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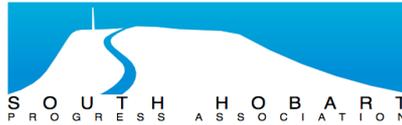
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NEXT SHPA MEETING

Our next regular General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th February, 2012** in *The South Hobart Community Centre*, 42 D'Arcy Street, commencing at 8:00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend - especially those new to the suburb. The Association reminds residents that **membership** of the SHPA Inc. is only \$2 per annum. Whilst the Association regards all South Hobartians as members of the SHPA, it is keen to have as many paid-up members as possible as this bolsters our credibility with local authorities and government instrumentalities.

VALE ALAN

Alan Walter Williams

25-7-1928 to 30-12-2011

Alan Williams, our local newsagent for more than fifty years, died late last year. He lived his entire life in South Hobart. Alan epitomised all that was good in the Australian character. He was not afraid of hard work (!) and enduring hardships. He had a little of the larrikin in him, but didn't take himself too seriously. He was a true son-of-South Hobart. You will be missed, Alan. Our thoughts are with Alanna, Craig, Dianne and Dean. [The following is an excerpt from the Eulogy read by Ric Patterson OAM at his funeral.]

Alan was born in Washington Street, South Hobart in July 1928 to Bertha and Walter Williams. Bertha and Walter later moved to Anglesea Street, where Alan's brother, Noel, was born. Alan attended the *Macquarie Street State School* and left in 1941. He was a Cub Scout. Whilst still at school, Alan worked on a milk run, which was owned by the "Lucas's", for a pound a week. Never the one to let the grass grow under his feet, at the age of 13, he decided to ride his Malvern Star bicycle to Launceston, just because he could. At 17, he owned his own motorbike - an Ariel. Alan was captain of the South Hobart Soccer Team, of which his father was coach. Alan was also wicket keeper for his work cricket team. He also played Statewide Football for the Waterside Workers every Sunday. On the musical side of his life, he played the banjo and steel guitar, and could play by ear. Alan loved his music and would often be heard humming or whistling 50s tunes. Alan had a 'chequered' education, and left school at 14. Out into the big, wide world, it was fortunate that his Aunt Thelma secured

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him a job at R. L. Dicham Engineering as a trainee fitter and turner. Not satisfied with one job, Alan also worked at the *Alexandra Hotel* (later known as the *Hope & Anchor*) as a barman. Sonny Green, the proprietor, would lift Alan up to scoop the rusty water out of the toilet cistern to mix with the spirit drinks ordered over the bar - Alan was of slight build at this stage. After the bar was closed, he would go home for a couple of hours sleep and then proceed to work at *Golden Crumpets* and, then, off to do his paper run. Alan also sold vegetables to the locals from a neighbourhood vegetable garden in South Hobart, as well as blackberries, which he sold for a shilling a pound. At around 13 or 14, he also helped out with the *Cascade Cordial* truck, delivering to Queenstown on a regular basis.

It was at the *Saffire Ballroom* in the cloak room, where he worked, that he met Jean, his wife-to-be. Most of Alan's courting of Jean was carried out at the Renown Café in North Hobart. Both loved dancing, and they continued to dance for many years. At this stage, Alan was not of drinking age. After work at the Saffire one night, some Army mates invited him along for a drink. However, he got caught for underage drinking and had to go to court. Luckily for him, he knew someone, and got off on the charge. In 1952, he and Jean were married at *Holy Trinity* by the Reverend Skeggs. They moved into a home in Cosgrove Street. In 1954, their eldest daughter, Alanna, was born at *Gore Street Maternity Hospital* [now Vaulcuse Gardens Retirement Village.] They were given the chance to purchase the *South Hobart Newsagency* in 1954. Alan obtained his driver's licence in 1955, and he lived and worked in the Newsagency for the next 52 years. In that time, three more children - Craig, Dianne and Dean - were born. As Alan and Jean worked their business, Alan's mother helped raise the children. Life was hectic. The family lived at the back of the Newsagency, and, as the children grew older, Alan and Jean extended to accommodate the growing family. All the family were involved in running the business, which set up a great working ethic in his children. In later years, Alan became Pop to his four grandchildren, Elise, Leah, Keeley and Kate. As the years rolled on, Alan became unwell and had lived at Guildford for several years. Alan was a soft man, who

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didn't like a fuss; he just wanted to get on with his business. Work was his life and his family are sure that he is now having the rest he deserves - RIP Dad.

BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLANS

Given the proximity of South Hobart, the Cascades and Ferntree to bushland, and the need for care and vigilance over the next few danger months, the *South Hobart Progress Association Inc.* would like to remind all residents and visitors to these areas to check their *bushfire survival plans* and to familiarise themselves with their *nearest safer place* identified by the *Tasmania Fire Service* on its website www.fire.tas.gov.au.

ANNUAL STREETSCAPE COMPETITION

Entries are now being accepted for the Sixteenth Annual Streetscape Awards. The competition is open to all properties - residential or commercial - in the South Hobart area. The aim of the Awards is to encourage pride in our suburb. More particularly, it aims to promote an appreciation and respect for the variety of architectural styles found in South Hobart, and to encourage owners to preserve, conserve, maintain and enhance their gardens and homes. The Award will favour those homeowners who have made substantial "improvements" to their homes and gardens within the past twelve months. Residents can nominate either their own property or that of a friend or stranger. Nominations can be sent to PO Box 200 and should include, preferably, "before and after" photos of the project. For further information, please contact, David on **6223 3149**.

BROADLEY'S CORNER

Residents have approached the Association with concerns about pedestrian safety on the new slip lane into Macquarie Street. It is not possible to walk two abreast when approaching the lights, and those pedestrians using wheelchairs or motorized scooters or parents with strollers should be aware that trucks, rounding the corner, often cut the corner, with their wheels mounting the curb. The Association pointed out

these safety issues to the relevant authorities prior to the slip lane's construction. The footpath is so narrow that it is not even possible to install an Armco safety barrier to give pedestrians some degree of protection. The matter has, again, been drawn to the attention of both the HCC and DEIR, so far, without any response.

DRAFT HOBART CAPITAL CITY PLAN 2011 - 2040

The Draft Hobart Capital City Plan was prepared by the Office of the State Architect, bringing together a range of current initiatives, and setting out a long-term vision for Greater Hobart. Comments on the Draft Plan are now invited. To view the Plan and for details on how to make a submission, go to www.planning.tas.gov.au or visit Level 3, 144 Macquarie Street, Hobart. **The deadline for submissions is 29th February, 2012.**

HEARTMOVES

Heart Foundation *Heartmoves* is a gentle physical activity programme suitable for anyone who hasn't done any exercise in a while. *Heartmoves* is designed to be safe for people with stable, long-term health conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes and bone or joint problems. So, to increase physical activity, maintain a healthy lifestyle and continue exercising after rehabilitation, come and try South Hobart's *Heartmoves* programme. Contact Matt Lamb for more information on **0427 627 887** or www.heartfoundation.org.au/heartmoves.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Who is to be our *Citizen of the Year* for 2012? See next month's issue.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

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