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A SUBURB DIVIDED

Murray Farm Road M2 Bridge may be closed for 6 months

Transurban has advised our Councillors that in order to conduct the proposed upgrade to three lanes to the M2, they plan to close the Murray Farm Rd Bridge over the M2 for some six months, possibly commencing in January 2011. Hornsby Council has been unsuccessful in their attempt to get the operators to establish alternatives including the erecting of a temporary bridge or the closing the present bridge one lane at a time. BCCT recognises that this will be a huge inconvenience to residents, especially school children, who walk, travel by bus or drive over the bridge on their daily commute as well as inconveniencing emergency and other essential services. BCCT is concerned about the great impact this will have and urges residents to **TAKE ACTION NOW**.

Write to The Minister for Roads, David Borger MP, minister@borger.minister.nsw.gov.au and to our local MP, Greg Smith, epping@parliament.nsw.gov.au to express your views.



ADVANCE NOTICE OF BCCT 2011 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the BCCT will be held on the evening of Monday 7 March 2011 at Cheltenham Recreation Club. Please note this date in your diary. Details will be given in the February Bulletin. In February, there will also be a call for nominations for election to the Trust Committee. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary by writing either to PO Box 31 Beecroft 2119 or by email to colinjohnston@bigpond.com.

BCCT CONSTITUTION PROPOSED CHANGES

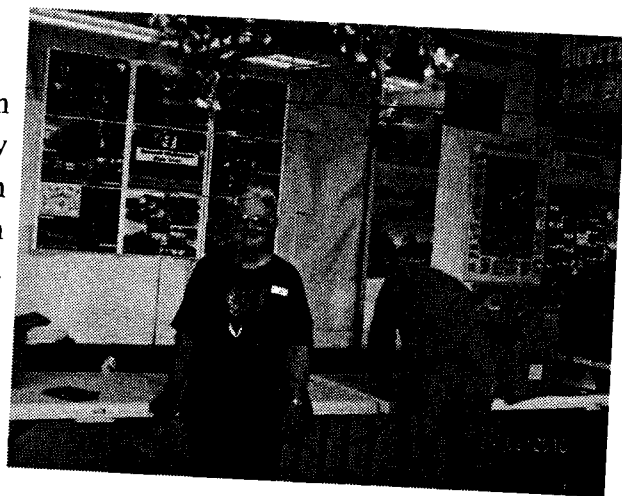
Introduction of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 has made changes to your Trust's Constitution necessary to comply with this Act. The opportunity has been taken to make a general review of the Constitution to ensure that it fully meets the current and future needs of the Trust. The proposed changes will be circulated to Members in February 2011 and you will be requested to vote on the new Constitution at the Annual General Meeting on Monday 7th March 2011. Please take this opportunity to join the Trust now so you are able to vote on these important changes. **Application form is on page four of this bulletin.**

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2011

BCCT will again be involved in this important community event on **Sunday 6 March 2011**. We are pleased to announce that Dr Rai Pohl will again co-ordinate our campaign. Keep the morning free to clean up Beecroft and Cheltenham. Details will be in the February Bulletin. What a wonderful and joyous occasion was Beecroft in Bloom. It started with a lively cocktail party on Friday night and the official opening by Greg Smith, SC MP. On Saturday morning Beecroft was a blaze of colour with flowers up and down the streets, an assortment of stalls and activities, a wonderful art show and the Village Arcade full of displays and entertainment. Talking to people at the BCCT stand we found many visitors to our suburb.

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The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust was pleased to contribute and congratulate the Beecroft Cheltenham Lions Club for organising this popular event. It provided us the opportunity to launch the website of the Beecroft Cheltenham History Group and to inform the public about bushcare, heritage and current development issues in Beecroft. Thanks to the Hornsby Council nursery, we were able to distribute 50 native plants to residents.

2010 PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

As the end of 2010 fast approaches it is an appropriate time to reflect on what has happened in our community over the last year and provide a brief overview of matters your Civic Trust addresses each week for the residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham.

