



**BEECROFT
CHELTENHAM**
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the voice of our community

The General Manager
Hornsby Shire Council

Street tree strategy for Beecroft and Cheltenham

Dear Sir,

I refer to the MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY on Wednesday 14 June 2017 and in particular Item 2 , Update of Council's Long Term Financial Plan. Under Point 7 it states *The Long Term Financial Plan include a range of initiatives to fund street plantings on public lands in response to the loss of the tree canopy due to changes in lot size and demography in response to successive State Government policy positions.*

The Trust was in attendance at the above mentioned meeting and heard Councillor Hutchence speak in favour of point 7, with particular reference to Beecroft and Cheltenham. The Trust supports this initiative and is willing to work with Council to achieve an appropriate strategy that is supported by the local community.

The Trust has had informal discussions on this matter with Council over many years but has never had the resources or opportunity to implement an appropriate street tree strategy. We understand that council staff are researching a street planting program in anticipation of such a strategy being implemented. Perhaps now, with Council's resolution, is the opportune time to begin this strategy. Beecroft and Cheltenham will continue to change over time and it is incumbent upon all of us as the current custodians to ensure that the existing natural attributes that contribute to our quality of life, such as street trees , are not lost but are retained and enhanced.

We request Council to the contact the Trust so this matter can proceed. Success will come from community involvement and the Trust has the capacity to deliver that requirement.

Regards ,

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