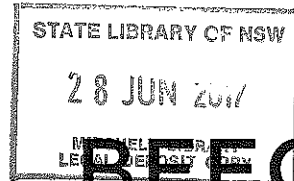


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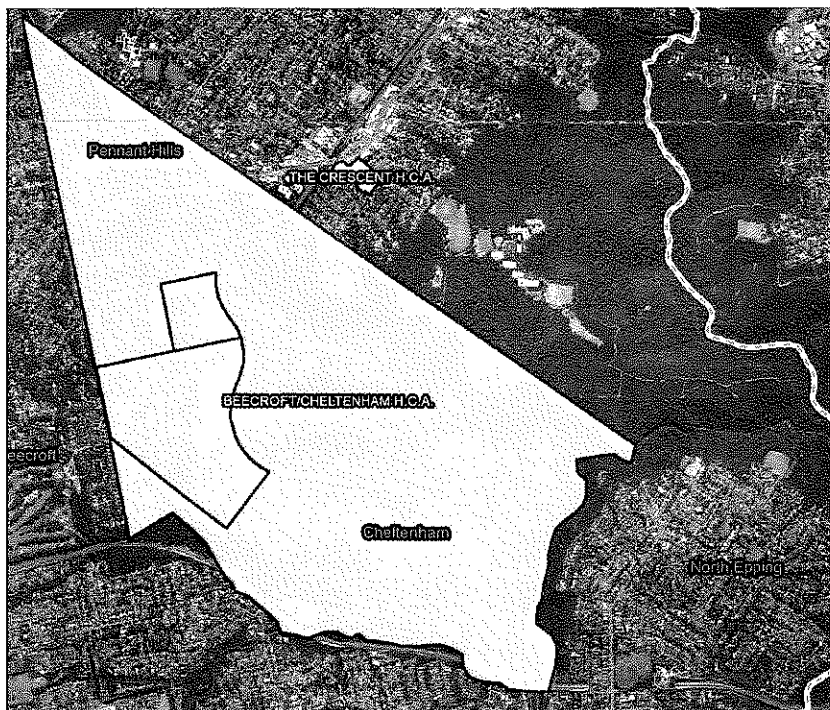
CHECK BEFORE YOU CHOP 1050 Code of Clearing Practice: Changes to the Legislation and how it affects you

There have been some significant changes in the legislation concerning a landowner's ability to cut down trees and clear their land in the last year.

If you want to cut down a tree (within 10 m of your house) or clear smaller vegetation (within 50 m of your house) because you worried about it putting your house at risk from bushfire you need to check whether you are located in the 1050 vegetation

clearing entitlement area. You should do this by going to the Rural Fire Service's online tool on the day that you are clearing. <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/1050-vegetation-clearing/tool#tool>

If you live in certain parts of Beecroft and Cheltenham such as a Local heritage area you may no longer be able to cut down trees or clear vegetation because these are now exempt. See the map below.



STOP PRESS: Fearnley Park and surrounds are excluded from the 10/50!

As the result of resident lobbying, the Hornsby Shire Council can advise that Fearnley Park due to its critically endangered ecologically community of Blue Gum High Forest no longer holds a 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement.

The RFS is able to exclude low risk pockets of bushland from the scheme if it is satisfied that council has appropriate mitigation strategies in place

STOP PRESS: Byles Creek Valley Update 9th October 2015

As of Friday 9th October, Hornsby Council have officially rejected DA/94/2013 for 79-87 Malton Rd Beecroft. The Applicant stated he was not willing to complete the ecological and environmental assessments as deemed as a result of the Ecological Report by Dr Smith and consequently, Council had no option other than to deem refusal of the DA.

FIVE YEARS ON, RESIDENTS STILL WAITING FOR A LIFT



Trust Committee members Peter Snelgrove, Dr Barbara Davis & President Kent Ross presented the petition to NSW MP Damien Tudehope.

On 14th September, your Trust representatives met with our NSW MP, Damien Tudehope, to deliver a petition containing 2109 signatures in support of a lift at Beecroft railway station. Trust President Kent Ross noted that the NSW Government seemed intent on spending millions on a much-less-needed bridge, across Beecroft Road, at the Beecroft public school. At the same time, Beecroft

had a shopping centre, retirement housing and bus interchange that were crying out for lift access. MP Tudehope noted the ageing local demographic, along with more young families with prams, and that Beecroft was the only station without a lift between Pennant Hills and Eastwood. He agreed to present the Petition to the NSW Minister for Transport.

The petition, compiled after hundreds of hours dedicated work by Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust resident volunteers, was first lodged in 2010 with the NSW Parliament.

Wonderful Example of Scouting Skills from the 1970s.

Hey all scouts and venturers of Beecroft and Cheltenham from the 1970s! Do you remember putting up this impressive flagpole in the Beecroft Station Gardens?

