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Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 7 March

WE NEED YOU. Let's Clean Up Beecroft and Cheltenham

We encourage you and your family to participate for an hour or so in this most worthy event.

Register 8.30 to 10.30am at Beecroft Village Green or Cheltenham Station (The Crescent)

- You must register for insurance purposes.
- Children must be supervised by an adult.
- Wear suitable clothes, closed in shoes and bring a hat, sunscreen and water.
- You will be provided with gloves and collection bags. Sharps containers are available.

Site supervisors from Beecroft Rotary and the Civic Trust will also be located at:

- ◆ Beecroft Shopping Centre
- ◆ Copeland Road West
- ◆ Booth Park
- ◆ Cheltenham Oval
- ◆ Park adjacent to Beecroft Railway Station in Wongala Cres

**Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Annual General Meeting and
Public Meeting on Draft Hornsby Housing Strategy**

Monday 15 March Cheltenham Recreation Club 7.30 - 10 pm

Members and residents are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust (BCCT) will be held on **Monday 15 March** at Cheltenham Recreation Club, The Crescent, Cheltenham between 7.30 and 8 pm. Only those who are financial members of BCCT may vote. Join now or if you wish to join on the night, come between 7 and 7.30. Please come early to register.

Nominations for Committee positions must be submitted on a nomination form which can be obtained from the Secretary (9876 3266 or carowatt@ozemail.com.au) and **must be submitted by Monday 1 March.**

The AGM will be followed at 8pm by a **Public Meeting on the Draft Hornsby Housing Strategy**. Key Council Planning Officers will make a presentation and the Mayor, C Ward and other Councillors will be present to answer questions. This is possibly the greatest change that could come to Beecroft. The meeting is your opportunity to gain an understanding of how it could change Beecroft so that you can make informed submissions to Council.

Join the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust

Annual Subscription Rates 1/1/10 to 31/12/10 - \$20 per household or \$10 for pensioners and single person household

Title _____ Initials _____ Surname _____ Amount paid _____

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Payment Options:

1. Post this form with cheque to: The Membership Secretary, BCCT, PO Box 31, Beecroft, 2119 or
2. Direct debit to Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Inc, CBA BSB: 062 113 Acc: 10068238 then email treasurer@2119.org.au with your name, address, phone no, email address and amount paid.
3. Join on the night of the AGM and please complete your application between 7.00 and 7.30.

DRAFT HORNSBY HOUSING STRATEGY NOW INCLUDES 5 STOREY IN BEECROFT Have Your Say and Complete our Survey Opposite

The Draft Housing Strategy now includes the potential for a much higher level of development in the Beecroft shopping precinct. The BCCT is seeking the community's views on this potentially very significant Strategy.

The Draft Hornsby Housing Strategy was originally exhibited for public comment in early 2009. At that time we were advised by Council planning staff that both Beecroft and Cheltenham were excluded from the major impacts of the Housing Strategy for various reasons, including the heritage issues associated with the area. The BCCT therefore did not make a submission on the Draft Hornsby Housing Strategy. However, following public submissions from other areas in the Shire, mainly in form letters from Berowra, Waitara and Normanhurst, the Strategy was revised to include Beecroft, without the opportunity for the BCCT to comment. Cheltenham was excluded for reasons including heritage, bushfire risk and the lack of a commercial centre.

Beecroft is now listed as one of the 13 centres with a transport node and commercial centre identified by Council as a possible location for the provision of multi-unit housing of up to five storeys.

Council have adopted a concentrated housing model under the Strategy. Higher density development is located in planned precincts rather than being dispersed throughout neighbourhoods. In Beecroft, the land bounded by Chapman Avenue, Wongala Crescent and Beecroft Road has been earmarked for the development of a combination of five-storey residential and mixed-use development. Council officers estimate the yield for this precinct is in the order of 244 dwellings, with a resident population of approx 488 (based on 2 residents per unit).

Council officers have indicated the Draft Hornsby Housing Strategy will be placed on Public Exhibition from 1st March for a minimum of two weeks and hopefully longer. Locations and dates will be advised in the local press. BCCT has asked Council to have an additional exhibition in the Beecroft Shopping Centre.

BCCT is seeking the Community's views on housing in Beecroft in the survey opposite as a basis for a submission from the Trust on the Draft Hornsby Housing Strategy. Residents are encouraged to examine the issues involved and to make their own submissions to Council once the Strategy goes on Public Exhibition in March.

The full Draft Hornsby Housing Strategy can be viewed on the HSC website at https://businesspapers.hornsby.councilsonline.com.au/Open/2009/PL_02122009_AGN_WEB.HTM
Please use the index to locate the pages relevant to Beecroft.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN STANDARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF TREES ON DEVELOPMENT SITES AS 4970-2009

Arborists and building developers have agreed to an Australian Standard for the protection of trees on building sites. This includes guidelines on how to decide which trees should be removed or retained and the means of protecting remaining trees during construction work. It states that procedures must be in place to protect trees at every stage of the development process. This will reduce the drastic impact construction can have on the long term survival of trees which are so important for our urban landscape. It will reduce the inconsistencies that currently occur and should reduce disputes.

It is hoped by the industry and by the Trust that councils will adopt this Australian Standard as it represents an important step forward in promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly building processes. Have your say in the survey opposite on whether you think Hornsby Council should adopt this as mandatory policy to replace their current policy.

Beecroft-Cheltenham Bushland Reserve - Council e-Survey

Did you know that the bushland reserve located right on your doorstep is home to powerful owls and gang gang cockatoos and a great place to take a bushwalk?

Hornsby Shire Council is working to protect and restore Beecroft-Cheltenham Bushland Reserve and wants your feedback. You can have a say at www.bushland.hornsby.nsw.gov.au by completing Council's online survey by Wednesday 31 March 2010. The survey will take less than five minutes of your time. Just by completing the survey, you go in the draw to win one of 15 vouchers to win five free native plants from Council's Community Nursery in Pennant Hills.

For more information visit www.bushland.hornsby.nsw.gov.au or call 9847 6832

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