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(Incorporating Cascades Progress Association)

Founded 1922

ABN 65 850 310 318

**President:** Rosemary Sandford

**Hon. Secretary:** David Halse Rogers

**Minutes of a General Meeting held at the D'Arcy Street Community Hall  
on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at 7:30 pm.**

**Chair:** Dr Rosemary Sandford

**Members Present:** Pru Bonham, Phil Brown, Lindsay Brinsdon, Taki Douramanis, Elizabeth Green, David Halse Rogers, Anne Pickering, Stan Mather, Elisabeth Rees, Anna Reynolds, Rosemary Sandford, Ros & Malcolm Saltmarsh, Cassandra (Cassie) Shearing, and Kevin Wilson,

**Apologies:** Alison Alexander, Veronica Mather, Kevin Morgan, Alderman Eva Ruzicka, Margaret Wilmot and Hillary Wilson.

**Minutes of the General Meeting of November 2015:**

The Minutes were distributed previously by email and taken as read and duly approved.

[Moved: Phil Brown; Seconded: Kevin Wilson]

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Chair paid thanks to Phil and Lyn Brown for their work.

Breakdown of finances:

Combined accounts	\$27,208.84 (\$23366.71 re-invested) 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 for 6 months.
Paid for new chairs at old school	-\$1,000
History book account	\$ 17,807
Insurance for books for 12 months (may be reassessed as books sold)	-\$343.50
D'Arcy Street Community Hall	Loss: \$105 (\$1855 income; \$1960 expenditure - which includes insurance, power, etc)
Business / administration	\$1,917

Membership: 133 financial members.

Phil Brown advised the listing of financial members needs review.

**ACTION:** David and Kevin Wilson.

Financial report approved.

[Moved: David Halse Rogers; Seconded: Taki Douramanis]

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## **BUSINESS ARISING**

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- 1. South Hobart Living Arts Centre Update:** Awaiting confirmation from Commonwealth and State Government before signing. Ownership and possession is drawing closer. There is now a stable core of tenants. The first Board member meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The Acting Chairman of the Board is Heather Salisbury who will remain for the foreseeable future and has good links with the council. We are not looking at occupancy now until the middle of the year.
- 2. McRobie's Gully Tip Update:** Pru Bonham submitted a representation (closed 11 January), however no acknowledgement of this was received. Some residents are attempting to organise a 'good neighbour' meeting. Anna noted on the council's agenda Maria Clippingdale is the main contact as regards this meeting and the EPA needs to be satisfied that the community has been engaged. Discussion around taking traffic out of Degraeves Street; Lindsay commented the Female Factory Historic Site has also discussed this. Anne Pickering concerned about this possibility. Taki Douramanis made some suggestions, including possible access from Old Farm Road. Pru Bonham reported that the *Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA) have 'commissioned' a study to look into the issue of threatened species. Discussion ensued about zero waste strategy (food waste) and finding a better location for same.  
**ACTION:** Lindsay, Pru and Anne to send David and Rosemary a few points about the traffic around Degraeves Street.  
**ACTION:** Taki to show the Secretary the Old Farm Road access map.  
**ACTION:** Pru to discuss the meetings further with Maria Clippingdale and copy David and Anna into the emails.
- 3. Beneath the Mountain update:** Malcolm Saltmarsh reported that as at end January, 912 books have been sold. 57 have been distributed but not yet invoiced and 1012 remain. All 14 copies at the *State Library of Tasmania* are out or awaiting pick-up. Discussion about further marketing with agreements that labels may be too expensive. Association members asked to please forward any other suggestions to Ros and Malcolm. Thanks paid to David for putting another notice in the neighbourhood Newsletter. Thanks also paid to Terry Carless and Maria Clippingdale partner, Steve, re South Hobart Community Bank. Taki suggested targeting tourist depots (tram bus, red double-decker bus, open-top bus, etc). A couple of copies of a limited edition of *Beneath the Mountain* were received by Alison Alexander. These are still a couple of copies left. [Copy should be lodged in the Association's library.] Discussion about the possibility of Facebook.  
**ACTION:** Ros and Malcolm Saltmarsh to pursue Facebook page with Anne McEntee and report back at next meeting.

**ACTION:** Taki to email contact to Ros and Malcolm.  
**ACTION:** Ros and Malcolm will ask the State Library's advice regarding distribution/marketing.

