



BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST INC

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Dear Caring Community,

The Trust is asking for your help to save precious habitat for Gang gangs and Powerful Owls

Beecroft and Cheltenham flora and fauna is under threat from heartbreaking removal of habitat due to ETTT, NWRL and 10/50 legislation.

We need to hold on to what we have and stop these losses.

Byles Creek Valley is now in danger. The Hornsby Shire Council is considering a 5 property subdivision of privately owned land in a precious wildlife corridor linking the Lane Cove National Park and Pennant Hills Park. The required "Bushfire Asset Protection Zone" will result in the clearing for perpetuity (never allowed to regrow) of more than one hectare of precious bushland (in addition to the proposed buildings)

This is bushland that will be lost forever.

The Trust and Byles Creek Valley Union and the Community have been lobbying the State and Local Governments to acquire this Byles Creek Valley Land. Unfortunately recent indications are that **the State Government is not prepared to assist.**

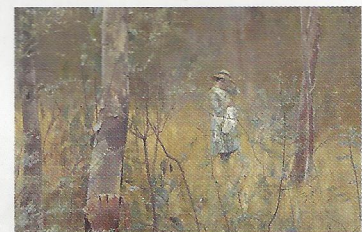
The Trust believes that if the local community shows a willingness to contribute towards the acquisition, this may influence the decision of the Government to do likewise. **Please help our threatened flora and fauna. Please pledge what you can, no matter how little, to save this beautiful asset for perpetuity.**

There is already government money

which could and should be used for the community. Hornsby Council has resolved that the proceeds of the sale of the former Congregational church will go towards community facilities, such as open space, in Beecroft and Cheltenham. In addition the State Government has a huge windfall bonus of stamp duty from new developments and council has section 94 contributions from developers which must be spent on community facilities and services.

We need to show the government that we as a community value our heritage, are willing to support it and they need to act accordingly.

Contact us (the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust) immediately if you can help (see the following pledge on p.3)



Which is the real classic?

See if you can spot the differences between 19th century artist, Frederick McCubbin's classic paintings of the Australian bush and photos of our very own threatened Byle's Creek Valley trees. The latter were taken of local residents this month by photographer Michael Bianchino. Amazing to think our forebears a hundred years ago, walked among some of the same trees.

McCubbin's "Bush Idyll" sold at a record Australian price in the 1990s reflecting the great value and beauty of our natural heritage in all forms.

How important to save the original!! Consider our appeal to save this bush.

Beecroft Pedestrian Bridge – a bridge too far?

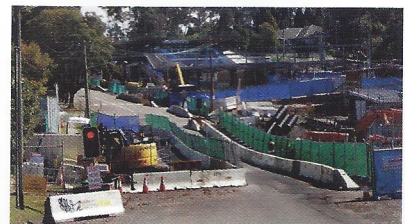


A bridge proposal with two lifts, that may help about 100 children each school-day, is ahead on the NSW Government's priorities to the urgently needed single lift at Beecroft Station – used by 100's of people every weekday. It seems a sad example of one-size-fits-all government. The Beecroft Road proposed bridge linking the primary school and Village Green is a fair copy of one at Heathcote, linking its rail station to the shopping centre. The Trust does not oppose a bridge and acknowledges it is a good road safety project. However, reflecting resident concerns, the Trust sees a Beecroft Station lift being a higher priority - with a greater community benefit

Your Trust has written to NSW MP Damien Tudehope:
 "...reflecting local resident experience and concerns, the Trust supports the decision to build a pedestrian bridge across Beecroft Road. But it has serious reservations that the location of the pedestrian bridge is not ideal for optimising local pedestrian use and safety requirements. The children's and other local resident users' safety must be paramount and any bridge must be located in such a position to encourage them to use it. Otherwise, as noted by many experienced residents [including those at our Annual General Meeting, which you kindly attended], we assert this bridge's relatively isolated location will make it a 'white elephant' - insufficiently patronised to justify its construction cost."

Cheltenham Station – Kiss & Ride ... and walk & walk?

Whilst the current drop-off area for commuters (kiss and ride) adjacent to platform 1 at Cheltenham has limited space – it has always worked well for last-minute access for city-bound commuters. The proposed kiss and ride in the Crescent on the right hand side of the second photo below will not serve city commuters well and will require around a two minute walk to get to platform 1, 2 or new 3. Is that the kind of progress NSW Government is about?



We want your feedback?

Do you like our new look bulletin?

We want to improve the bulletin to include great pictures and interesting local stories in a beautiful new design.

The Trust committee is considering accepting advertising in the new bulletin to offset the increase in printing costs. We would only accept advertising from local businesses.

If you have any feedback on this idea, we would love to hear from you. **Please email** secretary@2119.org.au



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 Beecroft and Cheltenham (Beecroft) which is the subject of the recent NSW Local Government (LGA) Review, is a special place. It is a place where the NSW Government has decided to build a new residential development. This development will be a mix of residential and commercial buildings. The NSW Government has decided to build a new residential development. This development will be a mix of residential and commercial buildings. The NSW Government has decided to build a new residential development. This development will be a mix of residential and commercial buildings.

