



(Incorporating Cascades Progress Association)

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**President:** Rosemary Sandford

**Hon. Secretary:** David Halse Rogers

**Minutes of a General Meeting held at The D'Arcy Street Community Hall  
on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May , 2015 at 7:30 pm.**

**Chair:** Dr. Rosemary Sandford.

**Members Present:** Christine Adams, Alison Alexander, Louise Cubson, Serena Cox, Lindsay Brinsdon, Lee Brown, Phil Brown, Elizabeth Green, Rebecca Fullerton, Robert Giblin, Maddy & Nic Goodwolf, David Halse Rogers, Ingrid McLagan, Stan Mather, Alex Papij, Rosemary Sandford, Malcolm & Ros Saltmarsh, Cassandra Shearer, Simon Stubbs, Rob Valentine, Margaret Wilmot, Kevin Wilson, Adelaide Wood, and Jackie Zanetti.

**Apologies:** Eight (8) members as per Attendance Register.

**Minutes of the General Meeting of May 2015:** The Minutes were distributed previously by email. The Minutes were taken as read and were duly approved. [Moved: Margaret Wilmot; Seconded: Malcolm Saltmarsh; Accepted.]

**The regular monthly meeting of the Association was preceded by a Special Meeting designed to provide residents with an update to the Project. [7:00 pm]**

**MSSS/SHLAC Residents' Update:**

**Guests:** Heather Salisbury, Deputy General Manager, HCC.  
Penny Saile, Project Officer, HCC.  
Jo Lyngcoln, JL Heritage Management.

Heather Salisbury addressed the Meeting and gave an update on actions to-date with regard to the South Hobart Living Arts Centre and Community Hub.

1. A Board of Management is in the process of being established. The Board will consist of seven (7) members: an independent chairman; three (3) community representative; and three (3) tenant nominees.
2. A development application will be lodged with the Hobart City Council.
3. A traffic report will be commissioned.
4. An expert acoustic attenuation report will be obtained.

Jo Lyngcoln, who produced the Conservation Management Plan for the former *Macquarie Street State School* spoke about the State heritage significance of the Site, given it is one of few public school sites which has retained its original "footprint" with no additional building on the property (with the exception of the Adult Education's office/toilet extension built in the mid 1990s.) The CMP recommends that the Site be retained for use as a community facility.

Questions from the floor were then called for. Local residents – especially those whose properties were close to the Site – raised a number of issues relating to parking, noise – both traffic and activity-generated – and hours of operation, and were assured that the concerns raised would be addressed in the Development Application.

### **Community Nominations to the SHLAC Ltd. Board:**

Rosemary Sandford, SHPA (Inc.) President: nominated by DHR; seconded by MS; elected by acclamation.

David Halse Rogers, SHPA (Inc.) Hon. Secretary: nominated by RS; seconded by AA; elected by acclamation.

Rebecca Fullerton, Resident Weld Street, nominated by LB; seconded by KW; elected by acclamation.

(Reserve nominees – if required: Nick Beattie; Quentin McCulloch, Harvey Lennon.)

**Motion:** "That this Meeting confirm the election of the above-listed nominees to the SHLAC Board of Governance." [Put: MS; seconded: AA; passed; unanimously.]

### **Business arising from the Minutes:**

**1. A History of South Hobart Project:** The Convenor of the History Book Sub-committee, Malcolm Saltmarsh, reported to the Meeting that Alison's manuscript was finished and Julie Hawkins (*InGraphic Detail*) was finalising the layout and images. Following a recent Sub-committee meeting, it was decided to increase the print run from 1,500 to 2,000 copies. Brendan Lennard (HCC) has found extra HCC funding to enable this to occur. The sub-committee agreed on a RRP for "Beneath the Mountain – A History of South Hobart" of \$60.00. Brendan was most insistent that the HCC be repaid in full before any other disbursements were made. **The Official Launch** (by the Governor, Her Excellency, Kate Warner, a former resident of South Hobart) will take place at the *Cascade Function Centre* on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at 11:00 am**. The **Community Launch** will occur on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at 5:00 pm** at the former *Macquarie Street State School*. (Other sites considered for this launch included: St. Francis Xavier Church Hall, C3 Church Centre or the Hobart Town Hall.)

