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- Autumn Walk, Sunday 17 May, meet 2pm Day Rd, Cheltenham
- Community Action Success – Byles Creek Valley and Lyne Road Playground
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Wednesday 22 April Civic Trust Annual General Meeting Beecroft Uniting Church Hall, 82 Beecroft Rd, 7.30pm

Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust will take place on Wednesday 22 April, 7.30pm at **Beecroft Uniting Church Hall, 82 Beecroft Rd. Please note new venue.** Hall access is via the right hand side of the Church. Parking is opposite in the car-park [access from Wongala Crescent, next to the Fire Station].

This meeting will, amongst other things, receive the committee's reports, the auditor's report, elect members of the committee and appoint an honorary auditor. Included in the Agenda will be a motion to amend the Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust Constitution to comply with current regulations. Proposed changes are listed on the following page. Members were advised of these changes by email and on the BCCT website on 5th March 2015.

Members wishing to nominate for the committee should obtain an application form from the Secretary (see above) and return it 1 week before the meeting.

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST MOTION - AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Proposed Special resolutions to amend the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust's Constitution are to be put to the Annual/Special General Meeting of the Members of the Trust to be held on 22 April 2015 at Beecroft Uniting Church Hall, 82 Beecroft Road Beecroft at 7.30pm.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Constitution be amended as follows:

PROPOSED CHANGES

Rule 1.1 (c) and (d)

Change to read:

(c) "the Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act 2009

(d) "the Regulation" means the Associations Incorporation Regulation 2010

Rule 6

Change the existing rule to become Rule 6.1 and then at its conclusion add:

6.2 A member may appeal to the Trust in general meeting against any decision of the Committee to discipline that member within 7 days after notice of a resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.

6.3 The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.

6.4 On receipt of a notice from a member under sub-clause 6.2 the secretary must notify the committee which is to convene a general meeting of the Trust to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.

6.5 At a general meeting of the Trust convened under sub - clause 6.4

(a) no other business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted; and

(b) the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and

(c) the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.

6.6 The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the Trust.

Rule 6A

6.1 A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the Trust, or a dispute between a member or members and the association, are to be referred to a community justice centre for mediation under the Community Justice Centres Act 1983.

(2) If a dispute is not resolved by mediation within 3 months of the referral to a community justice centre, the dispute is to be referred to arbitration.

(3) The Commercial Arbitration Act 1984 applies to any such dispute referred to arbitration.

Rule 13.5

Change to read:

13.5 No postal or proxy votes shall be allowed at any general meeting of the Trust.

Rule 14.1

Change to read:

14.1 The Trust may effect and maintain insurance.

Rule 16.

Add at the end of the existing Rule:

Rule 16A – Funds –Financial Year

The financial year of the Trust is each period of 12 months commencing on 1 January and ending on the following 31 December.

Rule 17

Change to read:

17. Except as otherwise provided by these rules,

(a) the secretary shall keep all minutes and correspondence as held by the secretary; and

(b) the public officer shall keep all other records, books and other documents relating to the Trust in his or her custody, or under his or her control.

Rule 19

Change to read:

19. The statement of objects and rules may be changed by special resolution. A special resolution may only be passed in accordance with section 39 of the Act

A copy of the constitution being amended is to be found on the Trust's website at www.2119.org.au or from the secretary.

BCCT Autumn Walk - Sunday 17 May, 2pm, Day Rd Cheltenham

Meet at 2pm near the carpark at the end of Day Rd Cheltenham and return there for afternoon tea at 4.30.

Will be crossing the creek then using the walking track from Day Rd to Pennant Hills Park, then walking back through to Azalea, Tristania, Sutherland and Malton Roads. At the end of Malton Rd, we will be talking about the bushland we have actively campaigned to save from development (see below). We then will follow the walking track along Byles Creek from the end of Malton to Day Rd. A short history talk on the suburb will also be provided by the Beecroft History Group.

This is a long walk with steep grades up to Pennant Hills Park and down Malton Rd. Wear walking shoes, a hat and bring water.

Community Action Successes:

Save Malton Road Bushland – Council to request NSW acquire land...

