



# **Beecroft-Cheltenham Civic Trust**

## **Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting**

7.30pm – Tuesday 19 March 2019 at the Beecroft Club, Copeland Road, Beecroft

President Ross Walker opened the 55th AGM and welcomed over 80 members. He welcomed Hornsby Shire Council Mayor Philip Ruddock, Deputy Mayor Vince del Gallego, and Councillor Michael Hutchence. Guest speakers James Farrington and Katherine Vickery from Hornsby Council also in attendance. Noel Oxley from Pennant Hills Civic Trust is in attendance and will be returning officer for committee elections later in the evening.

Carolyn Watt is attending and will be selling ‘From Fruit Bowl Farms to Housing Boom Volume 2’ a historical recollection of Carlingford-Epping subdivisions, written by Chris Staples.

### **Apologies**

David White, Julie Zetler, other Hornsby councillors due to a workshop they are attending.

### **Guest Speakers – James Farrington and Katherine Vickery**

A Local Strategic Planning Statement is currently being prepared by Hornsby Council, draft release due in 6 months. It will include matters including housing mix, biodiversity, accessibility and liveability. It is a 20-year vision. Residents are urged to participate and give their views on what is important to us in the future.

A question from Michael McAuley concerned demolition of an 1838 cottage in a development at 3-5 Copeland Road – James Farrington replied that this issue is currently in the hands of Council’s legal team.

### **2018 AGM Minutes**

A motion to accept the 2018 AGM minutes was moved by Brian Shirley and seconded by Patricia Brown. Motion carried. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

### **2018 Reports**

President’s Report presented by Ross Walker – motion to accept Brian Shirley seconded Michael McAuley.

Treasurer – Nina Mital presented the Treasurer’s Report for 2018 – audited by Ray Barham - motion to accept Michael McAuley seconded by Brian Shirley.

Bushland Report – presented by Ross Walker – motion to accept Michael Book seconded Trish Brown.

Development Report – presented by Ross Walker – motion to accept Stuart Brown seconded by Michael McAuley.

History Group – by Rod Best, presented by Ross Walker – motion to accept Carolyn Watt seconded Trish Brown.

## Auditor appointment for 2019

Motion to accept re-appointment of Ray Barham for 2019 was carried by the floor.

## Election of committee members for 2019

The 2018 committee stood down and Noel Oxley from Pennant Hills Civic Trust, as returning officer, called for nominations off the floor. Eleven nominations were received, 8 residents from Beecroft and 3 from Cheltenham. The constitution requires a minimum of three residents from either suburb. The following residents were elected.

Harkirat Dhindsa from Cheltenham, Nina Mital from Cheltenham, Ram Bhat from Cheltenham, Julie Zetler from Beecroft, Brian Shirley from Beecroft, Glynn Rogers from Beecroft, Michael McAuley from Beecroft, Bill Rankine from Beecroft, Michael Book from Beecroft, Janet Hayes from Beecroft and Ross Walker from Beecroft.

## Julian Leeser, Federal Member for Berowra

Mr Leeser congratulated Ross Walker on his award of the Order of Australia in recognition of his services to the communities of Beecroft and Cheltenham.

## Hornsby Shire Council update

Mayor Ruddock spoke on making a difference in our community and the importance of maintaining the character of our area, including new tree preservation orders and avoiding inappropriate development in our suburbs. Council and residents need to work together to achieve the desired outcomes.

Cr. Michael Hutchence spoke on Council's focus on heritage in our area and the Gap Analysis that Council is currently undertaking to create a full and up to date listing of properties that must be protected – a 3 or 4 year process.

Meeting closed 9.00pm and supper was served.