The Convenor of the Book sub-committee asked the Meeting to approve the payment from the Association of \$3,000 plus a loan of a further \$1,000 to the History Book Project.

**Motion:** "That the SHPA (Inc.) forward \$3,000 as soon as practicable to the History Book Project, plus a further \$1,000 as a loan should this prove necessary".  
[Put: RS; seconded: KW; approved unanimously.]

Alison Alexander left the room during the following discussion:-  
Whilst further funding to Alison cannot be made from the monies anticipated from book sales, it was decided that an additional payment be made to Alison from SHPA (Inc.) funds not associated with this project for the increased work undertaken due to the Book's size being increased by 20% and the extra time and detailed research required.

**Motion:** "That the SHPA (Inc.) undertake to pay Dr. Alison Alexander an additional sum of \$5,000 for the extra time and work required due to the Book's increased size. The amount to be repaid to the Association following repayment of the full amount already advanced by the *Hobart City Council*".  
[Put: DHR; seconded: KW; passed unanimously.]

## **2. Honorary Life Membership – Dr. Alison Alexander:**

The Meeting unanimously approved a motion that Dr. Alison Alexander be made an Honorary Life Member of the *South Hobart Progress Association (Inc.)* for services to the South Hobart community and the Association, in particular. The Association's President, Dr. Rosemary Sandford, expressed the Meetings gratitude and warm thanks for Alison's endeavours which have led to the production of a history of our suburb of which we can all be proud, and which will provide much enjoyment, information to readers, and enable scholarly future research to occur.

**3. Back to South Hobart Event:** KW indicated that this was still "up in the air". It is to be hoped that the Event could be held in conjunction with the Community Launch of the history book in September.

**3. Hobart Rivulet Park Cycleway Proposal:** The HCC is close to announcing plans on the future of a "shared pathway" on the *South Hobart Linear Park*. MS & LR are the Association's representatives on the group (only two per organisation). There is a need for an **Action Group** for pedestrians. KW will collate the history of the *Hobart Rivulet Park*.

**4. South Hobart Residents' Traffic Management Committee Report:** KW is to see the HCC General Manager, Nick Heath, after speaking to him at the April *Community Engagement Forum*. It appears that South Hobart's ongoing requests for immediate action have been ignored in favour of other areas in the City. It was considered that it may be time for a letter to the Editor of *The Mercury* with a carbon copy to the Lord Mayor with a copy to Mark Painter, HCC Director of infrastructure Services. [The HCC Manager of Traffic Engineering is Angela Moore.]

**5. South Hobart Community Hall Committee Report:** Leave on Agenda.

**6. Council of Hobart Community Associations (CHCA):** The Meeting was informed by SM that Kevin Wilson had been awarded Honorary Life Membership, as Honorary Secretary, for his lengthy service to the Association.

The Meeting congratulated Kevin. An article will appear in a future issue of ASHN. With Stan Mather, South Hobart now has two HLMS. Leave on Agenda.

**7. Lady Gowrie Tasmania:** Following an approach from the Minister, the President and Hon. Secretary held a meeting with Senator Eric Abetz, Leader of the Government in the Senate, Minister for Employment and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, to enlighten him to community concerns regarding this development. The lack of natural justice by the Council in the entire process was drawn to the Minister's attention. The President reiterated community concerns regarding traffic speed and management – not to mention parking - and decontamination of the site.

**8. Wellington Park Management Trust 'Pinnacle Zone':** The recommendation by the *Wellington Park Management Trust* was not entirely unexpected given the WPMT's recent actions. Apparently, the Trust's Chairman didn't even read all the submissions (mostly opposed to the rezoning) prior to announcing basic support for a rezoning. Leave on the Agenda.

**9. Cuthbertson's Weld Street Tannery:** Leave on Agenda.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Membership currently stands at: 137. Thirty-seven (37) will be "lost" in July with the beginning of the new financial year. The idea of sending out email renewals for 2015/16 was discussed.

#### **Correspondence:**

The Meeting determined to require only major emails, together with any posted communications, be listed in the Minutes in future.

