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TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON BEECROFT ROAD

In response to overwhelming community requests and subsequent pressure over more than twenty years, the Civic Trust has pushed the authorities for traffic signals at the intersections of Beecroft Road/Kirkham Street and Beecroft Road/Cheltenham Road. Our position has been clear and unequivocal. We have carried out surveys, held public meetings, led deputations to Parliamentary Secretaries for Roads, written repeatedly to various Ministers for Roads, been in close contact with officers in the Roads and Traffic Authority and have enlisted the support of our local members and Hornsby Shire Council.

The reasons for the placement of these signals are totally convincing to the Trust. The community wants the provision of safe crossing for pedestrians, particularly the young and the elderly at both intersections to access schools, railway stations and amenities as well as safe and efficient access to adjoining residential precincts for all road users. It also wants further control of through traffic in our area at a time when road use is increasing and will continue to increase.

The RTA is currently carrying out further community consultation, traffic assessments and engineering analyses. It is hoped that its conclusions will permit the installation of these much needed signals.

The Trust believes that your voice must be heard on this issue. Money has been earmarked and can be used for that purpose now, the RTA and the government will respond to your needs if you make your wishes clear. Write **NOW** to the following stating your concerns:

<p>Leader State Network Services North Roads and Traffic Authority Reply Paid 558 BLACKTOWN NSW 2148</p>	<p>Copies to:- Andrew Tink MP Member for Epping PO Box 33 EPPING NSW 1716</p>	<p>The Hon Carl Scully Minister for Roads and Transport Parliament House SYDNEY NSW 2000</p>
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Remember, also, that a small and vocal minority is opposing traffic signals for reasons that we do not believe are for the general benefit of our community. Don't be one of the silent majority, **HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

LINNET CHOIR OF SYDNEY GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Linnet Choir of Sydney, formally the Linnet Girls Choir, will present a celebration concert "Voices in Song" to mark their Golden Jubilee on Saturday 25th May 2002. The performance will be held in the Carlingford High School Auditorium at 7.30pm and will include performances by The Linnet Choir of Sydney, the Circular Quays Chorus, the Waratah Girls Choir and the Cheltenham Girls High School Choir and Orchestra. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$7 concession. For more information contact 9630 0349 or 9871 8942.

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST – 2002 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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PARKS & BUSHLAND SUB-COMMITTEE JUNE WALK

The next walk will be on Sunday 2nd 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 take a look at some of the interesting houses in Malton Road on the way to a bushcare site in a small reserve in Seale Close. **The Seale Close Group** started working in the reserve in what was a very degraded gully in February 2000 and is part of Hornsby Council's bushcare program. The walk will continue to the bottom of Malton Road where another bushcare group have markedly 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** where a neighbouring family have been caring for the park for the last 40 years. **Booth Park** is a delightful haven that has been lovingly improved and maintained by Mary Jo Reeve and her family since they moved to Beecroft in 1961. Mary Jo will lead us in a guided tour of the park and tell us about its history and the landscaping work she has done.

Contact: Sheila Woods 9484 6764

Hornsby Shire Council has asked that all fox sightings be reported to Council phone 9847 6797

SEPP5 HOUSING REVIEW COMMITTEE

Hornsby Shire Council has established a committee to assist in evaluating the application of SEPP5 in the Shire. Known as the SEPP5 Housing Review Committee one of its principle tasks will be to look at the appropriate application of SEPP5 housing strategies.

The Committee comprises councillors, including the Mayor Steven Pringle three community representatives and three industry representatives. It is pleasing to report that Trust President David White has been appointed as one of the three community representatives.

DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Hornsby Council has recently amended its Residential Development Standards to allow only single storey houses on battle axe allotments. This amendment, together with tightening of the floor space and site coverage allowances, will serve to act as a brake on the increasing trend of over-development in our suburbs. No longer will the minimum size 600 square metre battle axe allotment be an attractive proposition to those developers wishing to build large or even medium size houses. The Trust is aware of a number of pending sub-division applications before Hornsby Council for these minimum size blocks which will now only be able to support small single storey houses. The Trust supports Hornsby Council on these amended controls and will be asking Council to further tighten controls to prevent inappropriate development.