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The South Hobart Progress Association wishes all South Hobart & Cascades residents and our faithful advertisers a peaceful & joyous Christmas & a prosperous, safe & happy New Year.

NEXT SHPA MEETING

The Association does not hold meetings in December or January. Our next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th February, 2003 at 8.00 pm** in *The South Hobart Community Centre*, 42 D'Arcy Street, South Hobart. All welcome. If residents have need to contact the Association about a matter or emergency over the summer break, please contact the *Hon. Secretary* on **6223 3149** or the *President* on **6223 1687**. Remember, the summer period is the time when developers often lodge applications in the hope that holiday activities will distract affected residents from lodging representations. The State Government, too, with its proposed "sell-off" of public-owned assets in the Sullivan's Cove precinct, has apparently recognised this time of year as the period least likely to draw much public comment.

BENJAMIN FLATS EVICTION

Residents of Housing Department flats at 21-29 Cascade Road have

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been informed by the Department of Health & Human Services that they must vacate their homes by mid January. The only explanation given to the residents was that the property was to be refurbished and used to provide accommodation for the disabled. Phyllis Benjamin, after whom the flats are named, was a prominent member of the Legislative Council and related to Premier William Neilson (Labor 1975-1977).

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

by Benjamin Britten

Sung by the Collegiate Singers, directed by Anne Morgan with harp accompaniment.

Sung in a liturgical setting

All Saints Church, South Hobart

Sunday 14th December 7:00 pm

THE OLD CASCADE

RESERVOIR (Part 1)

Prior to 1831 all of Hobart's water supply (except for the Barracks which took its supply from a mill pond just below All Saints Church) came directly from the Hobart Rivulet. There was no piping system. By then the Rivulet was highly polluted by various industries along its banks which included Peter



CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN SOUTH HOBART

- ★ All Saints' Anglican Church, Macquarie Street
- ★ Sunday 19th Dec: 7.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols (Choir of All Saints)
- ★ Christmas Eve: 5.30 pm Children's Crib Service
- ★ Christmas Eve: 11.00 pm Blessing of the Crib, Procession and Midnight Mass
- ★ Christmas Day: 10.15 am Procession and High Mass
- ★ The Way Christian Church, Degrares Street
- ★ Christmas Day: 9.00 am Christmas Day Service
- ★ St Francis Xavier's Catholic Church, Adelaide Street
- ★ Christmas Eve: 7.00 pm Carols; 7.30 pm Vigil Mass
- ★ St Peter's Lutheran Church, Davey Street
- ★ Christmas Eve: 7.30 pm Christmas Day: 9.30 am Holy Communion
- ★ St Raphael's Anglican Church, Fern Tree
- ★ Christmas Day: 8.45 am Family Eucharist



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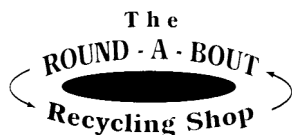


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Degraves' water wheel-operated (i.e. hydraulic) sawmill which disposed of saw dust in the stream and a tannery which soaked hides in a convenient waterhole. In that year the Government extended the Barracks supply upstream to the Cascades and downstream to Franklin Square. The intake dam was 200 metres upstream of Degraves' Hobart Rivulet intake dam at the Cascades, well clear of most of the Rivulet's pollutants, but taking some 40 % of Degraves' water in spite of his owning of the water rights (and land) for all the area above the Cascades. However, Degraves still had the flow from the Guy Faulkes Rivulet, the catchment of which made up 60% of his original total. This rivulet had been diverted into Degraves' dam previously. Degraves did not complain too loudly—he had just been released from the Hobart Gaol where he had served five years for an English debt and perhaps this was a condition of release. However Degraves was not to be outdone and in 1834 he built a new dam, located just above the Strickland Avenue road bridge, which diverted the Hobart Rivulet along a small canal to a pond formed by an embankment on the hillside above his Cascades mills. From there water was dropped 279 feet to a new hydraulic sawmill through a cast iron pipe where it drove, not a water wheel, but the first turbine in Tasmania. This was an early type of Pelton Wheel of Swiss design and consisted of a cast iron wheel with cast iron buckets bolted on around the circumference. The outflow from the sawmill was piped to the water wheels of his other mills before flowing back into the Hobart Rivulet. The town scheme was therefore bypassed completely. Hobart citizens were irate, particularly during the next

summer, which was dry, and organised a posse of constables who broke up the dam. [Frank Kinstler.]

SOUTHERN OUTLET NOISE

Dynnyrne resident, Des Le Fevre, had a visitor who informed him that DIER would be doing a survey of road traffic and could they use his land to set up a tent and recording equipment. They brought in two consultants from Melbourne for this 48-hour day and night study, recording by sound and on video. The residents had good reason to feel sceptical about the value of the exercise. They noticed that on both nights of the survey there were very few log trucks through late at night. When DIER was contacted about this apparent slowdown, the reply was truck operators had been told there was to be a traffic study, but not when! The "truckies" obviously knew what was up, as various trucks sounded their horns when going past during daylight hours. Another resident said she heard one being sounded all the way down the Outlet. Des observed that during the survey period truckies were generally driving sedately. The view given by John Bessell, Acting Manager of the Vehicle Operations Branch of DIER was that action to educate drivers on the use of engine brakes in the area and action to identify especially noisy trucks was working. The residents think otherwise.

SOUTH HOBART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Next meeting of South Hobart NHW will be on **Tuesday 11th February, 2003 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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