#### **Other Business:**

**1. Hobart City Council Community Engagement Event:** Kerry Baker provided the Association with 'minutes' of this Event

**2. Mt. Wellington Brewery Land:** Leave on Agenda.

**3. Subdivision on Stoney Steps Road:** Leave on Agenda.

**4. Mt. Wellington Cableway Company:** *Residents Opposed to the Cable Car* is seeking financial support from the community for the continuing campaign now that the *Wellington Park Management Trust* has indicated its support for a rezoning of the 'Pinnacle Specific Zone'. The Meeting decided that support for such a potentially-divisive issue as the cable car should be determined by a 'membership plebiscite'. An article is to appear in a future issue of ASHN to ascertain community feeling on the issue. Leave on Agenda.

**5. New Draft HCC Interim Planning Scheme & State-wide Planning Scheme:** The new draft HCC Plan is to be proclaimed on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015. There will be a month's opportunity for comments closing on **30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**. RV also reported on the new state-wide Planning Scheme as proposed by the Minister for Heritage, Matthew Groom. He asked the question as to how heritage would be addressed in a single planning scheme for the whole of Tasmania. Whilst the new draft HCC Plan provides 'heritage precincts' and new listings of heritage buildings in the Municipality, the State Government's plans do not appear to provide this level of protection. Further, places adjacent to heritage-listed properties will no longer have the automatic right to know of any development applications nor, necessarily, the right to object.

**6. Thelma Drive:** New works and tree removals are causing much concern. The supposed 'checks and balances', shown in the original HCC development application approval, do not appear to be being enforced.

**7. Pedestrianism:** KW spoke on having Jan Gehl's ideas for a more pedestrian-friendly CBD widened to include the suburbs. There is a clear need, as the population ages, for better and more seating and other measures to make walking a more pleasurable experience. At the moment, the pendulum is definitely favouring the motor vehicle at the expense of pedestrians. KW attended a Planning Institute seminar. The HCC is currently doing research into pedestrian needs. Kevin suggests a walking map for South Hobart. (Stuart Baird is the current HCC Sustainable Transport Officer.)

**8. Contentious Montpelier Retreat Development:** Amanda Roberts from the *Battery Point & Sullivans Cove Community Association* has alerted this Association to a proposal for the former Elliott Bros site on Montpelier Retreat to be developed with a high rise building of similar height to former alderman and architect, Barry Fisher's *Kirksway Place*. Keep a watching brief.

**9. Neighbourhood Watch:** KW has suggested that the Association supports this organisation by becoming a member (cost \$20 pa). Membership does not impose any responsibilities. This time, *Neighbourhood Watch* will be run by Tasmania Police's Community Policing unit.

**10. Succession Planning:** The President raised the issue of ensuring the continued relevance and existence of the *South Hobart Progress Association*. As current membership favours the more mature members of the community, it behoves the Association to ensure that younger residents are encouraged to see the need to maintain and strengthen the aims and basic objectives of the SHPA (Inc.) into the future. This is particularly important now that the Association has a role to play in ensuring the on-going viability of the former *Macquarie Street State School* as a community resource.

**11. Soldiers' Memorial Walk:** LB drew the Meeting's attention to the recent launch of the new link way from the Cenotaph to the Domain's *Soldiers' Memorial Walk*. The project is due for completion in the year we remember soldiers from World War I.

**12. New tables for Community Hall:** The Meeting approved the President's request for the purchase of three new tables to replace those which have been damaged, etc. PB will purchase several.

Meeting closed: 9:35 pm  
Next Meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

**Issues raised at the HCC Community Engagement Forum  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 South Hobart Primary School**

- Liverpool Street reconstruction.
- "Way finding" signs.
- Franklin Square Master Plan.
- Elizabeth Street Bus Mall.
- Collins Street Stormwater upgrade.
- Breaches of conditions – Neil Noye.
- Pedestrianism – street seating (esp. disabled).
- Bendigo Bank.
- HCC Strategic Plan 2014-2024
- Problems with action on traffic issues – black spots (2 tiers of govt).  
- road funding (3 tiers of govt).
- Methods for improving communication between HCC and taxpayers.
- New HCC Interim Planning Scheme.