**Beecroft road problems**

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BEECROFT.

DAMAGED KNEES

Beecroft roads and footpaths suffered during the wet weather, especially the by-roads. Mr. Nossiter, of Cheltenham, summed up the situation for the residents of the Boulevarde in a letter to Hornsby Council: — “During this wet season it is quite impossible to reach the station without wading through mud and wet. Yesterday morning I fell down the slippery green footpath and weakened my knee, and recently I broke a spring of my car trying to negotiate the crossing at the top of the Boulevarde leading onto the main Beecroft-road. Even the main road is impassable in wet weather between Cheltenham and Epping. Could not one of your councillors visit this district and bring these very urgent reforms under your council's notice? I trust that you will give those matters your kind and prompt attention."

Mr. W. J. Barraclough wrote calling attention to the disgraceful condition of the footpaths and road fronting his residence in Beecroft-road. During the dry weather the traffic worked all the top off the road into the footpaths, completely filling the gutters, which, consequently, overflowed on to the footpath. He complimented the council on the pathway constructed in Lyne-road, past, Mr. Harris's, which has proved a boon to the residents.

It was decided to reply to Mr. Nossiter that the main road was to be metalled shortly, and the matter of the paths and crossing was to be pushed on with.

Mr. Barraclough is to be informed that the road is to be metalled, and when this is done the tables will be cleaned out.

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Mr. J. V. Mackaness, Cheltenham, wrote referring to the condition of Cheltenham-avenue [The Crescent]. There was no means of getting a vehicle through except by using the footpath. Would the council patch up the road in front of Mrs. Pine's, "Red East," and allow him to come down the footpath with vehicle, or make the road so that he could get in? There was big pedestrian traffic through this pretty spot, which was well worthy of attention. Councillor Chapman stated that it would be very unwise to use the track, which was only a goat track. A passage, might be made adjacent to the goat track. It would not be a very costly matter, and something would have to be done. The engineer, on Councillor Momsay's motion, was instructed to furnish a report.

**Newcastle Sun (NSW: 1918 - 1954), Saturday 29 January 1927, page 5**

"LIVE" GROUND

Horse Throws Rider

SYDNEY, Saturday.

A horse was thrown and two men received severe shocks through coming into contact with "live" ground at Beecroft, the cause being the leaking of electric current into damp ground near electric light poles.

At the last meeting of the Hornsby Council the electricity engineer told of the incident. Mr. N. Hodgkins was riding between two poles when the horse stepped on the live ground, shied and threw the rider. Mr. Hodgkins, senior, ran to his son's assistance, but was almost stunned by a severe shock. His son had several shocks.

They managed to drag the horse clear. The animal has developed a large chest swelling, and will probably have to be destroyed. The leakage, the engineer said, was on the School of Arts nearby, where the rocky nature of the ground made "earthing" difficult. Possibly lightning had increased the trouble.

The engineer complained that residents failed to notify the council immediately when street lights were fused in the recent storms.

**Sun (Sydney, NSW: 1910 - 1954), Thursday 28 April 1927, page 15**

COUNCIL DOINGS

Residents of Murray Farm-road, Beecroft are Incensed at what they describe as the apathy of the Hornsby Shire Council. They point out that it is now nearly ten days since the bridge across Devlin's Creek was swept out of position by flood waters, and no attempt has been made to repair it. Vehicular traffic to Beecroft Station is impossible and business Is at a standstill. The residents even told the council they were willing to mend the road themselves, but the council forbade such an unheard-of scheme.