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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**8.00pm TUESDAY, 7th MARCH 2000**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL**  
**MARY STREET, BEECROFT**

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Incorporated will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Presbyterian Church Hall, Mary Street Beecroft at 8.00pm on Tuesday 7th March 2000. All local residents are invited.

The Guest Speaker will be John Lee Public Relations Issues Manager for the Parramatta Chatswood Rail Link.

President Bob Raymond will report on activities of the Trust during 1999. The election of Committee Members for 2000 will also take place. Remember only financial members are eligible to vote at the meeting.

Local 'C' Ward Councillors have been invited to attend the meeting to answer members questions concerning Council matters.

Subscriptions for the period 1 January to 31 December 2000 are now due. If you are not financial please use the attached slip and forward payment to the Treasurer or alternatively you may pay at the Annual General Meeting.

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**Annual Membership Year 2000**  
Family \$12.00  
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## BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST Inc.

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust was established over 30 years ago, and is one of the oldest operating in Australia. The Trust aims to preserve the unique environment of the suburbs of Beecroft and Cheltenham.

The views of the Trust are often sought, and given attention to by government and Council. The Trust can act in the community interest in matters relating to our area, like retaining our bushland environment and bush regeneration, development and traffic issues.

If you have a matter you would like to discuss please contact a member of the Trust Committee.

## REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S GREEN ORGANIC WASTE STRATEGY

At its meeting in September Hornsby Council approved a recommendation of the Executive Manager, Environment Division, that the Green Organics Strategy be reviewed. Any review should also include extensive community consultation.

A display and public meeting in November to discuss the issue was attended by over 300 people. It was made clear that this was not an attempt to justify Bioremediation, on which approximately \$4 million has been spent, but a process to consider alternative viable processes for dealing with organic waste, having regard to the Government directive that landfill must be reduced by 40% in the year 2000.

Council approved a proposal to form four working parties consisting of about ten members each to look at the following;

- Community role and service issues
- Potential sites
- Process alternatives
- Market issues

In addition a Steering Committee was established consisting of the Executive Manager Environment Division, three councillors, representatives from Northcompass, Planning Power for People, Northern Sydney Waste Board, a representative from each Ward, A, B and C, and a rural representative.

Dr. Bill Greenhalgh represents Planning Power for People. Bob Raymond, President of the Civic Trust is the C Ward representative. The Steering Committee hopes to find economic and socially viable solutions to the management of green organic waste within a timetable that would allow Council to develop a Draft Green Waste Strategy Plan by late March 2000.

## IN A KNOT ABOUT GREEN WASTE?

Regular readers will recall in a previous issue we made mention of a great new product called N'VIRO TIE. N'viro Tie is an environmentally friendly product made of twisted Kraft paper and is great for tying up garden/green waste for the Council collection service, used newspapers for collection and numerous other jobs around the home or factory.

It is Australian made from Australian paper by a 100% Australian owned company, and you could not get more dinky di than that! Available from Clarke and Walker (Hornsby) Mitre 10 for around \$5/5.50 for a 50 metre roll. For further information on other stockists contact Best Wishes Promotions on (02) 9477 3068. A sample of the product will be available at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 7 March.



## HELP PRESERVE THE GREEN IMAGE OF OUR AREA

Two important reasons why Beecroft and Cheltenham are such pleasant places to live are the backdrop of our local bushland and the number of tall trees still in our streets and gardens. What can we do to help preserve these assets?

One of the ways we can help to look after our bushland is by being thoughtful about what we do with our garden waste. Council now have a green waste collection which is helpful, but a lot of material can be composted and recycled to the benefit of the garden it came from. Dumping of unwanted garden waste near bushland where the nutrients and weed propagules will spread does more lasting damage to the bushland than the odd Coke can, which of course should be recycled.

