



President: Rosemary Sandford

Hon. Secretary: David Halse Rogers

**Minutes of a General Meeting held at The D'Arcy Street Community Hall
on Wednesday 10th September, 2014 at 7:30 pm.**

Chair: Dr. Rosemary Sandford.

Members Present: Alison Alexander, Pru Bonham, Lindsay Brinsdon, David Halse Rogers, Kevin Green, Stan Mather, Rosemary Sandford, Margaret Wilmot, and Kevin Wilson.

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

Minutes of the General Meeting of August 2014: The Minutes were distributed previously by email. The Minutes were taken as read and were duly approved. [Moved: KW; Seconded: Pru B; Passed.]

Standing Orders were suspended to enable a presentation by Anna Reynolds on **Community Banking**.

The presentation informed the Meeting about *Bendigo Bank's* involvement in community banking in regional Australia. Keridan Taylor, from *Bendigo Bank*, has assisted communities, such as Geeveston (which had lost its *Commonwealth Bank* branch) and Glenorchy, which is in the process of setting up its own branch. The formation allows a proportion of the profits from trading to be ploughed back into the community (for example: \$200,000 put into a local Medical Centre in Geeveston). The model, established in the 1990s, came about in response to community concern at the "Big Four" Banks retreat from so-called unprofitable regional/suburban branches. The aims are to provide a local service and to provide an on-going source of funds for community projects. A local steering committee is set up to assess the viability of a local branch. Shares in the branch cost \$500 per client so a sizeable commitment to the success of the local community bank is required. A certain number of customers is also needed to make the Bank a viable undertaking. There are flow-on effects in the local community with increased trade for local businesses, etc.

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. A History of South Hobart Project: Dr. Alexander reported that the last chapter of the Book was nearly completed. Alison requested any input regarding the text or photographic support. Historic photographs will need to be scanned to provide adequate quality. The Hon. Secretary is to approach Luke Wagner for advice on this matter.

2. Macquarie Street State School (SHLAC) update: The Conservation Management Plan by *Jo Lyngcoln Heritage* has been completed. Jim Walker, *Simons Wolfhagen*, has finalised the advice on the structure of the new "entity". The 'entity' will be a company limited by guarantee. The Association wishes to thank him for his invaluable *pro bono* advice. Tony Bonney is completing a feasibility study which indicates that the project will be financially viable in the medium to long term. Tony's contribution will be a major factor in convincing the Canberra bureaucracy and the Association is most grateful for his thoroughly professional approach to the task. The completed Feasibility Study will be forwarded to Canberra by the thirtieth of September.

3. 321 Davey Street "Islington Private Hotel" Change of Use to Unlisted Use (Guest House): The Full Council of the HCC rejected the recommendation of its planning staff to enable a 'watering down' of the conditions of use currently imposed upon the *Islington Private Hotel*. [The vote was 10 to 1 with Ald. Foley being the dissenting voice.] The matter may now 'progress' to the RMPAT.

4. South Hobart Residents' Traffic Management Committee Report: Lindsay Brinson reflected the irritation and disappointment of the community and the Association at the continued lack of action over the traffic issues in the South Hobart Village precinct by Council, especially given the recent application by *Lady Gowrie, Tasmania* to build a complex on the Macquarie Street frontage of *Performance Autos*. Lindsay reports that there has been a lack of communication from the HCC. The SHPA (Inc.) will write to the General Manager with 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: There is a need for new fluoro lighting strips to replace 'broken' ones. SM mentioned that the interior was looking 'tired' and there was a discussion on the need for a working bee to repaint the Hall.

6. Council of Hobart Community Associations (CHCA): Leave on Agenda.

7. Lady Gowrie Tasmania: The LGT already has a strong presence in South Hobart with centres in Congress and Weld Streets. LGT has now purchased, subject to HCC development approval, the entire *Performance Autos* site. Plans involve a \$3 million development centred on the Macquarie Street part of the site, including a 50 place child care facility and administration which will include a full time staff of 28 persons. (The Davey Street frontage will continue to be leased to the fitness club, *Barrecode*, which has yet to open.) Nigel Reeves (LGT) made an initial contract with the President promising to forward plans, but this never eventuated before the matter came up for discussion at the DESC

Other Business:

1. South Hobart Primary School Fete: The Association has decided to man a stall at the Fete in November. Pru Bonham, Kevin Wilson, Lindsay Brinsdon and David Halse Rogers will represent the SHPA (Inc.). Kevin Green can provide a gazebo. It is intended to display architectural drawings of the Old School and some historic photos along with the usual membership display.

2. Hobart City Council Community Engagement Event: KW reported that this event was now in limbo.

3. Old Farm Track Closure: Concern was expressed by members at the news that this Mountain access is at risk of closure.

4. SHPA (Inc.) 2014 AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday 8th October, 2014. Notification of the event will be advertised in the next issue of *A South Hobart Newsletter*.

5. Tasmanian Heritage Register: Discussion ensued about the news that around one third of all listings on the current THR will be culled. LB expressed concern at this. Apparently, Robert Vincent, heritage architect, is in favour of rationalisation. Buildings not on the THR will still be protected by listings on local council's heritage registers.

6. Mt. Wellington Brewery Land: Ted Cutlan (ROCC) is pushing for this land to be made over to public open space. The HCC's Rivulet Management Plan indicates that the HCC would also like to see the land available for public recreation.

7. Bushfire Season: Kevin Wilson reported on the need for community consultation with regard to the upcoming bushfire season.

8. Subdivision on Stoney Steps Road: Leave on Agenda.

9. Mt. Wellington Cableway Company: Leave on Agenda.

10. Vox Kitsch – Communal Vegetarian 'Restaurant': Alison Alexander reported on a visit to this local communal restaurant, which provides food for between 80 and 100 patrons and has a guest chef. It is run by Bobby-Jo and Alastair and is located in the Ant Shack shed behind *St. Vincent de Paul's Op Shop* near the corner of Macquarie and D'Arcy Streets. By all reports, good food and dancing! [mobile: 0481 154 710]

Meeting closed: 9:05 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8th October, 2014 at 7:30 pm.