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Dear Rod

BEECROFT CHELTENHAM CIVIC TRUST AGM

Thank you for inviting the Mayor, Councillors and myself to attend the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust AGM on 27 April 2023. We appreciated the opportunity to speak and answer questions at the meeting.

There were a couple of items raised at the meeting which we requested that we investigate further and respond back to you. Please see responses below.

What tracks or trail works are coming up in the Beecroft Cheltenham area within 2023/2024?

- Devlins Creek track to Lyne Road track upgrade, Cheltenham.
- Beecroft reserve signage and wayfinding.

Are there currently any tree preservation messaging or education campaigns?

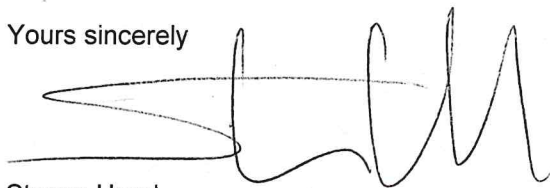
- There have been tree messaging discussions and Council is looking to develop a new quarterly publication that could include an education piece and/or a message on tree preservation.

What is the process if someone wants to rezone the large private open space areas in Beecroft?

- Making and amending local environmental plans (LEPs) starts with a planning proposal, which describes the outcome and justification for the proposed change to planning controls.
- Planning proposals may be proponent led or initiated by Council.
- Where a planning proposal is submitted by a proponent, Council will assess the proposal and form a view as to whether it has strategic and site-specific merit.
- In determining strategic merit, Council gives consideration to how the proposal aligns with State Government and local plans and strategies including Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement.
- A proposal should be supported by relevant environment, social and economic studies to demonstrate the strategic and community benefit of the proposal.
- Planning proposals are required to be publicly exhibited and endorsed by both Council and the State Government.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or require further information. I am also finalising a response to queries the committee raised with me at a meeting in October 2022. I apologise for the lengthy delay in sending a response.

Yours sincerely

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Steven Head
General Manager

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