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- **Reminder: Autumn Walk**, Sun 4 May, 2pm, Beecroft Station Gardens
- Join the Trust

Special Public Meeting – North West Rail Link. Monday 5 May, 7 for 7.30, Cheltenham Recreation Club, The Crescent, Cheltenham *North West Rail Link – make the tunnels bigger!*

Following issues raised in our March Bulletin and reflecting overwhelming and ongoing sentiment of our residents and many in Sydney's North-West, your Trust has arranged a public meeting to oppose the downsizing of the NWRL tunnels by 40cm so that they will only run single decker Metro style trains and not integrate with the existing rail network. There is a large credibility gap for the NSW Government in public opinion on this issue. Our requests for evidence for Government claims have not been met. There are too many unanswered questions.

Your Trust has invited Transport Minister Berejiklian, our NSW MP - Hon Greg Smith, NWRL Project Manager, Rodd Staples, Shadow Transport Minister, Penny Sharpe, The Greens spokesperson, Dr Mehreen Faruqi, and EcoTransit's Gavin Gatenby to provide their updates on this challenged NWRL project. To date Ms Sharpe, Mr Gatenby and Media have indicated their attendance. We can keep you informed of further acceptances through our website.

Last Saturday evening's ABC News included an ABC Fact Check. View it at www.2119.org.au

The claim: *Barry O'Farrell says single-decker trains can carry more people than double-decker ones, because people can move on and off more quickly.*

The verdict: *Passengers can move on and off single-decker trains more quickly than double-decker ones, but experts say double-deckers carry so many more passengers that, per hour, they outdo single-deckers.*



Have you seen this fencing near Murray Farm Rd bridge? One of the best examples of pristine local bushland is to be destroyed for a road to allow access to the NWRL construction site at Cheltenham oval. We ask WHY? It should be possible to use the adjacent M2 for access, but the operators are not willing to slow traffic, even though commuters put up with many months of speed restrictions during the recent widening of the M2.

Monday 28 April Civic Trust Annual General Meeting Cheltenham Recreation Club, 7pm for 7.30pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust will take place on Monday 28 April, 7 for 7.30 at Cheltenham Recreation Club. This meeting will, amongst other things, receive the committee's reports, the auditor's report, elect members of the committee and appoint an honorary auditor. **Financial members wishing to nominate for the committee** should obtain an application form from the Secretary, Colin Johnston - 0408 751 915

Sunday 4 May - Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust Autumn Walk Meet 2pm at the remaining Bunya Pine, Beecroft Station

We will meet in Wongala Crescent and walk along to Lilla Street, up to Observatory Park then back down Beecroft Road, Albert Road and Wongala, returning by 4pm for afternoon tea. See what is happening with the ETTT in this area. A member of the History Group will point out items of interest along the way.

Wear sturdy shoes, a hat if needed and bring water. All are welcome. Please note that Lilla Street is fairly steep but you could return along Wongala if you wish.

Join the Trust and Support your Community - memberships are our income. Renewals are now due.

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