

Thank you for your ongoing interest in what's happening at Council. I'll continue to keep you up-to-date and informed about how to have your say.

More trees! 🌲🌲🌲

Thank you to everyone who helped plant 1232 new native plants at Fagan Park. That's a total of 10,208 trees planted by volunteers so far. 25,930 grasses, shrubs and groundcovers have also gone in.

We are smashing it! 🍌🍌🍌

The campaign for Hornsby Shire Council to declare a climate emergency is bigger than I ever dreamed - already!

Why declare a climate emergency in Hornsby?

1. We face catastrophic loss of wildlife, plant life and human life in the Bushland Shire, and around the world, if we do not rapidly cut emissions and start to draw down carbon already in the atmosphere. Declaring a climate emergency has a very clear purpose: protecting all residents, communities and our local bushland and wildlife.
2. We are uniquely placed to take action and show leadership: local government tends to be more open, democratic, and less affected by big money and party politics that state & federal governments.
3. There is huge support amongst residents for action on climate.

We kicked off last Sunday in Galston and since then have collected more than 700 personal signatures of support at Berowra station, Beecroft station and Galston village.

Want to help build the momentum? Here are 5 actions.

1. Sign and share the petition online: <https://bit.ly/30K46jG>,
2. Write to the Council and tell them you support the Council declaring a Climate Emergency: councillors@hornsby.nsw.gov.au
3. Talk to people at your work/church/sporting events, and see if your community group can send a letter of support for the Declaration.
4. Send a letter to the editor - particularly the Bush Tele. 2-3 sentences is plenty.
The Bush Tele: Kathie Comb - editor@thebushtele.com.au
Dooral Roundup: Diana Paton editor@dooralroundup.com.au
The Hornsby Advocate editor@hornsbyadvocate.com.au and cc **Jake McCallum:** jake.mccallum@news.com.au and cc **Joanne Veller** joanne.vella@news.com.au
Triple H radio: Neil Ashworth: streetbeat@triplehfm.com.au
5. Come along to help collect signatures or just say hi at a station (dates at the end of this email).

Save our community preschools 🏫

Our beloved community preschools are facing tough times. Council has increased their rents by 500%. They fear having to close after decades of service to the community. If you love & value top quality early childhood education, please support their request for [fair rents here](#). The preschools affected are:

- Cherrybrook Community Pre-school Inc

- Larool Preschool, Thornleigh
- North Epping Kindergarten
- Norwood Community Preschool, Asquith
- The Jack and Jill Kindergarten, Hornsby

Rural lands review: an update 🌲

I have received many emails asking that Council consider rezoning rural areas so that they can be subdivided. Usually the writer suggests 20ha to 5ha; 5ha to 2ha and 2ha to 1ha. I have an open mind on this issue and want to learn more about the economic activity in the area, its tourism potential, and what people living there want and need in the future.

However, I am also 100% supportive of the Greater Sydney Commission's call that metropolitan rural lands be protected. In the climate crisis we are in, we need to protect our food-producing areas. While much of this land is not farmed - it may be needed in the future for agricultural production.

Next steps

- September: community consultation begins with letters to all residents in rural areas and notifications throughout the Shire and in media
- A drop-in session in Galston 14 Sept
- Three workshops in Galston & Glenorie (dates TBC)
- Oct-Nov: Work by SGS consultants continues on the draft Rural Lands Study, with another Councillor workshop scheduled for December.
- Early 2020: Feedback on the community consultation from SGS consultants + public exhibition of a draft Rural Lands Study
- 2020: Council to consider the final Rural Lands Study and all the feedback from the community and decided about whether changes to the DCP and LEP are needed.

You're invited to North Epping 🌲🌲🌲

Dr Peter Coad is the manager of Natural Resources at Council. Please come along to hear a behind-the-scenes look at what Peter and his team are doing to protect and enhance our bushland and waterways. (HINT: it's a HUGE amount!)

WHEN: Sunday 4 August 3.30pm (tomorrow)

WHERE: North Epping Bowling Club 132 Boundary Road

COST: Free! This is a community information event hosted by the Epping Civic Trust.

Save our Hillsbus! 🚌🚌🚌

If you are affected by the cancellation of bus services across West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook, please come to a big public meeting I'm organising tomorrow with residents. My position is clear: people need safe, cheap and super convenient public transport. The Hillsbus services must be returned so families can access the metro, and travel around quickly and easily on public transport.

State MPs and Transport NSW have been invited to attend.

