erection of a standpipe at Beecroft for the sale of water, that an official had visited the site and had decided upon the site — a spot at the back of Stobo's store, near the corner of Hannah-street and Beecroft Parade. The letter further stated that a bond had been prepared by the Board's solicitors for the guarantors' signatures. This standpipe, it transpired, will only be erected on condition that three residents sign a personal undertaking to the effect that the water will be used or consumed only at the rate of 1s 6d per 1000 gallons. If it is used at a cheaper rate, the guarantors will “full in.” – Received.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 23 April 1898, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

The Beecroft standpipe will be erected very shortly now; all the preliminaries having been arranged.

The guarantee bond for the standpipe was signed and forwarded to the Water and Sewerage Board, and the erection of the standpipe; it is anticipated, will immediately be proceeded with.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 7 May 1898, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

The long looked for stand-pipe has at last been erected at Beecroft. It will no doubt prove a great convenience to the village.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 15 October 1898, page 8**

Beecroft Progress Association.

It was decided that the Railway Commissioners be written to and asked to have the city water laid on to the platform from the stationmaster's house, where it is already connected, and that a tap with mug and chain be placed alongside of the waiting shed for the convenience of the public.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 22 October 1898, page 10**

Beecroft.

The Drought. - The continued dry weather is beginning to have its effects upon the private water supply at Beecroft. Tanks are getting very low and the possibility of having to buy water is beginning to be felt by some of the residents. Water was carted from the stand pipe, recently erected at Beecroft. for the first time this week, Mrs. Whittle being the first to obtain water from this source. By the way, the meter at the stand pipe registered 50 gallons before any water had been taken away.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 24 December 1898, page 10**

Beecroft.

 Scarcity of Water. — The prolonged drought is making its effects severely felt in this district, and there is a constant demand for water supplies for domestic purposes from the standpipe, erected some time ago through the foresight and influence of the Beecroft Progress Association. The price charged by the Water and Sewerage Board is at the rate of 2s. 6d. per 1000 gallons, and, as the standpipe has a peculiarity of registering a larger quantity of water than passes through, the Board have the best of the deal. Mr. Mason is watering his fruit trees with water purchased at the standpipe, to save them from perishing.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 18 Mar 1899**

Cheltenham.

**New Residences**. – Two new villa residences are about to be erected at Cheltenham. Preparations in regard to one of them have so far advanced that the foundations are ready, and a large quantity of the material is on the ground. Tenders are out for the second building, and it will not be long before they will be under way. The owners have approached the Water and Sewerage Board with a view to having the city water extended to the new buildings, and arrangements, it is understood, have been made for this to be done.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 29 Apr 1899**

Cheltenham.

**Water**. – The Water and Sewerage Board have laid the water on to Messrs. Bardy and Waxman’s cottages and the convenience is greatly appreciated.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 3 June 1899, page 11**

Beecroft.

Water Supply. — Since the commencement of the works in connection with the lowering of the grade of the railway line, the Government water-cart has been continually on the move, and the standpipe erected through the instrumentality of the Beecroft Progress Association has proved quite useful.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 17 November 1900, page 10**

Water at the Station. - Notwithstanding the persistent and vain efforts of the Progress Association to secure the laying on of the city water at the Beecroft railway station, that much desired consummation will shortly be brought about as a result of the single efforts of Mr. Hopkins, the stationmaster. Before this appears in type the water will probably be laid on at the station.

**Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Wednesday 18 December 1901, page 2**

WATER FAMINE.

BEECROFT.

Wednesday. - For the past few days, there has been a water famine here, the supply having been cut off without notice. Many residents have emptied their rain water tanks, and the prospect is serious, for there is no local supply on which to fall back.

**Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Monday 23 December 1901, page 5**

THE WATER SHORTAGE.

The Ryde pumping station, where an accident to the machinery is said to have been the primary cause of the water famine.

**Evening News (Sydney, NSW: 1869 - 1931), Tuesday 24 December 1901, page 4**

THE CHATSWOOD WATER SUPPLY TROUBLE.

In accordance with the statement made on Monday by the Water and Sewerage Board that stated hours and days would be announced when water would be supplied to residents in the districts between Chatswood and Wahroonga and from Wahroonga to Hornsby and Epping, the following has been issued: - During the present interruption to the normal supply, arrangements have been made to have water available in the mains for domestic

purposes, on the days and within the hours specified hereunder.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 29 March 1902, page 11**

Beecroft.

The Weather. — The cool, cloudy days, and cold nights, which followed the rain, have given place to another exasperating spell of heat; and warm, dry winds from the west have swept the district. Those winds, perhaps, have a place in the economy of nature, but they take the moisture from the soil and neutralise the effects of the rainfall, and their evaporating powers will still further reduce the partially depleted Prospect reservoir.

