



**President:** Rosemary Sandford

**Hon. Secretary:** David Halse Rogers

**Minutes of a General Meeting held at The D'Arcy Street Community Hall  
on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 at 7:30 pm.**

**Chair:** Dr. Rosemary Sandford.

**Members Present:**

Pru Bonham, Lindsay Brinsdon, Dr. Neil Cameron, David Halse Rogers, Elizabeth Green, Jessie Mahjouri, Michael & Winsome Scott, Rosemary Sandford, and Kevin Wilson.

**Guests:** Liz Rees, Heather Salisbury, Jackie Zanetti, Jo Lyngcoln, Glenn Murray, Ros Gossey?, Mary Eckhardt, Alison Alexander, H. Lennon, L. Bronn, Clare Roberts, Mark Tarleton.

**Apologies:** Nine (9) members as per *Attendance Register*.

**Minutes of April 2014 Meeting:** Having been distributed previously by email, the Minutes were taken as read. The Minutes were duly approved. [Moved: Phil Brown; Seconded: Pru Bonham; Passed.]

**Standing Orders were suspended to enable an update on the former Macquarie Street State School Project to be presented.**

**Speakers:** Heather Salisbury, Deputy General Manager, HCC [formerly Director Community Development].

Jo Lyngcoln,

Dr. Neil Cameron, South Hobart Living Arts Centre.

**Observers:** Glenn Murray, Mature Age Dance Experience (MADE).  
Mary Eckhardt, MADE.

Heather Salisbury:

- The HCC has prepared a Commonwealth funding application on behalf of the local community, the SHPA (Inc.) and Dr. Neil Cameron's SH Living Arts Centre. The monies for the entire project come in two parts: \$73,000 to conduct a 'due diligence' exercise; the balance of \$1.58 million to be provided assuming that the project "stacks up financially". The Due Diligence exercise is to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.
- A working group has been set up to guide the study into the feasibility of the project. The HCC is simply providing the expertise to conduct the study and is in no way committed to any other involvement. (HS

indicated that HCC aldermen wanted to ensure that ratepayers would not be financially involved.) The Working Group's tasks included calling for tenders to undertake various studies to ensure the project's *bona fides*. These included:-

1. a condition assessment report on the building complex, which involved issues such as compliance, hydraulics, asbestos survey;
  2. a conservation management plan – an expression of interest brief was sent to four CMP organisations. The winning tender was awarded to *Jo Lyngcoln – Heritage Management*, Hobart;
  3. architectural solutions for the Site – 'pro bono' advice from *Circa Morris-Nunn Architects*;
  4. legal advice on forming a company with limited liability to oversee the running of the Centre – provided on a 'pro bono' basis by Jim Walker, *Simmons Wolfhagen* and;
  5. a business case to present prove the financial viability of the project – *Neil Cameron Consultancy*.
- Local Resident Concerns: Heather reassured local residents of Weld and Paget Streets that their concerns regarding issues, such as noise and parking, would be fully addressed when the project lodged a development application with Council.

Neil Cameron:

- Dr. Cameron has restored three previous heritage sites along similar lines, including the Walter Burley Griffin incinerator Gallery in Essendon, Victoria.
- *The South Hobart Living Arts Centre* will be modelled on the *Salamanca Arts Centre* – a rental model. Rental income will be around \$12,000/mth.
- The Centre will be an inclusive, community-based model; a friendly and dynamic place with an exchange of resources.
- Tenants will include AWBF, MADE, Tas Writer's Centre, the SHPA (Inc.) and Neil's Performing Arts Group. Possible other users/occupants of the Site could include the Tas Theatre Co. and the *Cascade Museum*.

Jo Lyngcoln:

- Jo Lyngcoln outlined the process to produce a Conservation Management Plan for heritage sites, such as the MSSS. Issues, such as the historical, aesthetic, technical and social, are considered in order to produce a 'Statement of Significance'. This Statement then guides the policies and future uses for the Site. The aim is, of course, to protect and maintain the heritage values of the Site. The process involves the input from several different experts. A CMP should be reviewed every ten years or so.

