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President: Rosemary Sandford

Hon. Secretary: David Halse Rogers

**Minutes of a General Meeting held at The D'Arcy Street Community Hall
on Wednesday 8th October, 2014 at 7:30 pm.**

Chair: Dr. Rosemary Sandford.

Members Present: Pru Bonham, Lindsay Brinsdon, David Halse Rogers, Elizabeth Green, Stan Mather, Liz Rees, Rosemary Sandford, Malcolm Saltmarsh, Margaret Wilmot, and Kevin Wilson.

Apologies: Eight (8) members as per Attendance Register.

Minutes of the General Meeting of September 2014: The Minutes were distributed previously by email. The Minutes were taken as read and were duly approved. [Moved: Pru B; Seconded: EBG; Accepted.]

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. A History of South Hobart Project: Richard Williams has agreed to scan all historic photographs for the book. Alison is still looking for photos post 1920. Possible sources of photos include Tanzi Lewis, Rennie Cornock, Brendan Lennard and Colin Denison.

2. Macquarie Street State School (SHLAC) update: The completed Feasibility Study was forwarded to Canberra by the due date. The State Government has been asked to consider a sale to the SHLAC Group for a price of \$500,000 with a balance of somewhere in the vicinity of \$200,000 plus after five or ten years with a reversion clause that the property, with improvements, would return to the State if SHLAC became unworkable. The Lord Mayor has been in negotiations with the Premier and Treasurer, Peter Gutwein.

3. Hobart Rivulet Park Cycleway Proposal: Liz Rees spoke to the Meeting regarding her concerns for this proposal. The HCC is investigating "upgrading" the *Rivulet Track* to facilitate increased cycle use. The Proposal calls for a three (3) metre wide solid-surfaced "roadway" from Tara to Molle Street. The Track would be duplicated, in parts, to separate pedestrians and cyclists. (This appears to be a tacit admission by Council that the two uses do not co-exist without safety and other concerns.) Many expressed their concerns that this

proposal is “an overdevelopment of the original idea of a rivulet track”. There appear to be problems with the required width of the roadway” (a condition of the funding arrangements with Council), especially around the former *Cuthbertson’s Tannery* site, where the removal of willows caused severe erosion of the Track many years ago. The newly-created children’s playground at Tara Street will not be improved by a concrete path. (Already, anecdotal evidence suggests that where two track options already exist – viz: in the vicinity of C3 Church - not only pedestrians but also cyclists chose to use the gravel pathway.) The Plan involves “improving” sight lines by the removal of 40 large trees. Owners of properties along the Rivulet Track have also expressed concern about the installation of lighting which may lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour on the Track. The operators of the heritage tour, *Louisa’s Walk*, have expressed opposition to the proposal on heritage grounds. Concerns were also expressed about the near impossibility of enforcing any conditions on riders, such as sounding horns on approaching pedestrians – especially those with small children, the elderly, and dogs. Representatives of Association are invited to attend a stakeholder engagement session at 7:00pm, Monday 13th October at the South Hobart Primary School Hall in Anglesea Street. Additionally, the *Hobart City Council* will hold several “walk and Talk” sessions on the Rivulet:

- **‘Stop and Talk’ sessions** at the information totems near the Anglesea Street bridge, 12 noon – 1:00pm Friday 10th October, and the Molle Street park entrance, 4:30 – 5:30pm, Wednesday 15th October.
- **‘Walk and Talk’ session** at the Molle Street park entrance, 3:00pm, Sunday 12th October.
- Further information can be obtained from Jill Hickie, HCC Park Planner, on 6238 2887.

3. 321 Davey Street “Islington Private Hotel” Change of Use to Unlisted Use (Guest House): The matter proceeded to a Directions Hearing before the Registrar of the RMPAT on 6th October, 2014 at 10.00am. Dr. and Mrs. Sam Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Gibson and Mrs. Teresa O’Leary have been joined (as parties) with the *Hobart City Council*. (The owners of “Islington” have subsequently applied for a liquor licence to sell alcoholic drinks to house guests. The community is somewhat bemused by this latest action as it had been assumed that “Islington” already had some form of liquor licence.)

