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NEXT SHPA MEETING

The next regular meeting of the SHPA will be held on **Wednesday 8th October, 2003 at 8.00 pm** in The South Hobart Community Centre, 42 D'Arcy Street, South Hobart. All welcome!

200 NOT OUT

This is the 200th Edition of **A South Hobart Newsletter**. The occasion demands we reflect on the history of *The Newsletter* and how it has developed and contributed to the South Hobart community.

The Newsletter was first published in 1985, being the brainchild of the then Honorary Secretary of the *South Hobart Progress Association* (no Inc. then) Mr. Bob Gordon. From its inception, *The Newsletter* has been a major communication vehicle on a wide range of matters—from publicity for community events and as a means to highlight new services, such as improved public transport. It has been a sounding board for controversial issues, such as the proposed cable car on Mt. Wellington, the aborted sell-off of *Wellesley Park*, and *Transend Networks* proposed transmission line along the *Hobart Rivulet Linear Park*, to name just a few. There are many who have been involved with *The Newsletter* since its inception including many of the present-day volunteer deliverers, advertisers, such as A.S. Farr Electrical and South Hobart Pharmacy (formerly Elboden Pharmacy). On the other hand, It has outlived original advertisers such as the *Wheatsheaf Hotel* now Performance Automobiles and *The Tea House* (now *Macquarie Food Store*). Without *The Newsletter*, the Association would not have been able to undertake projects, such as the Annual Bonfire & Fireworks Night, which benefit both the local and wider community. *The Newsletter* has been good to South Hobart - be good to it by reading it, by contributing ideas for publication, by assisting with its distribution. Let's all encourage community spirit to thrive.

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"This website exists to be a forum of discussion and dissent—a cheeky, irreverent challenge to the mass media's obsession with popularity, superficiality and celebrity."

Whilst the SHPA Inc. neither supports nor refutes opinions expressed on the website, the availability of another outlet for those frustrated scribes populating South Hobart in their considerable numbers was thought newsworthy enough to be disseminated to the wider public. (South Hobartians are, in fact, heavily represented in the Letters to the Editor page of *The Mercury*.)

Tasmaniantimes.com further describes itself as "a no-frills, non-commercial attempt to provide a soapbox for anyone with something meaningful to say about Tasmania—in an environment unconstrained by space, cost or deadline. We have no allegiance but to the people of Tasmania and their place—our place. *The Tasmanian Times* does not accept paid advertising. So hop in and find articles on Tasmanian politics and issues, good words, and a bit of gossip. Then let us know what YOU think. It won't grow unless it's fed ... so add your two-bob's worth by emailing *The Tasmanian Times*."

STREETSCAPE COMPETITION

Ninth Year

The SHPA Inc.'s Annual Streetscape Competition is open to all residents of South Hobart who have completed work on their house or garden in the past twelve months. The aim of the award is two-fold: to encourage pride in our suburb and to encourage residents to adopt appropriate conservation principles when renovating. Nominations welcome to either PO Box 200 or to 6223 3149.



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The publishing of a new book "*John Bowen's Hobart*" by Phillip Tardif provides information on the history of South Hobart which does not seem to have been previously recognised. Tardif reports that on Thursday 24th January 1804 James Meehan, an Irish convict who enjoyed most of the liberties of a freeman because of his skill as a surveyor, explored a creek which was to be later called the **Hobart Rivulet**. Tardif notes that Meehan followed the course of the creek as far as the site of the *Cascade Brewery*. Meehan described "*Land all Grown with Brush and Ferns, parts not very bad*". His description: "*parts not very bad*" refers to his opinion as to whether the land was suitable for agricultural use.

ASSISTANCE FOR RENTERS

Low-income renters, facing financial difficulty in securing or maintaining a tenancy, can seek assistance from **Colony 47 CA\$H programme**. Assistance may be in the form of bond, rent or removals. We can also refer people to other agencies, if needed, for assistance with information and advocacy on housing options. Renters may be eligible if they are on a low income, have not been assisted in the past 12 months, and are not living in public housing. Proof of income and ID is required and other guidelines do apply. If you think you might be eligible please phone CA\$H on 6231-2182. **Colony 47** is a Tasmanian not-for-profit community organisation working towards a just and resilient Tasmanian community. Colony's approach is to make a positive difference to people's lives by working for social change, delivering quality services, being responsive to individual needs and supporting people to build on their strengths.

Colony 47 first opened its doors in 1973 as a coffee shop and drop-in centre for young people. From our small beginnings, we have developed into an independent organisation, assisting people with housing, employment, training and family issues through a range of programs including CA\$H. To find out more about **Colony 47** programmes contact us on 6231-4359.

CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT

Remember that contributions to *A South Hobart Newsletter* are always welcome. Send to Box 200.

TASMANIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL HOME EXPO

8th-9th November 10am - 5pm
Hobart City Hall

Tasmania's Environmental Home Expo is a free event and will feature a hall full of informative and inspiring displays as well as talks, workshops, a café, and activities for children. There will be major door prizes including the world's most energy efficient fridge. Inspiring speakers such as Michael Mobbs (Sydney Sustainable House) will be present at the Expo (opening the Expo 11 am Sat). This year the **Tasmanian Environment Centre** will run a *Sustainability Series* in the week leading up to the Expo. This series will consist of a number of seminars on sustainability - within homes and in the wider community. For more information about the Expo or the Sustainability Series, contact: TEC: 06 234 5566 restec@southcom.com.au, <http://www.tased.edu.au/tasonline/tec>

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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