4. **Hobart Rivulet Park:** Discussion with Anna Reynolds about 'slowing designs' for the first section of the path on the Rivulet Walk from Molle to McKellar Streets. Rosemary noted a tiger snake has been seen regularly sunning itself on the concrete path near C3 Church at midday.

**ACTION:** Anna will follow up regarding 'slowing design' work.

5. **Wellesley Park:** A number of trees have been removed without notification near the entrance to the soccer ground car park. Ros and Malcolm have received an apologetic call back from the council promising there will be no more removals. Rosemary advised the new tarmac at the building site is 'tacky' which is poor for wheelchairs and dogs, however perhaps there is still work yet to finish/settle. Discussion regarding the speed of traffic to and from the soccer ground with suggestions speed humps and signs would be advantageous. Maria Clippingdale also concerned about this.

**ACTION:** Kevin Wilson requested this issue be left with the traffic committee to follow up.

Removal of playground equipment in the lower section of *Wellesley Park*. Apparently the equipment was removed due to 'subsidence' and the surface being uneven. Rosemary has been approached by various concerned groups. Discussion centred on the confusion between upper and lower levels of the Park going by the same name.

**ACTION:** David and Rosemary to draft and send letter regarding playground.

**ACTION:** All members asked to consider names and bring to next meeting.

6. **South Hobart Community Bank:** More groups are required to pledge \$500 or more for a South Hobart branch of Bendigo Bank to be considered. Anna gave some background to the process and advised the Council has rejected support at this stage but this can be reconsidered in future. Rosemary noted some South Hobart businesses would have concerns about a bank in the community (e.g. post office).

Motion: "that the SHPA Inc. pledges \$2000".

[Moved: Rosemary Sandford, Seconded: David Halse Rogers; Passed: una.]

[Abstained: Pru Bonham]

**ACTION:** Phil and Anna to organise pledge and confirm.

**ACTION:** David to note for mention in a future issue of the Newsletter.

7. **Community Hall:** Phil reported there is confusion around the hourly rate for hire of the hall (sliding scale difficulties). General agreement that new business or casuals should pay \$10 an hour.

**ACTION:** David and Phil to liaise with Craig Hoey to develop a table of rates.

8. **Statewide Planning Scheme:** Various groups are highlighting difficulties and getting more people interested. However many more emails and letters to the Mercury and Tasmanian times are needed by concerned people. There is a general impression that people simply don't understand the repercussions. The *Environmental Defenders Office* has far more information and a lot more power to minister while the public is largely being left out of it. This will remain a

standing item on the Agenda.

9. **Metro Buses:** Pru raises the issue of new bus routes. There are now no weekend buses between the outlet/Davey Street intersection and Strickland Avenue/Huon Road intersection. Pru has written to the Metro about this after several complaints.

**ACTION:** Pru will discuss with Kevin Wilson and Cassie to draft further feedback.

10. **Pedestrian crossing on Macquarie Street:** Anna advised the Consultant's Report on the plan for Hobart's local shopping precincts recommended a safe pedestrian crossing be designed near the butcher's shop. The recommendation includes traffic calming, landscaping/vegetation, generous space, and better sightlines however there will be a loss of two parking spaces. The bus stop is scheduled to stay where it is. It was suggested that a strict eye be kept on the Council to ensure they keep to the full design and not skimp. Speed limit could be an issue (40kmh rather than 50kmh?). This information will feed into the Traffic Committee meeting on 18 March.

**ACTION:** Anne to resend details of the pedestrian crossing by email to Rosemary and David.

11. **Tarramah Sign:** Comment made about the appearance of a free-standing sign in the 'park' beside Wingfield. It has been there since before Christmas Anna Reynolds confirmed that permanent signage required planning approval from the HCC. She advised an inquiry email be sent to Kirsten Turner ([turnerk@hobarcity.com.au](mailto:turnerk@hobarcity.com.au))

**ACTION:** David and Rosemary to contact Kirsten.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

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- i. **Computer equipment purchase for Association:** Rosemary raised concern about dedicated central storage repository for SHPA information, particularly with regard to succession. Should SHPA purchase a laptop and software for such a purpose? Of specific concern at present is input from David, Phil and Liz but historical records could also be scanned/copied.

**ACTION:** Phil, David and Liz to discuss and review at next meeting.

**Meeting closed:** 9.32pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7:30pm