

# Beecroft Trust Ordinance 2003

(Reprinted under the Interpretation Ordinance 1985.)

The Beecroft Trust Ordinance 2003 as amended by the Parish Trust Fund (Amendment) Ordinance 2004.

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### Long Title

An Ordinance to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the Beecroft Trust.

### Preamble

A. Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney (the "Property Trust") is the trustee of the property described in each of the cells in column 1 of the table in the Schedule (the "Existing Property").

B. The property described in a cell in column 1 of the table in the Schedule is held on the trusts described in the corresponding cell in column 2 of the Schedule.

C. By reason of circumstances which have arisen after the creation of the trusts on which the Existing Property is held, it is inexpedient to carry out and observe those trusts.

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

#### 1. Name of this ordinance

This Ordinance is the Beecroft Trust Ordinance 2003.

#### 2. Declarations

By reason of circumstances which have arisen after the creation of the trusts on which the Existing Property is held, it is inexpedient to carry out and observe those trusts, and

- (a) it is inexpedient that the Existing Property be held for the same or like purposes as the trusts on which the Existing Property is held; and
- (b) it is expedient that power be given to the Property Trust to lease or licence from time to time any part of the real property forming part of the trust fund.

#### 3. Definition of "trust fund"

In this Ordinance –

"trust fund" means –

- (a) the Existing Property; and
- (b) all real and personal property received or acquired by the Property Trust from time to time as an addition to the trust fund.

#### **4. Name of the trust fund**

The trust fund is to be known as the Beecroft Trust.

#### **5. New trusts**

Subject to the terms of this Ordinance, the trust fund is held upon trust for the purposes of the parish of Beecroft (the "Parish").

#### **6. Capital of the trust fund**

(1) Any real property which forms part of the capital of the trust fund, may be used for one or more of the following purposes –

- (a) a church;
- (b) a residence for the minister, an assistant minister or any person employed by the churchwardens of a church in the Parish;
- (c) a hall or halls;
- (d) a school or other place of assembly;
- (e) any purpose incidental to a purpose referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d).

(2) Any personal property which forms part of the capital of the trust fund may be applied by the Property Trust for one or more of the following purposes –

- (a) the payment of all rates, taxes and charges incurred by the Property Trust in relation to the trust fund, any property forming part of the trust fund or any transaction with property forming part of the trust fund; and
- (b) the costs of maintenance and repair of any property forming part of the trust fund required to meet minimum standards of maintenance and repair prescribed by Act, Regulation, Order or other law and applying to that property; and
- (c) to the extent such personal property arises from a payment made to the Property Trust by the churchwardens of a church in the Parish for the purpose of enabling the Property Trust to make a payment under a contract made or to be made by the Property Trust as trustee of the trust fund with the approval of a majority of the parish council, for that purpose; and
- (d) for such purposes as the Standing Committee may direct by ordinance or resolution.

(3) Pending application under clause 6(2), any personal property which forms part of the capital of the trust fund is to be invested.

(4) If the churchwardens of a church in the Parish make a payment to the Property Trust as an addition to the trust fund for the purpose of enabling the Property Trust to make a payment under any contract made or to be made by the Property Trust as trustee of the trust fund and –

- (a) the full amount of the payment made by the churchwardens is not required by the Property Trust for that purpose, the Property Trust may pay to the churchwardens an amount equal to the excess; or
- (b) the Property Trust claims an input tax credit (as defined in the *New Tax System (Goods and Services) Act 1999*) in respect of the payment made under the contract, the Property Trust may pay to the churchwardens an amount equal to the amount of the input tax credit (or proportionate part thereof where the payment made by the churchwardens is less than the payment made by the Property Trust).

#### **7. Application of the income of the trust fund**

(1) The income of the trust fund (other than income referred to in clause 7(2)), after paying all rates, taxes and charges incurred by the Property Trust in relation to the trust fund, any property forming part of the trust fund or any transaction with property forming part of the trust fund, is to be applied as follows –

- (a) 30% is to be capitalised, and
- (b) the balance is to be paid to the churchwardens of the church of the Parish or, if there is more than one church, the churchwardens of the principal church of the Parish, to be applied for such purposes of the Parish as the parish council may from time to time determine, except the payment of the stipends, allowances and benefits paid or provided to the minister.

