



**BEECROFT
CHELTENHAM
CIVIC TRUST INC**
the voice of our community

The General Manager
Hornsby Shire Council

Dear Sir,

Car parking in Beecroft Place, Beecroft

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust is seeking Council's assistance in resolving the current problem of car parking within the Beecroft Place car park.

Over the past number of months the time limited parking within the Beecroft Place basement car park has not been operating. Nor has the electronic signage at the driveway entrance in Hannah St that indicates the number of car spaces available in the basement.

This breakdown of car parking management has led to problems of vehicles using the basement parking for permanent or all day parking. The lack of short term parking for shoppers has created a problem of increased vehicle movements with drivers having to exit the basement car park soon after they enter when they discover there is no available parking spaces, and then forced to look elsewhere to park.

The current situation has created an increase in unnecessary vehicle movements and congestion in Hannah St but also in the surrounding streets. Consequently this increase in vehicle movements has increased pedestrian safety concerns at the basement car park footpath crossing. No doubt it is starting to impact on local trading as well, with locals shopping elsewhere.

The Trust does not know the reason behind the non-operation of the parking management systems nor do we know when it will be repaired and functioning again. Many local residents are becoming frustrated by the lack of short term parking and have consequently sought the assistance of the Trust to fix this problem. The Trust believes it would be more appropriate for Council to resolve this problem as the original DA consent was subject to time limited parking in the basement car park.

The Trust understands Beecroft Place ownership and management are as follows:

- Property Owners – a Singaporean Company represented in Australia by Region Group Pty Ltd. Contact- Adelaide Barnier – email adelaide.barnier@regiongroup.au
- Centre Management – Knight Frank Australia Pty Ltd – GPO Box 187 Sydney NSW 2001, Contact Ben Robinson – email ben.robinson@au.knightfrank.com.

The Trust would appreciate if Council gives this matter high priority.

Sincerely,

Ross Walker OAM
Vice President
Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust
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