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NEXT SHPA MEETING

The last regular meeting of the SHPA for 2003 will be held on **Wednesday 12th November, 2003 at 8.00 pm** in *The South Hobart Community Centre*, 42 D'Arcy Street, South Hobart. All welcome!

NO JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Readers who may wish to advertise an upcoming January event are reminded that their last opportunity to have copy placed in *A South Hobart Newsletter* will be the December edition. Deadline for items is Tuesday 2nd December, 2003 (earlier if possible).

BONFIRE NIGHT 2004

Saturday 22nd May

Plans are well underway for staging **Bonfire & Fireworks Night 2004**. Your Association is always keen to investigate ways in which this great community event can be improved upon. One suggestion has been to arrange for the catering to be "outsourced". The Bonfire Night Committee is anxious to gauge community feeling to such a proposal. One of the SHPA's original aims, when it first started the event back in the '80s, was to keep the cost of the evening as low as possible so that the maximum number of families could participate. For that reason, the catering on the night has been kept fairly "Spartan". Your Association would like to hear from residents as to whether families would prefer a wider selection of foods and drinks on the night at a slightly higher price to our present "dollar a drink and a snag". Please drop a note to PO Box 200 or ring David Halse Rogers on 6223 3149.

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South Hobart Primary School is involved in a project with the *Hobart City Council* to help create the kind of environment that motivates children to walk (and adults as well!). With more people walking, car-use drops leading to a drop in greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution. A number of safe 'commuting' Routes to Anglesea Street have been identified and **Walking Buses** have been organised to provide a fun and social way for students to travel to school each morning on the Safe Routes. Walking School Buses are not vehicles but fun, healthy and safe ways for primary school children to travel to school. Children walk in a group with an adult driver/supervisor at the front and an adult conductor/supervisor at the rear. The 'bus' travels along a set route picking up additional 'passengers' along the way at designated 'bus stops'. The programme will be launched on **Thursday 6th November** and both the School and the HCC would like to thank the local South Hobart businesses that have generously supported the launch, namely *Mondos Hot Bread Kitchen*, *The Salad Bowl*, the *Cascade Beverage Company* and *Cool Communities*.

BONFIRE NIGHT HELPERS

Urgent Request

This will be the twelfth year the Bonfire Night has been organised by the SHPA. The same team is still at the helm and some of us are not getting any younger! More importantly, it is felt that new faces will introduce new ideas to the event to make sure that it remains a vibrant and relevant community event. The organising committee is keen to hear from enthusiastic



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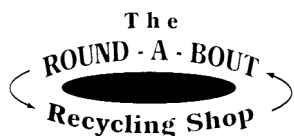
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people who are prepared to co-ordinate one part of the event. For example, one person might be responsible for beverages, another for food, another might be responsible for lighting and power to the site. Each of the individual tasks is not onerous and requires little in the way of time commitment but it is important that there is a pool of volunteers who can take over should one or more of the present committee drop off the twig or move, for example.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

A reminder that the *Hobart City Council* provides a service to remove graffiti from properties that front on Council roads or reserves. Call **6238 2129** for assistance.

PROTECTION OF YOUR PROPERTY AGAINST BUSHFIRES

Now is the time for all residents, especially those living in the bushland zones of our suburb, to start making provisions to protect their property against fire when the Bushfire Season starts in early 2004. *Tasmania Fire Service* provides literature on measures which should be taken. Also, if residents are concerned that neighbouring vacant blocks pose a threat to their property, they should contact the *Hobart City Council* on **6238 2886**.

MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL MUSIC

Would the person who kindly answered our invitation to provide music for the *Mountain Festival* please telephone **Kevin Wilson** on **6223 1687**.

HCC DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

The *Hobart City Council* publishes an excellent guide to services it provides. It is highly recommended

and copies can be obtained from the Hobart Council Centre at 16 Elizabeth Street, Hobart. The **after-hours emergency number 6278 0200** is one which should be attached to your 'fridge for easy reference. The HCC switchboard for general enquiries is **6238 2711**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Birch's Farm

Up until 1857 the town boundary for Habarton was at Elboden (formerly El Bodon Place) Street. Further development towards *Cascades Brewery* was blocked by *Birch's Farm* - "the hundred acre farm" - which stretched from Davey Street to Salvator Road, and from Elboden Street to D'Arcy Street. *Birch's Farm* was finally sub-divided on 1st November 1838 into 75 lots creating a triangular piece of land bounded by *Holebrook Place* (now Davey Street) to the south east, Macquarie Street to the north west, newly formed D'Arcy Street to the west, and Elboden Street forming the apex of a truncated triangle. The original intention was to create half acre "house and garden" allotments. However, due to a depression and other circumstances the original intention of the trustee's of *Birch's* will was never achieved. Lots were sold off and further subdivided. This explains South Hobart's varying plot size: from large mansions, with spacious gardens, to small conjoined worker's cottages. This diversity of dwelling size accounts for much of the present-day charm of the suburb. [Source: Kevin Green.]

SOUTH HOBART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Next meeting of South Hobart NHW will be notified through the NHW Newsletter. Contact **Otto Bitterman** on 6223 1465.

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