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### **AUTUMN WALK**

Join us again for a walk through the bushland of western Beecroft starting at the end of Welham Street. This walk will take us through Beecroft Reserve and over to the other side of Murray Farm Road to Ray Park. We will see some of the improvements to Ray park and the bushland along the way.

WHEN Sunday 21st May starting at 2.00pm  
WHERE Meet at the end of Welham Street, Beecroft  
BRING A hat and some water and wear sturdy footwear.

The walk will take about two hours and as usual afternoon tea will be served at the end of the walk. We look forward to seeing you there. A representative from the History Group will be attending to discuss local history.

### **ALL WELCOME**

Last years walk was enjoyed by all, here the participants view the re-generated area of the bush under the M2



### **Shirley Manion**

We note with sadness the death of Shirley Manion, a foundation member of the Trust and early committee member. Shirley was well known in the community and was a highly respected teacher of English at Cheltenham Girls High School.

### **Want to help keep Beecroft and Cheltenham tidy?**

The area around Beecroft station is quite untidy with litter around the bus stop area, in the new flower beds and in the play area. If you are walking through Beecroft why not help keep the area tidy. Pick up any rubbish and put it in one of the many bins in the area.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST

On the 20<sup>th</sup> March, some 60 residents attended the Annual General Meeting. The guest speaker was Tony Cunneen, a member of the trust, who spoke about "Beecroft and Cheltenham in World War One". His entertaining talk together with a large selection of photographs from around that time was well received by the attendees. . Later this year Tony will be publishing his book "A great war for a small town: Beecroft and Cheltenham in World War One"

We were fortunate to have the attendance of Mayor Nick Berman and Councillors: Felicity Findlay, Jan Dekker and Mark Lyons.

The Election of Officers for 2006 took place and Ross Johnson acted as Returning Officer. All members of the committee vacated office immediately.

The following people were nominated to comprise the committee for 2006 :

Carolyn Watt, Stuart Braga, Joan Reid, Wayne Yeo, Malcolm Bryant, Ross Walker, John Slade, Malcolm Powell, David White and Stuart Pittendrigh . All were elected on a show of hands

Requests were made to attendees for:

Vacancy for a Community Representative on Beecroft Primary School Council.  
Requests for distributors of the Trust newsletter.

Please contact the President or Secretary if you, or anyone you know, would like to be nominated for these voluntary positions.

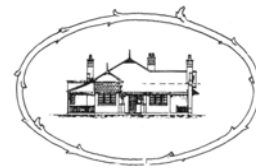
Some of the issues raised by the audience were:

- Cheltenham Girls High School development application
- The state of the Caltex site
- The condition of the War Memorial Gardens and of the newly laid flower beds in Hannah Street - rubbish and in need of watering.
- Considerable discussion on F3 Orbital link
- Possibility of allowing turn left on red at traffic lights from Cheltenham Road into Sutherland Road

The full text of the speeches made together with minutes of the meeting are available on the Trust's website: [www.2119.org.au](http://www.2119.org.au)

At the Committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April, the following people were re-elected for a further year:

Carolyn Watt as President  
Stuart Braga as Vice President  
Joan Reid as Secretary  
Wayne Yeo as Treasurer  
Annika Tults was appointed to the committee.



### *Beecroft Cheltenham History Group*

Hornsby Shire Council has awarded this year's Hornsby Heritage Award, Category C, to the Group's publication, *Giving the Gift of Reading: the Beecroft Children's Library 1942-1998*.

The award was presented on 5<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 p.m. at Hornsby Council Chambers. The certificate was received by Suzanne Kelly on behalf of the group. Several members of the Library sub-group who researched the book over a period of five years were in attendance Suzanne Kelly (Convenor), Christie Wallace, Helen McDougall, Christine Austin and Emma Dortins.

For anyone associated with Beecroft or Cheltenham during this period the book will make very interesting reading. It describes many of the social and fundraising activities of the volunteers and is full of remembrances and comments from many of them.

