



# The Hoot

## The Byles Creek Valley Union Inc. Newsletter

### December 2020

Dear friends and neighbours, this is our last *Hoot* of the year, and happily we can end it on a positive and celebratory note.

Last week, Hornsby Council allowed the rescission motion put by Councillors del Gallego, Nicita and Marr, to alter the wording of the proposed Byles Creek Planning Study. Not only that, Councillors went on to pass the new wording which we believe will be a much clearer statement of intent for the Consultants, who will be commissioned in the new year.

We thank those three Councillors for listening to residents and seeing that it was important to get the wording right, and also Council staff for working with them to achieve a suitable compromise, as well as all the Councillors who voted in favour of it.

At this same meeting, Mayor Ruddock put forward a motion proposing that he write to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Minister for Energy and the Environment, the Minister for Planning and Public Places and the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales seeking to either exempt the Hornsby Shire LGA from the Rural Boundaries Clearing Code or have specific conditions identified in the Code which reflect the particular characteristics of Hornsby Shire. This was also passed.

Last Thursday and Friday, the matter of 65D Malton Road, Beecroft was heard by the Land and Environment Court. The Commissioner and lawyers met on site and then allowed seven residents to offer their objections by telephone to the Court. The mandatory Conciliation between the parties failed and the Commissioner refused to allow the owners permission to adjourn the case, preferring to hear it on that day. The owners of 65D then chose to withdraw the matter altogether. This means that the current DA for 65D is now null and void and they will be required to lodge a new one.

So, the environment has had some significant victories this week!

The committee of Byles Creek Valley Union wants to thank you all for your support and letter writing this year and to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas – and a COVID-free and wonderful New Year.



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