The Water Supply: — The water main has been taken up Hannah-street to Cardinal Avenue, and is now being laid in the Railway Parade, and probably the reticulation will be about complete by the time the reservoir is below gravitation level. Then there will be an empty main and another water famine. The memory of the last still lingers. The supply was out off without notice, and for nearly a fortnight the community drew its water from a few rain tanks and wells, and then the Board sent a supply by rail. Doubtless this act of grace was due to the publicity given in the press.

A Local Man Writes on the “Water Famine.” — “In regard to the foregoing matter, a letter from a Beecroft man says: “What was the Progress Association doing that it took no steps to secure an earlier supply during the late famine? In view of the imminence of a failure in the supply, prompt measures should be taken to provide against water famine.”

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Wednesday 14 July 1909, page 1**

Our Water Supply.

Where It Comes From. PROSPECT RESERVOIR.

Where the reservoir is full, the surface of water covers an area of 1266.31 acres, and has a gross capacity of 11,029,180,000 gallons. The earthen, dam is 7300 feet long. The maximum height is 85.67 feet, with slopes of 3 to 1 on the water side, and 2½ to 1, with two 15ft. berms, on the outer side, and is 30 foot wide on the top.

When quite full there are available by gravitation 5,526,780,000 gallons.

The water is drawn off from the reservoir through a valve-tower by cast-iron pipes, enclosed in a brick tunnel, carried outside and round the northern end of embankment, and is discharged into a basin. From thence it proceeds by canal, 5 miles in length, to the Pipe Head Basin, situated 16 ½ miles from Sydney. It is then conveyed for a further distance of 5 miles by two wrought-iron pipes, 6ft. in diameter, to Potts' Hill Reservoir. The volume discharged through eduction pipe at Prospect is measured by a Venturi meter.

HORNSBY, BEECROFT, AND EPPING. The district extending from Chatswood to Eastwood, via Hornsby, and adjacent to the Milson's Point railway and Northern railway lines, can be supplied either direct from Ryde, by the turbo-centrifugal pumps, or by re-pumping water from Chatswood pumping station into Pymble and Wahroonga tanks, respectively. Pymble 's tank, which is 657 feet above sea-level, is designed to supply the district between that place and Chatswood. It is built of concrete, with vaulted roof, and has a capacity of 500,000 gallons. At Wahroonga is a steel tank having a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons; and also a small wrought iron tank of 40,000 gallons, to supply the small high zone in its immediate neighbourhood. Both these tanks are about 717 feet above sea-level. A 12-inch cast-iron main is laid from the pumps at Chatswood to Pymble, where it is coupled up to the 15in. direct Ryde-Pymble-Wahroonga pumping main. Water is distributed to consumers by a

10-inch steel main to Chatswood and 8-inch steel main to Beecroft, where is erected a steel tank, having a capacity of 1,000,000 gallons. From this tank, water gravitates to Beecroft, Epping, Eastwood, and North Ryde.

**Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954), Tuesday 21 November 1911, page 2**

THE WATER FAMINE.



Residents of Beecroft awaiting their turn to fill their cans from the rain tank at Beecroft Railway Station. Mr. W. Crump, of "Eltham," Beecroft, keeping the crowd from rushing the tank.

Photo by Miss A Boutcher, BeecrofL

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 25 November 1911, page 8**

Beecroft.

Shortage of Water. — On Sunday last, the high levels of Beecroft suffered a water-famine. There wasn't a drop of water available for the morning kettle; the local chemist hadn't water enough to make up a prescription; and the gentlemen who required a 'reviver' that morning had to take it neat! Then someone recollected that there was a water-tank on the railway station, and he made a call on it, with a billy-can. Anxious eyes noticed his departure and his return with water; and there was soon a number of visitors to that tank. The dramatic instinct of the residents seized on an idea, and, mustering tubs, buckets, billies, and other vessels, there was soon a representative gathering at the railway station, where Mr. Crump, armed with a breechloading gun, stood guard over the tank — until a snap-shot was taken! The local turncock has been doing his best to improve the supply, but it scorns that there is not enough pressure in the pipes to meet the demands for water during the hot weather.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 December 1915, page 8**

FIRE STATION OPENED.

The Beecroft fire station opened on Tuesday afternoon in the presence of Mr. Taylor (vice-president, Fire Brigades Board), Mr. Sparks (secretary), Mr. Lister (district officer), President Schwebel (Hornsby Shire Council), Councillor Chapman, and Mr. W. W. King (shire clerk). The apparatus at present in the fire station comprises hose and a reel with the necessary stand-pipes. A motor fire-engine is being built in this State, and it is expected that it will be ready for delivery in four or five weeks. Three men are to be stationed at Beecroft.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 2 December 1916, page 8**

BEECROFT.

Beecroft Progress Association.

The Railway Commissioners have had water stand-pipes erected at intervals all along the area at Beecroft station which the presidents intend to make into a garden.

**Probitas March 2007**

