



President: Rosemary Sandford

Hon. Secretary: David Halse Rogers

**Minutes of a General Meeting held at The D'Arcy Street Community Hall
on Wednesday 9th July, 2014 at 7:30 pm.**

Chair: Dr. Rosemary Sandford.

Members Present: Alison Alexander, Pru Bonham, Lindsay Brinsdon, Phil Brown, David Halse Rogers, Elizabeth Green, Stan Mather, Eva Ruzicka, Margaret Wilmot, and Kevin Wilson.

Guests: Jo Lyngcoln, Claire Roberts, Mark Tarleton, Rob Valentine, Jackie Zanetti.

Apologies: Five (5) members as per Attendance Register.

Minutes of June 2014 Meeting: The Minutes were distributed previously by email. The Minutes were taken as read and were duly approved. [Moved: KW; Seconded: Pru B; Passed.]

Standing Orders were suspended to enable an update on progress with the **Conservation Management Plan** for the former *Macquarie Street State School* by Jo Lyngcoln, Principal, JLHM.

Jo refreshed the Meeting's understanding of exactly what a CMP entailed. It will set up the future management of the Site to ensure that it will be adequately and sympathetically maintained into the future. The CMP has a 'lifespan' of about 10 – 20 years at which time another CMP should be undertaken to ensure that heritage values are being maintained. The team is currently pulling together all the documentary evidence as required in accordance with J.S. Kerr's Guidelines and the *Burra Charter*. A Statement of Significance will follow which will drive the Conservation Policy. Jo is awaiting the Building Condition Report from Peter Spratt. Then the heritage values will be defined against the five (5) criteria as set out in the *Burra Charter*. The Site will be assessed against two additional criteria: special associations and 'representativeness'. The team has discovered that the building is most likely attributable to the architect, W.W. Eldridge [not Hunter]. The autograph of J.H. Hunt, draughtsman, whose name appears on the drawings, may account for the possible error in attribution. At the turn of the century, there were eight (8) government schools built by the *State Board of Education*. MSSS (1895-1964) is

the sole surviving school still on its original urban locale. It is rare among other buildings of its type to be of sandstone construction. Jo posed the question to the Meeting: "What does the Site mean to us as residents of South Hobart?"

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. A History of South Hobart Project: Alison reported that she had completed the section up to the 1967 Bushfires. The final section: 1967 – 2014 is now in preparation. Please forward any ideas for topics to Alison.

3. Islington Private Hotel Change of Use to Unlisted Use (Guest House): The owners of *Islington*, David Meredith and John Goodyear, have put in yet another application for change of use to "guest house". This is the fourth application in recent times. The applicants withdrew from the previous attempt at the eleventh hour just before a DESC Meeting. Representors were inconvenienced in not being notified of this fact, and many made the effort to attend the Meeting at the inconvenient time of five o'clock in the pm. The reason for the withdrawal was that the owners of *Islington* had just been advised that, contrary to expectations from HCC planning staff, the recommendation was for refusal on legal grounds. The current application for "Unlisted Use (Guest House) (Re-advertised - Amended Application)" has only one slight – but important addendum – that being the inclusion of an opinion by HCC planner, Elizabeth Wilson, defining exactly what constitutes a "guest house". Given that Ms. Wilson is not a lawyer and, moreover, that the *City of Hobart Planning Scheme, 1982* (CHPS, 1982) does not include any definition as to what might constitute such an establishment, such opinions would seem to be irrelevant and even questionable under law. The Association and members are asked to lodge individual representations (asap and before Wednesday 20th August, 2014 at 5:15 pm by email: representation@hobartcity.com.au).

5. South Hobart Residents' Traffic Management Committee Report: Lindsay Brinsdon reflected the irritation and disappointment of the community and the Association at the lack of action over the traffic issues in the South Hobart Village precinct by Council. There is unlikely to be any progress in the near future (especially given Council elections due in October). The next meeting should be in September. The SHPA (Inc.) will write to the General Manager with copy to Mark Painter, HCC Director of infrastructure Services.

6. South Hobart Community Hall Committee Report: Alternatives to the current way that hall users gain access to the Centre was discussed. Phil Brown has had discussions regarding combination lock doors to replace the current key system, and strong boxes (inside) for users to leave their payments. A similar system works well for *Fern Tree Community Association* according to Eva Ruzicka. DHR is to approach HCC re approval for such changes.

6. Environmental Defenders Organisation (EDO): is under funding threat from the Federal Budget. The meeting reaffirmed its support for EDO and lauded the impartial, professional advice given by the Organisation.

7. Council of Hobart Community Associations (CHCA): Kevin and Stan reported that the CHCA 'had fallen on hard times'. It was needing to examine

its relevance and *raison d'être* given the changed times. Eva Ruzicka said that the organisation had achieved many of its aims and now needed to transmogrify into a different organisation. One suggestion was to move into "civics". Alternatively, it could become an on-line entity to enable members of the public to voice a range of issues. Perhaps it needs to go into recess. KW will draft a reply and attend the Gun Lobby meeting with Roland Browne organised by Leo Foley, the current Chair. AGM next week. (The mood of the meeting was that the Association was not particularly in favour of the CHCA becoming embroiled in quasi-political issues.)

Treasurer's Report:

Membership now stands at 115.
Public Liability Insurance (AON) for 2014/15: \$662.00

Correspondence:

In:

- HCC various
- CFFHS (Greta MacDonald) Minutes
- Advertising enquiries 6 emails/ 3 telephones

Out:

- HCC Various
- Other Various

A motion was put that the inward correspondence be received. [PruB; RAS; Passed.]
A motion was put that the outward correspondence be endorsed. [PB; MW: Passed.]

Other Business:

- 1. Subdivision on Stoney Steps Road:** Leave on Agenda.
- 2. Mt. Wellington Cableway Company:** Leave on Agenda.
- 3. Bendigo Bank Community Fund:** Anna Reynolds will be holding a meeting at Ginger Megs to assess the possibility of establishing such an entity in South Hobart.

Meeting closed: 9:23 pm
Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th August, 2014 at 7:30 pm.