These photos, kindly supplied by retired venturer leader Doug Unmack show the skills of the scouts of former days. Doug is currently one of the amazing bush regenerators who works with Sheila Wood's team in the Chilworth Reserve on Friday mornings. The scouts and their leaders in those times even constructed "flying

foxes" in the bush. We would love to see pictures.

Join Beecroft and Cheltenham Scouts today for modern day adventures! <http://www.beecroftscouts.org.au/home/contact/>



Super Spring walk 2015!

Another congenial and informative BCCT Spring walk was held Sunday 13th September. Ross and Sheila were our guides and Rod treated us to a story of an opium bust in the rugged bushland around Copeland Rd Beecroft in 1918. The opium was stored in a cave and estimated street value of 600 pounds.

Whale rock (with its incredibly lifelike eye) was followed by the challenging hill climb up to the vantage point with great city views. Next New Year's Eve!

The 7 km walk was an excellent work out for everyone. Spring flowers were very evident and afternoon tea, always a highlight, was at the gate of Marie Byle's National Trust property Ahimsa.

Thank you to our terrific guides Ross Walker, Sheila Woods and historian extraordinaire Rod Best.



Above: Michael Bianchino and Peter Snelgrove check out the view from Whale Rock. Below: Ross Walker entertains the group

BEECROFT TRAFFIC MEETING

Your Trust President, Kent Ross, along with local Councillors Azizi & Hutchence, plus some 12 local business owners, met in Beecroft Village on Tuesday 15 September regarding parking problems in Beecroft. Council's Deputy General Manager and Traffic & Roads Safety Manager provided good professional capacities. Residents had reported extensive difficulties to the Trust with parking near shops and services - worsened by the remaining rail construction vehicles, plus much residential redevelopment construction traffic from Wongala Crescent and Chapman Avenue. Issues and actions are as follows:

Taxi Zone in Hannah Street underutilised Council is writing to Taxi Council requesting taxi zone be removed, moved to station Bus Zone or time-restricted to after hours.

No Parking Zone at Bottle Shop used as loading zone frequently & used by visitors Council will trial 5-Minute parking restriction after consultation with businesses between Hannah & Chapman. Start consultation next week.

2P missing on Wongala Cres at commuter car park Council has

requested ETTA reinstate missing signs, ASAP.

Angle parking at southern end of Wongala. Not feasible due to insufficient road width. Park acquisition would be required.

Provide parking delineation lines. Not viable - requirement to mark spaces for largest vehicles means smaller cars cannot use residual areas. Number of vehicles that can park will be reduced from 15 to 11 on western (shop) side of Wongala Cres if marked.

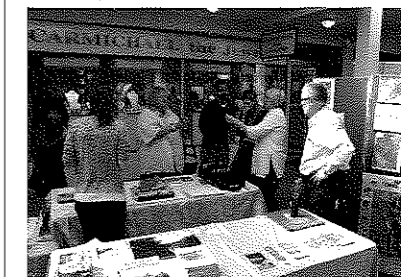
Replace Chapman Ave bus zone with 2P Write to bus operator.

Wongala Council car park has mix of 2P and 3P - replace 3P to make all of car park 2P. Not supported as hairdresser and medical services require longer than 2P parking.

Trust President, Kent Ross, said later: "Our community wants to support local businesses in the current, very challenged times - with no local supermarket, and so much construction congestion. The good work of Hornsby Shire Council, to find traffic and parking solutions, is critical to keeping Beecroft's businesses busy."

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST AT BEECROFT IN BLOOM 12TH SEP 2015

Trust members are pictured here promoting environmental and built "heritage" at the Lion's Club's annual "Beecroft in Bloom" and distributing free plants from the Hornsby Council Nursery. Friends from the History Group were nearby selling their excellent history of the Beecroft Cheltenham area. Some bravely ate our "Community Centre" cake!



EVENTS SECTION

The Big Beecroft Climate

Breakfast: 9.30 to 11.30 am, 27th November, Village Green

Christmas movie: Arthur Christmas: Details, 6.30pm (food), 7.30 pm (film) 12/12/2015, Beecroft Community Centre

THE LORAX MOVIE NIGHT

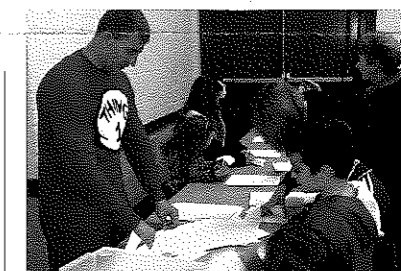
A hundred and thirty adults and children including our local MP and Hornsby Shire Councillors enjoyed a movie screening of the Lorax in the Beecroft Community Centre in July to raise awareness for our endangered species in local bushland such as the Byles Creek Valley and in particular to support the Powerful Owl Project. Several of the Project's volunteers attended and described their work; there was owl mask making, paper plane games, a resident pianist and an appearance from the feisty Lorax himself. We are happy to report that over one thousand dollars

was raised for this worthy cause.