4. South Hobart Residents’ Traffic Management Committee Report: There was to have been a “concept plan for the shopping precinct produced following an on-site meeting with Ald. Ruzicka, members of the Committee and local business owners, and Mark Broadley (HCC.). Lindsay Brinsdon reflected the irritation and disappointment of the community and the Association at the continued lack of action over the traffic issues in the South Hobart Village precinct by Council, especially given the recent application by *Lady Gowrie, Tasmania* to build a complex on the Macquarie Street frontage of *Performance Autos*. Lindsay reports that there has been a total lack of communication from the HCC. The SHPA (Inc.) will write to the General Manager and Ald. Eva Ruzicka with copy to Mark Painter, HCC Director of infrastructure Services. [The HCC Manager of Traffic Engineering is Angela Moore.]

5. South Hobart Community Hall Committee Report: There is a need for new

fluoro lighting strips to replace 'broken' ones. SM mentioned that the interior was looking 'tired' and there was a discussion on the need for a working bee to repaint the Hall. The recently installed wall heater whilst welcomed is totally inadequate to heat the hall. The committee had been in early discussions with the HCC to investigate the installation of a heat pump. There is a need to confirm who the Centre Manager is.

6. Council of Hobart Community Associations (CHCA): Leave on Agenda.

7. Lady Gowrie Tasmania: Despite concerns over site contamination, traffic pollution and circulation problems, the *Hobart City Council* approved this application without conditions. The meeting considered that commercial considerations should not be allowed to take precedence over the CHPS, 1982, due diligence and procedural fairness. The limited size of the site raises concerns for future "institutional creep". (It is reported that the owner of Miss Hannaford's Schoolhouse in Davey Street has already been approached to sell his property to LGT. Residents in Elboden Street, in properties adjoining the site, have also been approached.) Kevin Wilson indicated that a 'round table' discussion (with LGT and the HCC) should still be a matter of urgency. He will contact the HCC General Manager, Nick Heath to discuss this matter. (There are many issues regarding the inappropriateness of the site for such a centre, including the fact that the property is not on one title, and that it is a continuing "non-conforming" use.)

8. Wellington Park Management Trust 'Pinnacle Zone': Leave on Agenda.

9. Election Funding Disclosure Website: *Funding and Disclosure Inc.* has just been established in time for the upcoming Council elections. The website is: www.fundinganddisclosure.org.au. To date, only five HCC aldermanic candidates have provided disclosure details to *Funding and Disclosure Inc*: Ald. Sue Hickey, Ald. Bill Harvey, Ald. Helen Burnet, Rachel Andrew and Corey Petersen. It would appear that, whilst many candidates give lip-service to transparency and openness with regard to election donations, very few are prepared to face open scrutiny. Electors will draw what conclusions they like. Two other candidates have made full disclosure of election donations on their own websites (viz: Eva Ruzicka and Suzy Cooper). Some concern was expressed as to the 'bona fides' of the founders of F&D. The aim of the organisation is obviously to catch the "big fish", but doubts exist that this aim will be achieved.

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer the financial report for the month was tabled.

Correspondence:

In:

- HCC various
- Advertising enquiries 4 emails/

Out:

- HCC various
- Other various

A motion was put that the inward correspondence be received. [Pru B; RAS; Passed.]

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

Other Business:

1. 245 Macquarie Street (former Boot maker's Shop): The former boot maker's shop (next to Ann Grady's Cottage) is for sale. The important colonial weatherboard building, behind the four-level building on the street frontage, is similar to that restored by Helen Maskell-Knight next door at 243 Macquarie Street. The present (selling) owner has Council-approved plans for a major redevelopment of the site which will impact dramatically on 243. (This cottage is one of four originally facing the Rivulet: one only disappeared a few years ago when the Council, in its wisdom, condemned the building; the other was enclosed in brick.)

South Hobart Primary School Fair: Leave on Agenda.

2. Hobart City Council Community Engagement Event: KW reported that this event was to continue.

3. Old Farm Track Closure: Leave on Agenda.

4. Mt. Wellington Brewery Land: Leave on Agenda.

5. Bushfire Season: There is to be a meeting at The Waterworks to discuss community issues relating to the upcoming bushfire season.

6. Subdivision on Stoney Steps Road: Leave on Agenda.

7. Mt. Wellington Cableway Company: Leave on Agenda.

Meeting closed: 9:20 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th November, 2014 at 7:30 pm.