The book is available at the Post Office and Denny Pharmacy in Beecroft Arcade and Kenwick Galleries in Hannah Street, priced at a very reasonable \$15. Any operating surplus will contribute to future publications by the Civic Trust's History Group.

## NEW SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS FROM 1 MAY 2006

**From 1 May 2006, all NSW residents must have at least one working smoke alarm installed on each level of their home. This includes owner occupied, rental properties, relocatable homes or any other residential building where people sleep.**

Smoke alarms are already mandatory for all new buildings and in some instances when buildings are being renovated.

Smoke alarms are life-saving devices that provide benefits for occupants. They detect smoke well before any sleeping occupant would and provide **critical seconds** to implement actions to **save life and property**. Smoke alarms are designed to detect fire smoke and emit a loud and distinctive sound to alert occupants of potential danger.

Smoke alarms have been mandatory in all dwellings in Victoria and South Australia since 1999, with 96% and 85-90% of dwellings respectively in those two states now having smoke alarms. In other states, smoke alarms have been mandatory only in new dwellings since 1995, under provisions of the Building Code of Australia. Evidence from the USA, where smoke alarms have been in wide use for 20 years, shows a reduction in house fire deaths of more than 50% in those homes where working smoke alarms are installed. The data available in Australia supports the USA figures. The full details of this announcement are available on our website and also at <http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/community/athome/smokealarms/index.php>

## WASHING MACHINE REBATES



A rebate of \$150 is available to customers who purchase a new washing machine with a water efficiency rating of 4-star or 5A. The rebate offer commenced on 1 March 2006 and will run for 12 months.

5A/4-star water efficient washing machines save more

than 21,000 litres of water a year compared to older machines. The rebate offer could help to save one million litres a day.

Eligible washing machines are clearly labelled and rebate application forms are available.

Please note that the rebate is for water efficiency rated washing machines with a 4-star or 5A water rating. This rebate does not apply to 4-star energy ratings. Full details available at <http://www.sydneywater.com.au/SavingWater/WashingMachineRebate/>

## COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

Do you know someone who's always willing to give others a hand? Or perhaps has a concern for environment, has achieved in sport, history or education?

In 2006, as part of the Hornsby Shire's 100 year centenary celebrations council is calling for nominations of individuals and organisations which deserve recognition for their dedication and hard work they contribute in our community.

The awards feature the following categories:

- Youth Recognition Award - For a Hornsby Shire resident 18 years or younger who has demonstrated a commitment to the community and welfare of others.
- Community Spirit - For a Hornsby Shire resident whose selfless and largely unacknowledged actions have improved the life of someone within the local community.
- Education and Mentoring - For a Hornsby Shire resident or individual who has displayed common sense, compassion and wisdom while teaching, coaching and mentoring others.
- Environment - For a Hornsby Shire resident or community group whose positive actions are contributing to building an environmentally sustainable shire.
- Cultural - For a Hornsby Shire resident or group who has made a significant contribution to the culture (eg arts, literature or performance)

- Community Service - For a Hornsby Shire community group, club or school that has made a noteworthy contribution to the local community. This could be through fundraising for a project, involvement in a community project or providing services to the community.
- Sporting Achievement Award - For a Hornsby Shire resident, local team, group or school that has either achieved in sport or has supported or fostered a sport or club.
- Historical - For a Hornsby Shire resident or group who has made a significant contribution to the conservation and promotion of local history.
- Emergency Services - For a Hornsby Shire resident or organisation which has volunteered their time to preserve the lives and property of residents of the shire.

Nominations forms are available from council's Community Relations Team by ringing 9847 6739 or emailing [events@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@hornsby.nsw.gov.au).

Nominations must be received by 5pm 12 May 2006.

## THE WAR MEMORIAL



In need of some TLC of the surrounding gardens - concerns raised by residents at the AGM. The Trust Committee has inspected the site and has written to Council with suggestions for improving the whole area.

## A GENTLE REMINDER THAT THE FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE DUE.

By becoming a member, you enable the Trust to continue its work improving our community. To join or renew your current membership for 2006, please complete the form at the bottom of this page and send it through with your cheque today.

### BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST

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