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### NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

*Wednesday 11th August, 2004*

TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the special resolution of the Committee made at the Annual General Meeting 2004, a Special General Meeting of the South Hobart Progress Association Inc. will be held at the South Hobart Community Centre on **Wednesday 11th August, 2004 at 8:00 pm** to pass the following motions.

1. To broaden the **Basic Objects** of the Association, it is intended to insert Paragraph 2 (f): "To assist other organisations in the State with similar basic aims and objectives as the Association."

2. To allow for annual financial statements to be made available at the Annual General Meeting each year, it is intended to alter **Meetings** Paragraph 10 (3): "The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than October each year to allow an audited statement of accounts to be presented."

### HOME RENOVATIONS: AN OCCASIONAL SERIES FENCES - PART I

South Hobart is renowned for containing some of Hobart's most beautiful, varied and original architecture. With the recent increase in home and garden renovation, partly fuelled by various television shows, it is timely that the *Hobart City Council* has published material by conservation experts on how to renovate your property without destroying its historic integrity. A *South Hobart Newsletter* will publish, over the coming year, extracts from various publications intended to assist residents in making informed decisions about their properties. Real estate agents will confirm that properly conceived, sympathetic renovations add to the value of a property whilst the opposite not only detract from its surroundings but also will fetch less when placed on the market.

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### *New fences for old houses*

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"Original fences, or fences which are consistent with the building on the lot or with the streetscape, should generally be retained. With the passage of time, such elements have become quite rare"... due to decay brought on by the elements or through often well-meant but ill-advised modernisation.

### *The Role of Fences*

"Front fences perform a number of roles:

- (i) creating a boundary between public and private space;
- (ii) 'framing' your house and reinforcing its design and character;
- (iii) enriching the visual appeal of your street and suburb;
- (iv) protecting small children, pets and garden;
- (v) keeping out rubbish, dogs and intruders."

"Traditionally, the fence performed other roles as well. It made a statement to passers-by and visitors about the house that it bound and the owners of that house. The fence also made class distinctions about those who entered the property. In the middle of the fence there was a pedestrian or hand gate for the use of visitors. This gate was often more elaborate than the rest of the fence, marking a distinct entry point. At one end of the fence was the tradesman's entry gate, and at the other end, a pair of vehicular gates

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for carriages, carts and, later, cars. Even modest suburban houses made these class and functional distinctions."

Next month: "Some common mistakes ... and how to avoid them."

[Information sourced from "New fences for old houses: a guide to designing a traditional fence for your home", ©HCC 2003. Available HCC.]

## BROADBAND INTERNET IN FERN TREE

*Haven't been able to get "Broadband" in the Fern Tree area?*

Telstra keep telling you "we will upgrade the exchange one day". Well now there is something you can do. You can either visit the website (below) to register, or you can sign one of the "Expressions of Interest forms" that I have put at the South Hobart Post Office and the Fern Tree Shop. [<http://www.telstra.com.au/demand/index.cfm>] Telstra have now set a number of exchanges with a Required Interest Level of 75. At the moment it stands at 36 registrations for the Fern Tree exchange. You don't have to connect with Telstra if the exchange is upgraded; you can stay with your current ISP as long as they offer "broadband". The more people who register the quicker we can start to get quality internet connection. The process for enabling these exchanges remains the same, i.e. when the Required Interest Level is reached, 'customer interest' will be confirmed, and 'exchange enablement' will proceed subject to confirmed interest levels. For example, if 75 people register their interest for an exchange that has a required level of interest of 75, but only ten people confirm their orders once they are recontacted by their ISP, the exchange will not be enabled. The Federal Government claims that Telstra is providing improved services to the bush and regional Australia; let's get Telstra to put its money where the government's mouth is! For any further details you can ring Neil on 6239 1216.

## HCC SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER

The latest *Capital City News* published by the *Hobart City Council* is calling for public nominations for Significant Trees in the Hobart Municipality. Now is the time to nominate your favourite tree or grouping of trees. Nomination forms will be available shortly from the South Hobart Post Office. Nominations close on 1st September. Let's show that South Hobartians care about their trees.

## STH HOBART-100 YRS AGO

The Local History Group continues to work towards its project "*South Hobart 1904*" as part of the Bicentenary celebrations. An important component of the research for the project has been the perusal of early local newspapers. A selection of items from *The Mercury*, *Tasmanian Mail* & *Hobart Town Gazette* is published here.

\* Mrs. M. Martin had a Shell Necklace manufacturing industry in Cascade Road, with entrance immediately near a tram stop.

\* The Hobart Brick, Tile & Pipe Works in (upper) Wentworth Street was sold for £800.

\* A proposal to build an Infectious Disease Hospital in (lower) Wentworth Street met with very substantial community objection.

\* The state of the Hobart Rivulet can be gauged by the Rat Catchers Report for an unstated period when 537 were caught in the Rivulet, with 19 caught in the (then) Fitzroy Crescent Tip. The rat catching service ended in September, 1904.

**SOUTH HOBART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**  
Next meeting of South Hobart Neighbourhood Watch will be advised. Contact Otto Bitterman on 6223 1465.

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