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THE SOUTH HOBART PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at 7:30 pm in the *South Hobart Community Centre*, 42 D'Arcy Street, South Hobart. All are welcome to attend, especially any new residents.

BUSHCARE WORKING BEES

The Rivulet Group will meet on Sunday, 13th September, 2:00pm to 4:30pm, meeting at the end of Apsley Street, South Hobart and The South Hobart Group will meet on 20th September, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, meeting at the at the Wentworth Street cul de sac near 109 Wentworth Street, South Hobart. All equipment is provided - Any enquiries to John (Rivulet) on **0417 617 572** and Janet (South Hobart) on **6223 8132**.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS CITY OF HOBART

VOTING IS COMPULSORY

Who is eligible to vote? Everyone on the State Roll is automatically enrolled and required to vote. If you are an Australian citizen aged 18 or over, you must enrol and vote in these elections. Voting is by postal voting only. Ballot packs are delivered from Monday 5th October, 2026 and the Polls close at 2:00 pm on Tuesday 27th October, 2026. Don't leave it to the last minute to vote. With the Hare-Clark system of voting, watch who your preferences will go to, if your preferred candidates are not elected.

PROTECT THE MOUNTAIN

Kunanyi/Mount Wellington remains the number one issue ahead of the upcoming local government elections. The State Government's *Our Mountain's Future* final report is being withheld from the public. Right-to-Information documents reveal a cable car has been included in draft government recommendations. Several cable car lobbyists are running for Council, while smear campaigns target those who have stood up to protect our environment. Divisive councillors have also refused to work as a team, bringing the Council into disrepute through petty politics. We must elect representatives of integrity who will simply do their job: assessing developments fairly against Tasmania's planning scheme, and keeping Council fiercely independent

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of outside political interference - representing Hobart's interests and protecting the Mountain's natural and cultural values. Residents Opposed to the Cable Car [ROCC] will survey City of Hobart candidates on their views on Mt. Wellington's future, including whether they oppose a cable car, and share the results with voters. Until then, follow the Respect the Mountain Facebook Page for updates.

MARK ON MACQUARIE

2026 Local Business Awards Congratulations (again!) to Mark and Michelle Henshaw of Mark on Macquarie for being awarded the 2026 Hobart & Southern Tasmanian Local Business Awards for "Outstanding Butcher". The couple are going to need to add another display shelf to hold all its awards!

SHPA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2026

Nominations are now called for the SHPA's Citizen of the Year 2026 Award. You can nominate any member of the South Hobart community you consider has contributed to making the Suburb a better place to live. Contact: office@shpa.org.au.

SAM NEILL & CASCADE BREWERY

Readers may have seen that the great actor Sam Neill was given a posthumous Logie Award as best lead actor on Australian television recently. You may not be aware that Sam Neill had a family connection with previous ownership of our iconic Cascade Brewery. Alison Alexander covered many of the Brewery phases in her massive South Hobart book: *Beneath the Mountain - A History of South Hobart*. This is what she wrote about the Brewery's recovery after the 1967 bushfires. And the takeover by Industrial Equity under the machinations of that notorious company raider Ron Brierley:-

"Upheaval came in the mid-1970s. The Trade Practices Act 1974 allowed more competition, Mainland breweries gained 25% of the Tasmanian market, and beer sales were declining. Entrepreneurs from outside, with little interest in brewing, targeted breweries. In the late 1970s.



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Cascade directors discovered that corporate raider Ron Brierley, founder of Industrial Equity Ltd (IEL), was buying shares. The Directors acted, buying Rushy Lagoon in the northeast, Tasmania's largest pastoral company, and issuing 750,000 shares to Carlton and United Breweries (CUB), to provide funds and strengthen commercial links. By 1968, CUB owned 25% of Cascade. In 1983, all Cascade's wholly-owned subsidiaries were voluntarily liquidated. Cascade merged its wine and spirits subsidiaries at a site in Angelsea Street, but in 1987 its cool stores were destroyed by fire.

In 1983, Brierley, who owned 7% of Cascade, lodged a notice of intention to make a partial offer for control. He told Jack Gray, Cascade's chairman, that he wished to acquire a million shares at \$3.75 per share, a high price. This would increase his holding to 57%. He claimed he would preserve Cascade's 'fine character and independence', as he knew locals would dislike this takeover of this proudly Tasmanian company. The Board strongly opposed IEL, and the share price rose to \$5.75, with bids from rival companies, but in 1984 IEL owned 50% of Cascade. Despite Brierley's promise, he embarked on asset-stripping, taking Cascade's accumulated reserves, and selling Rushy Lagoon. However, badly burnt by the 1987 stock market crash, he sold Cascade to Wilson Neill Australia, which changed its name to the Cascade Group Ltd."

It seems that Alison Alexander drew this information from the late Mike Bingham's book on the Brewery. There is a bit more about Cascade forming a joint venture with CUB in 1993, making Cascade part of the Fosters Group, and the next year sold J. Boag and Son, and then the 2011 takeover of Fosters by SABMiller. Apart from the brief mention of Wilson Neill there was no further mention of this. No identification of the Company and, if there had been then, the Sam Neill link would probably have been noted, but at the time this would not have been spotted. Interesting the mention of Rushy Lagoon - disputed ownership of which has been in the news.

Grandfather, Sidney Neill, founded the wine and spirits importing firm Neill and Co in Dunedin, New Zealand, and Sam's father, Dermot, carried it on and when he retired it became Wilson Neill. It complicates the story to detail all that was involved in the numerous changes of the Brewery's ownership through the years, suffice to say the Wilson

Neill wine and spirits importers tie is an indication of Sam Neill's passion in cultivating top notch pinot in New Zealand. [Source: Lindsay Brinsdon, SHPALHG]

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