### **Business arising from the Minutes:**

**1. A History of South Hobart Project:** Alison Alexander has provided some additional *vignettes* for publication in the Newsletter to keep the book project before the local community. Alison has finished the section up to the end of WWII. Any member interested in reviewing Alison's work to date is welcome to

contact her on 6223 37762. A list of local servicemen who fought in that campaign has been obtained from the *Australian War Memorial* in Canberra.

**4. The Mutual Party:** The meeting determined to invite Ald. Leo Foley to address the Association at a date to be determined.

**5. Islington Private Hotel Change of Use to Unlisted Use (Guest House):** Hot on the heels of a withdrawal from the RMPAT process, the owners of *Islington* have (yet again!) lodged another application with Council for a change on use to: Unlisted Use (Guest House). The intent of this new application can only be to attempt to circumvent the conditions which have applied to Islington's use since 2004. Specifically, Condition 15 of DA 04-00366-01 states "that the accommodation and its facilities are to be restricted to resident house guests only". [The consensus among local residents is that this is a last ditch move to alter the property's status before the enactment of the new Draft Hobart Planning Scheme comes into effect. Under the new scheme, any such use would be prohibited.]

**7. Burlingham Interpretation Panel on Broadley's Corner:** Lindsay Brinsdon reported back on discussions he has had with the HCC's Rebecca Doublo regarding a site visit to establish a suitable location for the Interpretation Panel. A meeting was arranged for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 at 1:30 pm. KW, KG, DHR, RS, MS, LB and Peter Bock will attend.

**8. South Hobart (McRobie's Road) Tip:** Pru Bonham directed the meeting's attention to a report in *The Mercury* (July 2013) discussing the Waste Transfer Station.

**9. Child Care Centre DA Proposal – Degraeves Street:** There is concern - both from local residents and from staff at the World Heritage-listed *Cascades Female Factory Historic Site* – at the possibility of a child care centre being established in the former non-conformist Church. Issues raised include increased traffic noise and volume, parking and damage to the convict site both from vibration and by vehicular impact with the stone walls. The CFFHS is also concerned that the sound of a large number of children will detract from the historic presentations being undertaken in Yard 1.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Association is in a strong financial position, especially now that the cost of printing the monthly newsletter (\$347.16) is now being met courtesy of the Hon. Robert Valentine. To express our gratitude, the Association has made available an advertising space 'free of charge'. The interest rate from *MyState Financial* of 3.5% is, whilst low, the best available at present. The Treasurer reported that the Association has 122 members of whom 72 are life members.

#### **Correspondence:**

In:

- HCC

- CFFHS (Greta MacDonald) Minutes
- Advertising enquiries 5 emails

Out:

- Lemon Pie Design Various emails
- HCC Various

A motion was put that the inward correspondence be received. [PB; KW; Passed.]

A motion was put that the outward correspondence be endorsed. [AA; EBG: Passed.]

### **Other Business:**

**1. Cuthbertson's Tannery (39 Weld/62 Wynyard Streets) Plans:** The outcome of the HCC's archaeological 'dig' has been completed. The wall on the lower side of the land has been identified as having some significance for the Site. Given the concern expressed at the last meeting regarding the scope of the current demolition work on the Tannery land, it has been decided to approach Kevin Green to write an article on the 'Hursey Estate' to appear in the May issue of *A South Hobart Newsletter*.

**2. Bushfire Strategy Response:** This has been prepared by Kevin Wilson and forwarded to the *Hobart City Council*.

**3. Subdivision on Stoney Steps Road:** Leave on Agenda.

**4. Mt. Wellington Cableway Company:** Leave on Agenda.

Meeting closed: 9:02 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at 7:30 pm.