WHEN: Sunday 4 August 1 for 1.30pm sharp

WHERE: Cherrybrook Community Centre

Email Dominic Perrottet about the issue
here: ElectorateOffice.Epping@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Give 10/50 the chop! 🚫

There is one thing I get more distressed phonecalls about than any other: the disastrous RFS 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code. It is meant to protect property and people from bushfires. In reality, it is used to remove pesky trees for development, because a tree is believed to be dangerous, or because a resident does not like leaves and sticks falling on their grass/driveway/swimming pool.

But Council has expert arborists to make an assessment of whether a tree comes out. In an era of global heating, we should not be removing trees without expert advice.

I want an exemption from 10/50 and a return to Council being the arbiters of tree removal. Please consider attending to speak or watch the debate:

WHEN: 6.30pm 14 August public Council meeting

WHERE: Upstairs in the old Council chambers building 296 Peats Ferry Road

EMAIL: let and councillors (including me) your thoughts: councillors@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

20% greener 🌱

At the recent Council meeting, it was agreed that Council would purchase 20% renewable electricity in the next contract which will last 2.5 years. This is a great start - let's make it 100% by 2025.

Beecroft House 🏠

Jamieson House was a former nursing home that had been empty for two years. It has now become Beecroft House - an innovative new project that will provide safe and secure housing to women over 55, for up to two years, with support to identify permanent housing solutions.

The project is a unique collaboration between Women's Community Shelters (WCS), Link Housing, National Projects and Maintenance, The Generous and the Grateful and has been made possible with the support of Twilight Aged Care, the property owners.

They are having an open day - book a ticket and see inside the house

WHEN: Friday 9 August 12-4.30pm

BOOK HERE: <https://events.humanitix.com.au/beecroft-house-open-day>

I'll leave you with photos from a fun week!

Warmest wishes,

Emma ☀️



Top: Sunday 28 July Fagan Park: 100+ people launching the campaign to declare a climate emergency

Middle row left: Commuters signing support for a climate emergency at Berowra station

Middle row middle: Sunday 28 July Philip Ruddock Park: Preschools campaign for fair rents; Climate action in Berowra

Middle row right: Emma and Tamanna with 100+ Cherrybrook residents calling for bus cancellations to be reversed

Bottom row left: Saturday Emma collecting signatures of support in Galston village

Bottom row middle: More support from commuters in Beowra and Beecroft

Bottom row right: planting with young resident in Fagan Park - they're our future :)

Emma Heyde

Greens, Hornsby Council



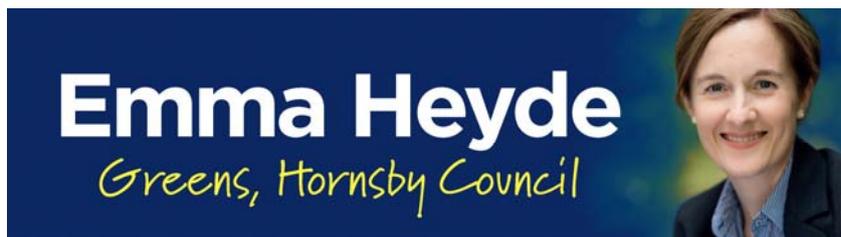
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PS - please let me know if you no longer need to receive these emails. No hard feelings: I understand all about overflowing inboxes!

Collecting support for the climate campaign at stations: dates & times

- Sunday 4 August: tree planting Observatory Park Beecroft [optional]
- Monday 5 August 8-9am Pennant Hills Station
- Wednesday 7 August 7-8.30am Cheltenham station
- Friday 9 August 7-8.30am Mt Colah station
- Monday 12 August 8-9am Pennant Hills Station
- Wednesday 14 August 7-8.30am Pennant Hills station
- Friday 16 August 7am - 8.30am Mt Ku-ring-gai station
- Saturday 17 August Hornsby station & mall 10-12 noon
- Monday 19 August 8-9am Pennant Hills Station
- Tuesday 20 August 7am-8.30am Hornsby station
- Wednesday 21 August 7am - 8.30am Normanhurst station
- Friday 23 August 7-8.30am Thornleigh station
- Monday 26 August 8-9am Pennant Hills Station
- Wednesday 28 August 7am - 8.30am Cherrybrook metro station
- Friday 30 August Asquith station
- Saturday 31 August 10-12 noon Beecroft shops
- Monday 2 September 8-9am Pennant Hills Station
- Wednesday 4 September 7am - 8.30am Cowan station
- Friday 6 September 7am - 8.30am Hawkesbury River station (Brooklyn)
- Monday 9 September 8-9am Pennant Hills Station
- Monday 16 September 8-9am Pennant Hills Station
- Council meeting: 18 September 6.30pm with photos outside from 5.30pm

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