As development increases we are also losing our tall trees. We can help to preserve the ones that remain by looking after them and keeping them healthy. It is quite common to see living trees with Wisteria or Ivy climbing up them. Residents may not realise just how harmful this is to the tree, particularly trees which normally shed their bark such as our local Sydney Blue Gums. Changing the soil level around the tree's root system will put its survival at risk in the long term. Have a look at your trees and see if they need some care and attention and help keep Beecroft and Cheltenham green.

If you have enquiries about the green waste collection in your area or would like to obtain a compost bin (cost \$35) contact Council 'phone 9847 4856. Information on tree preservation is available from Council's Parks and Landscape Branch on 9847 6853. A brochure entitled "Tree Planting Guidelines for Hornsby Shire" is very useful.

## SEPP 5 HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE OR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

Some Councils have become concerned at the large number of SEPP 5 (State Environmental Planning Policy) development applications being submitted. Hornsby Council recently refused approval to a SEPP 5 application for 3 attached dwellings.

There are a number of objections to SEPP 5, including the aims in Part 1 and Part 5 which allow:

*Setting aside local planning controls that would prevent the development of housing for older people or people with a disability that meets the development standards specified by in this Policy and*

*If this Policy is inconsistent with any other environmental planning instruments made before or after this Policy, this Policy prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.*

These clauses provide an opportunity for an older person (aged 55 years or more) or a disabled person, to obtain approval for 3 or 4 bedroom housing without regard to existing Council development standards for dwelling houses. It would be difficult to establish whether the older or disabled person remained in the housing, which could then provide favourable accommodation for others.

SEPP 5 also enables such developments to be built in favourable locations, close to transport, even though they could be out of character with the neighbourhood.

The Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, Dr Refshauge, recently announced that SEPP 5 is to be reviewed, but has refused to suspend the Policy in the meantime.. It is understood the Local Government Association intends to raise the matter with the Minister as well.

don't forget Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 5 March 2000  
for a site in our local area call Trish Whealy on 9876 5071



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## WAR MEMORIAL

At long last the end of the campaign for the restoration of the Beecroft War Memorial is in sight. The Epping RSL have kindly agreed to contribute the outstanding balance of \$4,645 required to carry out the work.

The balance of the funds for the restoration work have been contributed by the Department of Veteran Affairs \$3,000, Hornsby Shire Council \$3,000, Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust \$3,000 and Beecroft Rotary Club \$1,000. The total project cost is \$14,645.

Hornsby Shire Council have been asked to supervise the restoration work in line with the conservators report, which the Trust commissioned in 1998.

## TRAFFIC UPDATE

The Trust is continuing to pursue its policy for the installation of traffic lights on Beecroft Road at the Kirkham Street and Cheltenham Road intersections. To date there has been some success with warrants being issued and design layouts being drawn up for the Kirkham Street intersection. Further progress at this trouble spot will depend on funding.

The Cheltenham Road intersection is not yet seen as critical by the RTA in terms of delay, accidents or traffic / pedestrian volume. The Trust will however continue to press the case for lights at this intersection.

Hornsby Shire Council has introduced many 50 KPH limits in our area and roundabouts are proving successful in controlling traffic. Increased traffic volumes in the district continues to be a major problem.

## ADVERTISING SIGNS AT LOCAL RAILWAY STATIONS

Most would be aware of the recent action by State Rail in erecting two massive advertising hoardings at Cheltenham Railway Station. Signs are now under construction at Beecroft Station. No formal application has been received for the erection of these signs, constructed on land zoned special uses B, which by law requires council approval.

As this is an issue that effects our community the Trust is interested in knowing your views. Would you please complete the attached questionnaire.

***Do you object to the recent action of State Rail in placing advertising billboards at Beecroft and Cheltenham Railway Stations?***

YES

NO

NO VIEW

**Please state the main reason for your view (One only)**

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**Name:**

**Address:**

Return completed form to the Secretary or bring it to the Annual General Meeting on March 7.