This year your Civic Trust has been active and involved in the following:

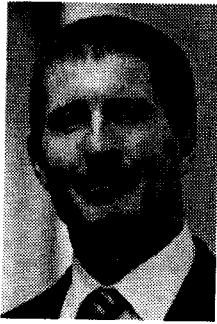
- ✓ **Clean-up Australia Day** – facilitated and participated with many young and old residents
- ✓ Over 70 residents enjoyed our successful **Autumn and Spring bushwalks**
- ✓ Lodged a submission with State Government to have a **lift installed at Beecroft station**
- ✓ Our Vice President has represented the people of Beecroft and Cheltenham at **most Council and planning meetings**
- ✓ Made **submissions to Minister Albanese** on behalf of the people of Beecroft on the benefits of the Western option as opposed to the tunnel between M2 and F3.
- ✓ Held a local **briefing night for Councillors** at the Golf Club
- ✓ Presented initial **residents concerns pertaining to M2 upgrade**
- ✓ Lobbied to save **critically endangered blue gums** in Beecroft and Cheltenham and **preserve the Bushland Shire** in our locality
- ✓ Provided **expert review over 100 local Development Applications** and made expert submissions on 22 of them.
- ✓ Lodged a submission with Council to **oppose high density housing** in our village
- ✓ Provided **street exhibitions to advise people** of the impacts of high density housing and directed resident feedback to Hornsby Shire Council
- ✓ Participated in **Beecroft in Bloom** – with free plant stock & brochures
- ✓ Registering strong opposition to temporary closure of Murray Farm Road Bridge over M2
- ✓ Assisted the Chapman Ave East residence in their desires to achieve suitable DCP outcomes for future five storey developments opposite their homes.
- ✓ Undertaken a revision of BCCT Constitution to be presented to members in 2011

With an active management Committee, plus some 40 local bulletin distributors, we strive to be representative of the people of Cheltenham and Beecroft. Our dedicated group of volunteers has expertise in advocacy, arboreal matters, architecture, accounting and risk, neighbourhood safety, local government and community law, town planning and environment, land survey and demography.

We have good working relationships with Hon Philip Ruddock our Federal member, Greg Smith SC our State member and our C Ward Councillors Andrew Martin, Michael Hutchence and Robert Brown as well as the Mayor of Hornsby, Cr Nick Berman.

We have some renewed expectations of the North West Rail link being built. Yet the Western Link between the M7 and the F3 seems just as far away as ever! We still have no solution to our congested

On a positive note we are living in a country unscathed by the effects of the GFC and removed from the world hot spots and there are lots of positives within our community.



Michael Stove
President

Joining the Civic Trust is a great lifestyle investment only \$20/ year for a household and even less for singles and your membership helps keep local issues visible to our elected representatives and the media.

Fill out the application form below and help preserve your special suburbs.



Ilona Kernick
Vice President

Roderick Best Vice President - History

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE

The financial year for the Civic Trust closes on 31st Dec 2010. Membership renewal is due on January 1, 2011. Procedures for the recording of our membership and financial operations have been streamlined to assist you

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION FORM 2011

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

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

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

Address Post Code
Street address preferred *Suburb*

Phone Number (02) Mobile No.....

E-mail address

Membership fees \$ as noted below. Do you require a receipt? YES /NO
Where practicable, receipts will be issued by e-mail.

Method of payment please mark appropriate box:-
Post to PO Box 31 Beecroft by cheque only.

Handed in by cash or cheque.

Deposited in bank BSB 062 113 Commonwealth Bank Beecroft Account 10068238.

Electric Funds Transfer EFT from your bank account via computer BSB 062 113 Commonwealth Bank Beecroft Account 10068238. NB Use your name as reference.

PayPal go to Trust website www.2119.org.au click onto PayPal and follow the instructions.

For record purposes, please send a copy of this completed form to The Treasurer, PO Box 31 Beecroft 2119 OR e-mail to treasurer@2119.org.au OR fax to (02) 9614 1766