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 See if you can spot the difference between the two copies of our new copy of the Australian bush and parks of our very own Beecroft. The two copies are identical. The only difference is the one on the left is a copy of the original. The one on the right is a copy of the original. The only difference is the one on the left is a copy of the original. The one on the right is a copy of the original.

How important is to save the habitat?
 Consider our appeal to save this bush.

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NSW Government & Hornsby Council fail to save 140-year-old iconic tree to development...



Local Horticulturalist Graham Ross explains the significance of the White Mahogany Tree to residents last Sunday - photo: M Bianchino.

Despite wet cold weather, residents turned up to mark the loss of a huge 140 year old native White Mahogany tree. Channel 7 News highlighted it, as did ABC 702 Radio's Linda Mottram. Yesterday's tree becomes Today's stump...

A prominent resident emailed your Trust:

"So much for the title 'The Bushland Shire'. So much for the protection of 'tree species indigenous to the Shire'

that Council lists shall be preserved. So much for the 'Threatened Species Conservation Acts' related to Blue Gum High Forest canopy species. So much for landscape amenity, habitat value, songbirds and the enjoyment of a shady tree in summer.

A grand old tree that stood strong and upright against all weather events, whose bones were a solid to the end, with not a blemish in that heart wood. 140 years to grow (1,226,400 hours) - 10 hours to destroy."

Events Section



Beecroft Forum Dinner

7:00 pm, 16th July 2015, at Pennant Hills Golf Club, Copeland Rd, Beecroft,

Speaker: Latika Bourke, National Political Reporter for the SMH

Bookings contact Janet Hayes, Ph 99809917 or email beecroftforum@bigpond.com

The Lorax Beecroft Community Hall Film Night:

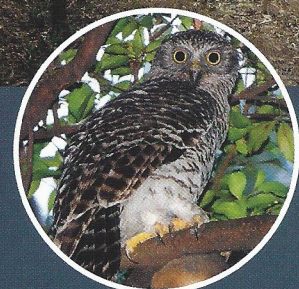
Saturday 25 July, 5:15 pm. Come and enjoy a community film night showing the film adaptation of the classic Dr Seuss 'Lorax'.

Walk for Trees: Sunday 26 July, 11am to Noon. Celebrate national tree day with a short walk and ceremonial planting of Beecroft's Patron Tree.

PLEASE PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR BYLES CREEK VALLEY!

You can tell future generations YOU helped save this unique valley!

Visit our Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Website www.2119.org.au and follow the links.



Walk for Trees

Sunday 26 July 2015

11.00am-12.00pm



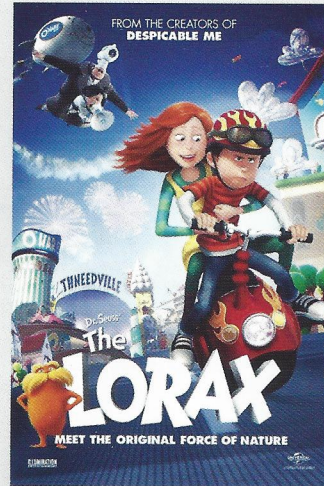
from church to tree

Walk from the former church at Cheltenham to Beecroft Memorial Garden.

The planting of the sapling from the Patron Tree of Beecroft.

Speakers to be announced...

National Tree Day



Movie Night in Beecroft –for National Tree Day

From the creators of Despicable Me & imagination of Dr. Seuss comes

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
An adaptation of the classic tale of a forest creature who shares the enduring power of hope. The animated adventure follows the

journey of a 12-year-old as he searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.

When: Saturday 25 July 5:15 pm (food) 6:30 pm (film)

Where: Beecroft Community Hall (opposite Beecroft Public school). Children must be accompanied by an adult. We encourage you to walk with your children!

What: Film, food, truffula trees and more!

Bring: a rug, beanie and cushion

Adults: \$7;

Children/School Students: \$3

Presented by: the Byles Valley Union and the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust (limited places available)



Local Bush Care Groups are looking for volunteers to:

Help restore and maintain Beecroft and Cheltenham bush. Learn on the job and extra training is also provided by Council. Great morning teas
Chilworth Reserve (pictured here is just one of a number of active sites)

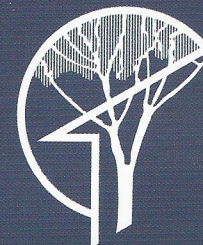
When: Every Friday 9:00am - 12:00 pm,

Where: Meet at the end of Kenwick Lane



Contact: Sheila Woods or Ross Walker 0412257556

www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/environment/trees-plants-and-bushland/bushcare



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Memberships Available

Join today!

Individual \$10 | Family \$20

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