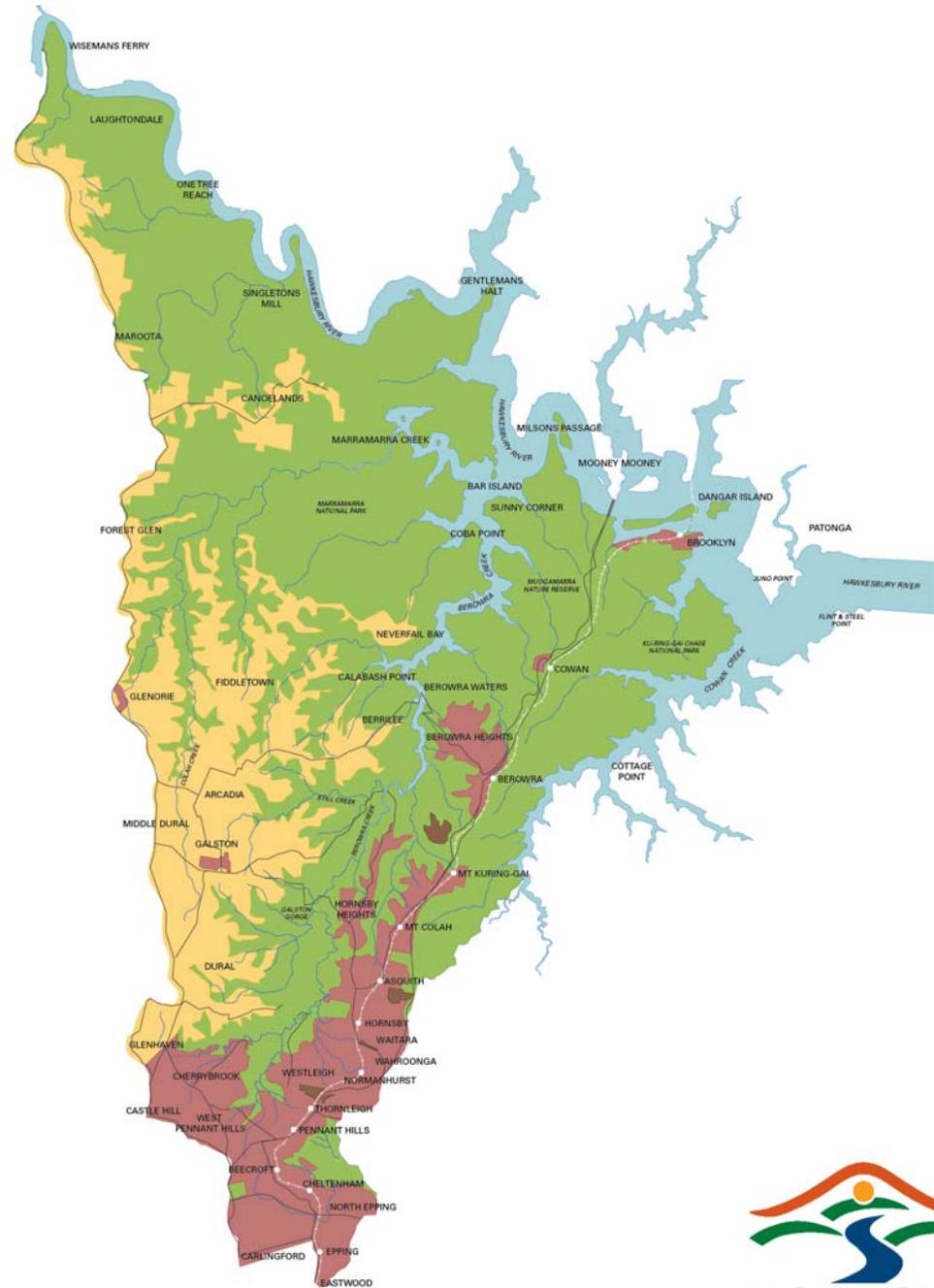




# “About Hornsby Shire and Council”

## About Hornsby

- The Hornsby Shire region covers an area of 510 square kilometres, with nearly two-thirds of its area comprising of national park and bushland.
- The Shire includes land from Epping in the south to Wisemans Ferry in the north and Brooklyn in the east.



## Brief History of the Area

- The traditional owners of the Shire were the Aboriginal people of the Darug and Guringai language groups. Council continues to work with these traditional landholder groups to support the celebration of Aboriginal history and culture in the Shire.
- European settlement in the Shire dates from 1794 when the first land grants were made along the Hawkesbury River, with land used mainly for farming.
- The opening of the Newcastle and North Shore railway lines in the 1890s resulted in Hornsby CBD becoming a railway town and a major centre.

## Where we are now

- Hornsby Shire, like the rest of Sydney, has been under substantial and continual pressure to accommodate a rapidly growing population. Over the next 10 years an additional 2,600 dwellings will be built in planned precincts.
- At present approximately 10% of the Shire is zoned and used for urban development, 15% for rural purposes, 5% for open space, and the remainder (approx 70%) is Environmental Protection or National Park.

## Some interesting stats from 2011 Census

- In Hornsby Shire there were 76,459 males and 80,383 females, average age 39 years.
- There are 11,777 couples with young children (aged under 15), comprising 22% of households.
- Of the 41,499 people who work in Hornsby Shire, 20,519 or 49.4% also live in the area.
- 63.7% of Hornsby Shire's working residents travel outside of the area to work.
- 55,494 people living in Hornsby Shire were born overseas and 19% arrived in Australia within the last 5 years.



## What does Council do?

Provides and maintains community facilities such as:

- Parks and sportsgrounds
- Playgrounds and skate parks
- Aquatic centres
- The Brickpit Indoor Sports Facility in Thornleigh
- Local libraries in Berowra, Epping, Galston, Hornsby and Pennant Hills

Cares for the environment by:

- Managing and enhancing bushland areas
- Providing environmental and waste education and recycling services
- Responding to pollution incidents and prosecuting polluters
- Monitoring the water quality of the Shire's estuaries
- Planting trees and controlling noxious weeds

## What does Council do?

Makes the Shire a safer place to live by:

- Maintaining and improving roads, footpaths and stormwater drains
- Providing road safety education to schools
- Working with emergency organisations such as the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service
- Managing the keeping of companion animals
- Inspecting food premises

Enhances the community by:

- Listening to community views
- Holding citizenship ceremonies
- Offering services for seniors, young people, new migrants and people with a disability
- Providing grants to community organisations
- Running major community events such as the Bushland Shire Festival and Movies Under the Stars
- Supporting local community groups such as sporting clubs, arts organisations, migrant groups and charities

Plans for the future by:

- Planning and managing the urban environment
- Preserving heritage sites
- Consulting with the community about its needs
- Developing long term strategic plans for Council and the Shire

