



The General Manager
Hornsby Shire Council

Dear Sir,

HEDGES OBSTRUCTING FOOTPATHS IN BEECROFT AND CHELTENHAM

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust often receives comments from residents that hedges are obstructing footpaths. Generally residents maintain their footpaths and keep hedges pruned. However there is a tendency for hedging to creep out over the footpath over time, requiring pedestrians to walk off the concrete footpath. The latest complaint concerns a hedge at the south west corner of Copeland Rd and York St. While the hedge is very well maintained it is slowly encroaching over the edge of the concrete footpath and forcing, in particular, mothers with strollers when walking children to the nearby public school, to deviate onto the uneven grass. While often it's a minor complaint, like this one, it is still important to some residents.

While the majority of owners do maintain their hedges often a friendly reminder is required, whether regarding pedestrian access as in example or even more so when road safety issues arise for drivers with visibility concerns.

The Trust suggests that Council can remind owners to be mindful of these potential safety concerns, perhaps by Council's newsletters. The Trust can also highlight the issue in our Enews.

Yours Sincerely,

Ross Walker OAM
President
Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust

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