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**Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**8.00pm THURSDAY, 27th MARCH 2003
CHELTENHAM RECREATIONAL CLUB
THE CRESCENT, CHELTENHAM**

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Incorporated will hold its **Annual General Meeting** at the Cheltenham Recreational Club, The Crescent, Cheltenham at 8.00pm on Thursday 27th March 2003. All local residents are invited.

President David White will report on activities of the Trust during 2002. The election of **Committee Members** for 2003 will also take place. Remember - only financial members are eligible to vote at the meeting. Committee members will report on current developments. Other matters of concern which members may wish to raise will also be considered.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Malcolm Bruce, a member of the **Rural Fire Service** and consultant to Hornsby Shire Council on environmental and fire matters. Malcolm will give us a broad overview of fire management issues in bushland areas, who is responsible and things we can do to protect our property. Malcolm will also speak about the establishment of community fire guards and how these might operate in our area.

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

INCREASED COSTS FORCE RISE IN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

In order to keep pace with increases in costs it was resolved at the December Trust executive meeting to increase membership fees commencing from 1st January 2003. The decision was a difficult one. However, faced with rising costs in public liability insurance and other administrative charges, it was clear the Trust would have difficulty in meeting its budget this financial year. Conscious of the impact this would have on members the executive was anxious to keep any increase to a minimum. With this in mind the 2003 membership subscription will rise by \$3 to \$15 for a family, and by \$4 to \$10 for an individual membership. This is

the first increase for seven years during which time successive committees have sought to control costs.

Subscriptions for the period 1 January to 31 December 2003 are now due. If you are not financial please use the slip attached to the back of this notice and forward payment to the Treasurer or alternatively you may pay at the Annual General Meeting.

Remember only financial members are eligible to vote at the Annual General meeting.

DIARY DATES

Mark these dates in your diary NOW. The Parks and Bushland Sub Committee will hold an Winter walk on Sunday 8th June 2003. Participants should meet at the bottom of Welham Street Beecroft for a 2.00 pm. start.

The Spring Walk in Pennant Hills Park is planned for Sunday 17th August 2003 commencing at 2.00pm from the end of Day Road.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS CHELTENHAM & BEECROFT ROADS

The installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Beecroft and Cheltenham Roads Cheltenham came one step closer on 12th February 2003 when Council at its Ordinary Meeting voted to concur with the Roads and Traffic Authority proposal to install traffic signals at the intersection. The RTA has funding available for the construction of the project this financial year. The full report is available on Council's web site at www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au

The Trust will continue to campaign for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Kirkham Street.

OPERATION GREENHOUSE GETS THE GREEN LIGHT

Hornsby Council has given the green light for Operation Greenhouse - an education action plan targeting waste, transport, local homes, commercial and industrial business and schools across the Shire. Council wants a

20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2010. The action plan includes educational, promotional and incentive programs to curb harmful emissions.

Advertising, workshops, business reviews, transportable displays, and information packs for residents, will all be part of Council's program for a sustainable future.

Hornsby Shire produces more than 1.6 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, that is more than 12 tonnes per person each year. We can all help by working together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and it can be as simple as replacing standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights.

Operation Greenhouse promotes the principles of greenhouse friendly and energy efficient living so it becomes a day to day part of our lives at work and home.

BEECROFT SHOPPING CENTRE STREET TREES

The Trust is concerned to learn that Hornsby Council is planning to remove the English plane trees in Hannah Street Beecroft between Beecroft Road and Wongala Crescent. It is also proposed that the damaged footpaths be replaced with new concrete footpaths.

The Trust would prefer to see root pruning of the existing trees with brick paving in lieu of the proposed concrete footpaths. We ask that you write to Council and request consideration be given to retaining the existing trees.

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Subscription: **Family \$15.00** **Single \$10.00**

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