Following a very active campaign, residents and the Civic Trust are delighted that at its 11 March meeting, Hornsby Shire Council deferred the subdivision application of 79-87 Malton Road, Beecroft until June 2015. Following extensive resident addresses and debate in the Chamber, Councillors voted unanimously to make a full and comprehensive submission to the NSW Government to acquire this bushland as regional open space.

The intended subdivision of high quality bushland in Byles Creek - which has remained undeveloped for over 100 years - galvanised the local community. There has been considerable community action to achieve this. As a notable resident said afterwards: *"This was the best outcome we could have hoped for; ...although the war is not over, this is another win for this land, even though for now it is temporary. Council admitted there have been numerous local submissions opposing subdivision and the petition to Council for NSW Government acquisition had 541 signatures - so THANK YOU..!"*

This land is the last remaining corridor link between Lane Cove National Park and Pennant Hills Park. It is home for endangered wildlife including the last known metropolitan breeding colony of Gang Gang Cockatoos. One branch of Byles Creek is largely unaffected by urban runoff and it is rare to find such pristine water in urban areas.

The subject property at 79-87 Malton Road has an area of 1.8ha in the centre of the Byles Creek valley. It includes 1.7ha of high quality bushland that is a significant wildlife corridor linking Pennant Hills Park and Lane Cove National Park. It is in excellent condition, holding high biodiversity values as recognised by its inclusion on Hornsby Shire Council's Biodiversity Map, with habitat supporting a range of threatened flora and fauna species including *Leptospermum deanei*, *Genoplesium baueri*, Grey headed flying-fox, Powerful Owl and an endangered population of Gang-gang Cockatoos of *"significant conservation value as it is the last known breeding population of the species in the Sydney Metropolitan area"*.

Beecroft is being impacted by 3 State-significant projects (the North West Rail Link, the Epping to Thornleigh Third Track & NorthConnex road tunnel) which have removed significant trees and have reduced the foraging communities available to the Gang-Gang Cockatoo and the Powerful Owl. It is also subject to considerable tree removal for unit development in the village. The Epping to Thornleigh Third Track (ETTT) has seen the clearance of approximately 0.7 hectares of Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest which is listed as endangered. These projects have had significant impacts on wildlife including birds and possums.

During the weekend prior to the NSW Elections, members of the Byles Creek Valley Union and Civic Trust members worked hard to compile a comprehensive submission to the NSW Government, to augment that prepared by Council. Your Trust understands that Council's planners supported subdivision of this bushland corridor, between Pennant Hills Park and Lane Cove National Park, whilst Council environmental staff did not. The resident submission

has applied planning and environmental expertise and research to resoundingly oppose the subdivision, and calls on our new MP and new NSW Government to acquire the land. Please visit the Trust's website www.2119.org.au [Recent Submissions] for details.

Lyne Road Playground

Resident action has resulted in a beautiful new playground in Lyne Road reserve. Following the removal of the playground at Cheltenham Oval and the reduction of that at Beecroft station, our children have been missing out. This playground was constructed with planning input from the community.

Well done to all involved in both these community actions.

Trust Memberships are Now Due

Trust membership and renewals are due on 1 January. Join NOW so you can vote at the AGM.

Why Join The Trust – your memberships and kind donations are **our only source of income**. The committee of volunteers works tirelessly representing the Community at Council and with state and federal MPs. We lobby for our community and to preserve our heritage and environment. We are frequently asked to assist residents regarding developments and other matters, all done on a voluntary basis. Your subscriptions pay for the 4 or 5 Bulletins we have printed and delivered to all households in 2119 by our volunteer deliverers. We hire halls and provide refreshments for public meetings and conduct two guided walks a year. **Help us to help you by joining.**

Join the Trust and Support your Community

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION FORM 2015

Fees are \$20 household (two adults), \$10 individual

Surname (1)..... First name (1)

Surname (2)..... First name (2)

Address

Phone Number Mobile No.....

E-mail address

Membership fees \$ Donation \$..... Method of payment please mark the appropriate box:-

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Electric Funds Transfer EFT from your bank account via computer

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So we know your details, please send a copy of this completed form to The Treasurer, PO Box 31 Beecroft 2119 OR email your name, address, phone no and email address to treasurer@2119.org.au