



## NEW WARD STRUCTURE

The following motion from Council's Ordinary Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2002 is reproduced here for the information of residents.

### Item 19, Report CC3/02

#### The Development of a New Ward Structure for Hornsby Shire

MOVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WHITE, seconded by COUNCILLOR BENSON,  
THAT

1. The ward structure for Hornsby Shire Council be two wards with five Councillors elected from each ward.
2. Having regard to Council's decision in 1 above, staff prepare option/s for boundaries of the two wards for consideration and determination by Council at a Workshop Meeting to be held on 27 March, 2002.
3. Having regard to 2 above, a preferred set of ward boundaries be publicly exhibited as part of a public consultation process during April and May of 2002.
4. Having regard to the public consultation process referred to in 3 above, Council determine the final ward boundaries, for submission to the Electoral Commissioner and the Australian Statistician, at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 July, 2002.

An amendment, moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Berman that the Ward structure be 10 wards with one Councillor elected from each ward was put and lost.

The motion moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Benson, was put and carried. Councillor Russell and Councillor Pringle requested their names be recorded as voting against the motion.

From the Draft Minutes of the same meeting;

### MATTER OF URGENCY –

#### HOLDING A CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2003 COUNCIL ELECTION

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MUIRHEAD, seconded by COUNCILLOR RUSSELL.  
THAT

1. Council consider holding a Constitutional Referendum in conjunction with the Local Government Elections in 2003, that would incorporate the issues of the ward structure, voting systems, Councillor numbers and Mayoral selection. Council's reasons for a new Referendum are that community consultation carried out after the previous Referendum has shown that:
  - Only very few voters understood the ramifications resulting from the choices given
  - There was no clear opportunity for voters to choose the status quo
  - There has been significant community support for a new Referendum
2. Council proceed to develop a Referendum Project Plan that incorporates the following:
  - Consolidation of issues and draft question development
  - Community consultation timetable
  - Mandatory authorities consultation timetable
  - Council decision timetable
  - Community communication process timetable
  - Electoral Office timetable for Referendum implementation
  - Budget
3. A report regarding a community consultation timetable and decision making process be provided for Council consideration at the March Ordinary Meeting.

**YOU CAN ASSIST IN KEEPING OUR LOCAL BUSHLAND IN GOOD CONDITION BY  
REMOVING WEEDS SUCH AS PRIVET AND ASPARAGUS FROM YOUR GARDEN.**

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Your Trust has been busy during the year. At the Annual General Meeting the President will report on activities during 2001. The following is a brief summary of the main issues covered.

- ◇ Traffic & parking issues, installation of traffic lights at Kirkham St. and Cheltenham Road.
- ◇ Construction of 'low impact' mobile 'phone towers
- ◇ Active support for residents with problems/concerns over development issues
- ◇ Illuminated advertising signs on the M2
- ◇ Our fight against graffiti
- ◇ New ward system for Hornsby Shire Council
- ◇ Opposition to inappropriate SEPP 5 developments
- ◇ Beecroft Arcade car park and access
- ◇ Restoration and re-dedication of the War Memorial
- ◇ Review of plan making in NSW under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (Planfirst)
- ◇ Action to preserve heritage listed properties in Hornsby Shire.
- ◇ Facilitated community response to proposed Beecroft Post Office site development
- ◇ Provided active support to History Group and Parks Committee

## PARKS AND BUSHLAND SUB-COMMITTEE 2002

This year we plan to visit parks and reserves in Beecroft and Cheltenham where local volunteers are working. The walks will be an opportunity to learn about the reserves and meet some of the volunteers.

The next walk will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June commencing at 10.00am and concluding around mid-day at Booth Park. Walkers should meet at the corner of Malton and Sutherland Roads. Remember to bring a hat and good walking shoes. If you wish bring a picnic lunch.

The walk will proceed along Malton Road to a bushcare site in a small reserve in Seale Close. At the bottom of Malton Road another bushcare group have greatly improved the condition of the track through to Day Road. This area has been affected by the recent bushfires and we will be able to see how the bushland is recovering. The walk will continue up Kethel Road to Booth Park in Sutherland Road.

## BUSH REGENERATION GROUPS IN BEECROFT AND CHELTENHAM 2002

There are now many groups involved in caring for our local bushland and more volunteers are always needed. Any time you can spare would be welcome. The groups listed below are part of Hornsby Council's Bushcare Program which provides training and supervision as well as tools and plants. Training workshops are held for new volunteers and there is an interesting quarterly newsletter to keep everyone up to date. For those of you who like to walk around Beecroft and Cheltenham you may now wish to explore some of the areas mentioned below.