We would like to thank Hornsby Shire Council for their assistance with this night including allowing us to use the Community Hall and BBQ trailer, the generous grant to offset our costs and for kindly providing plants and seeds from the Council Nursery for all to take home.

It was such a fun night for volunteers and attendees alike, the Trust is looking forward to doing it again in December on 12/12/2015 with the family movie Arthur Christmas.

The Powerful Owl Project <http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/surveys/Powerful-Owl-Project>



Above: Michael Stove helps kids in the paper plane competition. Below: The council BBQ and chefs in action.

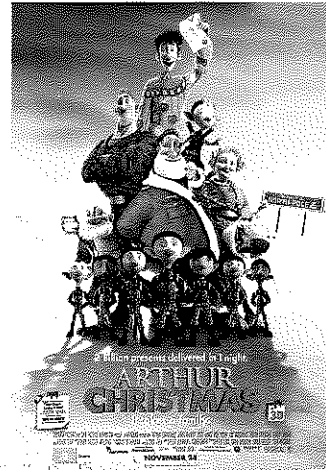


You're invited to The Big Beecroft Climate Brunch

World leaders gather in Paris on 29 November for the UN climate talks. Join in the Big Beecroft Climate Brunch 10.00 am to 11.30 am Sunday 29 November at the Beecroft Village Green to let them know that we need strong action on climate change. There will be music, fun for kids and inspiring speakers so bring your picnic, your family and your friends and join lots of local community groups in calling for a safer, cleaner planet for everyone.

The main climate rally will be in Sydney in the afternoon which we encourage you to attend also!

For more details contact Barbara Davis (BCCT) 0411 848 395 Or Emma Heyde 0403589722



Arthur Christmas: Family Christmas Movie in Beecroft!

Bring your family to see this lovely Christmas story of how the Santa clan solves the problem of "missing" a child on Christmas Eve.

There will be food, a raffle, lots of games

and prizes for those who come dressed as elves.

When: Saturday 12 December 2015 at 6.30 pm (food available), 7.30 pm (film starts)

Where: Beecroft Community Centre, 111 Beecroft Rd, Beecroft. Please walk with your children if possible.

Bring: A present for the Giving Tree (optional) for the Smith Family Toy and Book Appeal

Cost: Adults \$7, Children/Students \$3

Presented by: The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust and Hornsby Shire Council

For bookings, go to www.trybooking.com/JNXM

Don't miss out. Tickets will sell out!

Proceeds (besides toys and books) to be donated to the Nature Conservation Council. Be an elf for a night!

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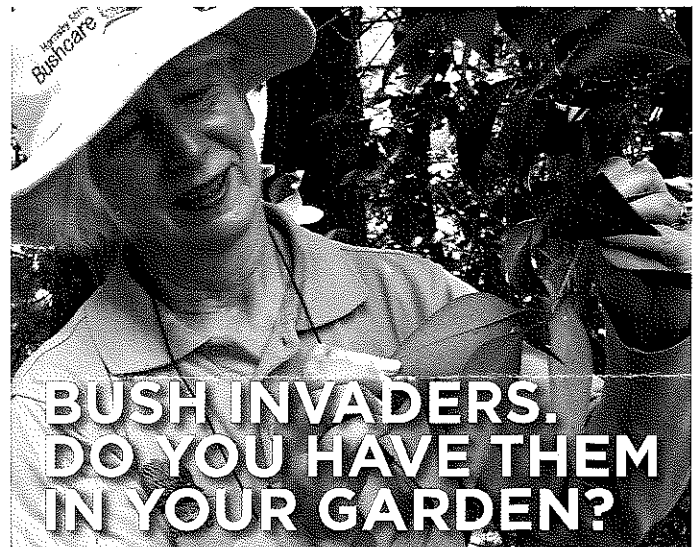


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Beecroft and Cheltenham Residents do you want help identifying weeds in your garden?

Local bushcare expert Sheila Woods is very happy to come to your rescue. Bird spread weeds such as Privet, Camphor Laurel and Ochna pop up uninvited and removing them from our gardens has the added benefit of reducing weeds in our local bushland.

If you'd like a visit from Sheila her contact details are:

Sheila Woods mobile 0403 851 825, email sheilawoods@hotmail.com

Another idea is to visit or join one of the many local bushcare groups. To contact Hornsby Council go to their website www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/environment/trees-plants-and-bushland/bushcare

If you would like to advertise your local business here, please email president@2119.org.au