(2) The income of the trust fund arising from a residential lease granted pursuant to clause 9(1) for a weekly rental which does not exceed \$750 or such other amount as the Standing Committee determines by resolution is to be applied in accordance with clause 7(1)(b).

**8. Review**

(1) The authority to apply income under clause 7(1)(b) earned after the review date terminates on the review date.

(2) For the purposes of subclause (1) “review date” means the date which is 10 years after the date this Ordinance commences or such later date as the Standing Committee approves from time to time by resolution.

(3) Any review of the application of income under clause 7(1)(b) must take into account the repair and maintenance of the building or other improvement situated on any real property with forms part of the capital of the trust fund in order to comply with the Heritage Act 1977.

**9. Powers – leasing and licensing of real property**

(1) With the written consent of the parish council of the Parish, the Property Trust may lease or licence any part of the real property forming part of the trust fund, except any part which is consecrated or licensed for use as a church, if the term of the lease or licence (when aggregated with the term of any option to renew such lease or licence) does not exceed 5 years.

(2) Nothing in this clause limits the powers of the Property Trust under the Anglican Church Property Trust Ordinance 1965 or under any other ordinance.

**10. Commencement**

This Ordinance commences on the 1 January which next follows the date of assent to this Ordinance.

**Schedule**

| Column 1   | Column 2   |
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| Folio Identifiers A/371663 and B/371663 known as the site of St John’s church and rectory, situated at the corner of Beecroft Road and Chapman Avenue, Beecroft. | The St John’s Beecroft Land Mortgaging Ordinance 1950 recites that the land is held upon trust to permit the same to be used as a church, parsonage or parish hall or party for one and party for another or other of such purposes in connection with the Church of England at Beecroft.  |
| Folio Identifier 6/7/758074 known as the site of the parish hall, situated at the corner of Beecroft Road and Chapman Avenue, Beecroft.                          | The land is held on trust for the parish of Beecroft although there are no written trusts.   |
| Folio Identifiers 20/203153 and 21/203153 known as 125 Murray Farm Road, South Beecroft.   | The land is held on trust for the parish of Beecroft although there are no written trusts.   |
| Anglican Church Property Trust Client Fund 461   | By clause 4 of the Beecroft Land Sale Ordinance 1992 the Corporate Trustee shall apply the net proceeds arising from the sale of the land contained in Folio Identifier 1/545215 known as 21 Hannah Street, Beecroft together with all income earned thereon toward either wholly for one purpose or partly for one purpose and partly for another – |

| Column 1 | Column 2   |
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|          | <p>(a) (i) the purchase of a residence,</p> <p>(ii) the purchase of land and construction of a residence thereon, or</p> <p>(iii) the construction of a residence,</p> <p>for a minister, assistant to the minister or person employed by the churchwardens of St John's church in the parish of Beecroft; or</p> <p>(b) for the construction of a hall or improvements to an existing hall or halls or other buildings in the Parish of Beecroft; or</p> <p>(c) such other purpose or purposes as may be requested in writing by a majority of the parish council of the parish of Beecroft and as determined from time to time by resolution of the Standing Committee or failing such determination as may be determined by resolution of the Synod,</p> <p>and pending such application the income earned thereon shall be applied as follows –</p> <p>(i) as to an amount sufficient to pay any assessments levied with respect to such income to the churchwardens of St John's church in the parish of Beecroft;</p> <p>(ii) as to an amount requested from the Corporate Trustee in writing from time to time by a majority of the parish council of the parish of Beecroft to pay rent for accommodation for an assistant minister or a parish worker employed by the churchwardens of St John's church in the Parish of Beecroft from time to time; and</p> <p>(iii) the balance of the income shall be capitalised.</p> |

**Notes**

1. The original form of ordinance was assented to on 25 March 2003.
2. On 28 April 2016, the Manager, Diocesan Finance, in exercise of sub-delegated authority from the Finance Committee, approved under clause 8(2) of the Ordinance an extension of the review date to 1 January 2024.
3. On 21 July 2023, the Diocesan Secretary, in exercise of sub-delegated authority from the Finance Committee, approved under clause 8(2) of the Ordinance an extension of the review date to 1 January 2034.

**Table of Amendments**

Clause 6 Amended by Ordinance No 52, 2004.

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