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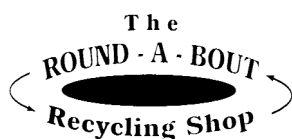
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NEXT SHPA MEETING

Our next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th April, 2002 at 8.00 pm** in *The South Hobart Community Centre*, 42 D'Arcy Street, South Hobart. All welcome.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

1904 Project

The next function will take the form of a business meeting to discuss progress and further plans relating to the "1904 Project" in which a 'picture' of South Hobart as it was in 1904 will be prepared. This project will be part of Hobart's Bicentenary Celebrations in 2004. Already, several individuals have indicated that they wish to participate. All interested residents are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held on **Tuesday 16th April, 2002** at 7.30 pm in the South Hobart Community Centre, 421 D'Arcy Street, South Hobart. Enquiries to Kevin Green on 6223 2213.

WELLESLEY PARK SELL-OFF?

Readers to the Public Notices in *The Mercury* may have noted that the *Hobart City Council* had called for expressions of interest from anyone interested in developing aged care facilities on three parcels of public open space within Hobart.

One of the parcels offered is the lower part of Wellesley Park in South Hobart—that part of the recreation area which is most easily accessible from Wentworth and Ingram Streets.

Your Association has written to Council expressing disappointment that residents were not given prior advice of its intentions. Further, it is likely that there will be public opposition to selling or leasing this recreation area for private development. The SHPA Inc. appreciates that Council is anxious to assist the process by which more aged care facilities are made available in the Hobart area but not convinced that they should be build on public open space.

What do you think? Come along to the next meeting of the Association and have your say.

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BONFIRE & FIREWORKS NIGHT 2002 CANCELLED

Just a reminder that there will be no Bonfire & Fireworks Night this year due to insurance costs. Be assured, we intend to be up and running for May 2003!

FOREST ROAD RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Consultants for the residential development on the site of the old chicken farm at 162A Forest Road, West Hobart, which overlooks South Hobart, made another presentation to residents and this Association on Thursday 21st March, 2002.

The consultants had done much research and provided sketch diagrams and schematic representations of how the new subdivision might look.

The two options, currently being considered, would call for between 90 and 100 housing lots of varying sizes, depending on whether the existing house on the land is included in the development or not. The consultants have attempted to preserve as much of the open space as possible, as requested by those residents, who attended the initial consultation in February.

It has been recognised that the traffic impact on Forest Road/Liverpool Crescent/Tara Street is a major concern. A traffic consultant will be employed to address this issue.

The date of the next meeting had not been set. If interested in participating, please contact the SHPA on 6223 3149.

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SOUTH HOBART PUBS—I

Like many other parts of early Hobart, South Hobart had a large number of public houses, most of which now no longer exist as such, but which are recycled for other uses.

Let us begin a "pub crawl" along Macquarie Street, starting at the *Wheatsheaf Hotel* (now Performance Autos) to Anglesea Street and back down Macquarie Street.

The Wheatsheaf Inn was first licensed in 1842 and closed in the late 1990s. The current building was erected on the site of the original Georgian inn around the middle of last century. Architecturally, it is typical of a number of similar pubs built at the same time in various locations around Hobart.

Moving on, we pass buildings which at various times housed the *Garrison Medical Stores*, the local police station, an early "ragged school", and *The South Hobart Club*.

On the Elboden Street corner once stood the *Britannia Inn*. (Its site is now occupied by South Hobart Pharmacy, South Hobart Newsagency, Live Life, and The Macquarie Food Store.) The *Britannia Inn* was first licensed in 1837. By 1876 it had been renamed the *Steam Hammer Inn*. This Inn was well-known for cockfighting contests which attracted people from a wide range of socio-economic groups. At one time, it was owned by Charles Degraives, of that well-known family. The Inn was closed in 1919 when the existing shops were built.

On the opposite corner of Elboden Street still stands the *Northumberland Inn*, first licensed in 1858. This beautiful building, now *The Salad Bowl*, continues the architectural style adopted by so many corner pubs along Macquarie Street where the curved first

floor window mirrored the corner entrance beneath. (For comparison, look at the former pub on the corner of Barrack Street.) It closed in 1890.

Continuing up Macquarie Street, we come to the *Maid of Erin* on the corner of Weld Street, which is now *The South Hobart Fish Shop*. It was first licensed in 1862 and closed by 1890.

On the corner of Anglesea Street stood the *Mountain Retreat*, now the *Mountain Retreat Medical Practice*, which features in many photographs of South Hobart. If you look closely, you will see that the typical Georgian symmetry has been lost by the repositioning of the front door off-centre. Walk around the corner into Anglesea Street and see if you can spot the entrance to the cellar. This pub was first licensed in 1857 and closed in 1890. [Continued next month.]

RUNNYMEDE MUSIC

Australian Quadrilles

One of the best kept secrets of colonial Hobart is *Runnymede* in New Town. During this year's Heritage Festival, a performance of 19th century piano music using original scores and including works by some of Australia's first composers will be given at *Runnymede* on **Sunday 21st April** from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. One work, "*La Hayes Quadrille*" by native-born composer, Fredric Ellard, published in 1855, was featured a year later in a series of performances in Hobart (at the Royal Victoria), Campbell Town and Launceston. The star on those occasions was young Irish soprano, Catherine Hayes. Also to be featured is "*The Bathurst March*" written by Stephen Marsh c.1852. He had travelled to Australia in 1842 with Leichhardt and was also noted as a harpist. Other items on the programme include "*How Sad to Live*" by Maurice Harcourt and Isaac Nathan, the latter often being called "Father of Australian Music" and "*Lord Franklin: Lady Franklin's Lament*." Contact: **Gemma Webberley on 6278 1269.**

SOUTH HOBART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Next meeting of South Hobart NHW will be on **Tuesday 14th May at 7.30 pm** in The South Hobart Community Centre, 42 D'Arcy Street South Hobart. Contact **Otto Bitterman on 6223 1465.**

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