**For more information on the bushcare program ring the Bushland Management Supervisor at Hornsby Shire Council on 9847 6797.**

<p><b>Bambara Bushcare Group.</b> Work on park and bushland from Roselea School to Midson Road. This group has several different locations and working times. Contact Dorothy Doolan on 9876 5713.</p>	<p><b>Castle Howard Road:</b> An area of unformed road near the M2 has been improved. Contact Graeme Widmer on 9869 1268.</p>	<p><b>Chilworth Reserve Group:</b> Work on Thursday and Friday mornings. Other times can be arranged to suit new volunteers. Contact Sheila Woods on 9484 6764 mob 0402 957 901.</p>
<p><b>Cobran Road Group:</b> This group started in response to the recent bushfires to help the recovery process. Contact Wendy McClennan on 9869 1108.</p>	<p><b>Fearnley Park (off Hannah St)</b> A new group, working in the park to assist Council's bush regenerators. Contact Council 9847 6769.</p>	<p><b>Ferndale Road.</b> The Peacock family has done some great planting between the end of Allerton Road and Ferndale Road. Contact Council 9847 6797.</p>

<p><b>Hull Road Group:</b> Work in a small park where a retention pond has been installed by Council. Meet on the second Saturday each month from 3.00pm - 5.00pm. Contact Ross Walker on 9875 4446</p>	<p><b>Kirkham Road Group:</b> A new group formed to help improve this entrance to Beecroft Reserve. Contact Sheila Woods on 9484 6764</p>	<p><b>Midson Road Group:</b> A road edge has been greatly improved here. Contact Ceridwen Jones on 9869 2072</p>
<p><b>Murray Road, Cheltenham:</b> this group has cleared A section of unformed road and footpath. Work the second Saturday each month from 8.30am-mid day. Contact Notalka Suchowerska on 9876 4245</p>	<p><b>Narena Close, Beecroft:</b> The bushland behind Narena Close was beautifully restored by Helen Clarke, who has now moved to Canberra. New volunteers are needed on this site. Contact Council 9847 6797.</p>	<p><b>Observatory Park:</b> The triangle we all drive past on Beecroft and Pennant Hills Road, contains valuable remnant forest and the regeneration is amazing. The group meets on the first Saturday of each month. Contact Ron Leslie on 9484 7413.</p>
<p><b>Seale Close Group.</b> A small enclosed area of bushland accessed off Seale Close. Meet on the second Saturday each month from 1.30-4.30pm. Contact Chris Rapp on 9980 5174.</p>	<p><b>Sutherland Road:</b> Opposite Glenelg Place has been weeded and planted by Sarah Wallace, and Jack Whitford has cleared an area next to the railway line leading to Azalea Grove in Pennant Hills. Contact Council 9847 6797</p>	<p><b>Wongala Gully Group:</b> This group have been working on an unformed section of Wongala Crescent with a footpath through to Pennant Hills. Contact Graham Baker on 9484 7324.</p>

*Happy walking.*

## BEECROFT CHELTENHAM HISTORY GROUP

The Beecroft & Cheltenham History Group continues to promote an active understanding of the way in which our unique community has developed. Most Trust members probably own a copy of the history of the district published several years ago – ‘The shaping of a Sydney community, Beecroft and Cheltenham to 1914’.

Last year, two projects were commenced. The first, a series of oral history interviews to record the reminiscences of people who have played a notable part in our community in the twentieth Century. The second, the preparation of an album of photographs designed to give the historian of the future an accurate view of what we looked like at the beginning of the Twenty-First Century – our houses, our shops, our transport facilities, our public buildings, recreation and so on. A copy of this will also be made available to the Hornsby Library Historical collection. The hope is that a hundred years from now, some one may wish to look back a century to catch a glimpse of what is to us the present day.

## SEPP 5 WIN FOR COUNCIL

Good news for residents of Hornsby Shire concerned about inappropriate developments as a result of SEPP 5 legislation, with the State Minister for Planning, Andrew Refshauge, making a commitment to provide finalised SEPP 5 exemption guidelines within the next two weeks.

The announcement made at a recent meeting with Mayor of Hornsby Shire, Councillor Steven Pringle, will allow Council to submit a submission to seek permanent exemption from the policy and allay fears about inappropriate developments.

Finalising exemption criteria to permanently free Council from the legislation will be a breakthrough for residents who will once again be able to have a fair say in planning issues that concern their areas.