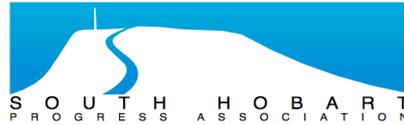


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**NEXT SHPA MEETING**

Our next regular General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th July, 2012** in *The South Hobart Community Hall*, 42 D'Arcy Street, commencing at **7:30 pm**. All residents are welcome to attend - especially those new to the suburb. The Association reminds residents that **membership** of the SHPA Inc. is only \$2 per annum, payable at the Post Office or at any meeting.

**MEETING TIME CHANGE**

The Association has decided to alter the time at which its Meetings are held effective from July 2012. Please note that the new time for all meetings (unless otherwise stipulated) will be **7:30 pm**.

**STH HOBART BUSHCARE**

South Hobart Bushcare Group will meet again on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July** between **10:00 am to 12:30 pm** at the Ingram Street end of *Wellesley Park*. All are welcome to join us for as long as you are able. (All tools are provided.) Enquiries to **Janet** on **6223 8132**.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Greg Turner**, Principal of *South Hobart Primary School*, was recently named as the only Tasmanian teacher in the top level of the **National Teaching Awards**. He was recognised for leadership in the primary division of the *National Excellence in Teaching Awards*. Mr. Turner has been Principal at South Hobart since 2002. For more details of Mr. Turner's achievements at the School go to *The Mercury*, 22nd May, 2012, p.29. South Hobart is very fortunate to have such an outstanding educator in our community.

**STREETSCAPE COMPETITION 2012**

The Annual SHPA Inc. Streetscape Competition will close shortly. Now is the time to get your nominations in! Remember, you can nominate your own property or that of a friend or neighbour who, in your opinion, has made the best contribution to improving the looks of the suburb. Nominations are accepted for works to buildings in general or curtilage improvements, which include fences and gardens, etc. Works must have

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**SCAM ALERT**

South Hobart residents continue to be bothered by scams, as are many other Tasmanians. Falling for one (and they are many and varied) could leave you seriously out of pocket. To find out the scams being plied look at the Commonwealth Government website [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au) Andrew Wilkie, the hard-working Federal Independent Member for Denison, has also mentioned this in his June newsletter, *The Denison Independent*, which is letterboxed in South Hobart. He adds in this that worried residents targeted by scams can call his office (6234 5255). Mr. Wilkie is taking an active interest in South Hobart - in sport with a \$1.2 million *Wellesley Park* redevelopment, and on heritage with the restoration of *All Saints' Church*, with \$79,000 of Federal funding to aid conservation of the Church's stained-glass windows. He is also enthusiastic about the potential for community use of the former *Macquarie Street State School* and is willing to help our efforts.

**SOUTH HOBART STREETS**  
*The Story of South Hobart Street by Street*  
By Donald Howatson

Observant residents will have noticed a purple covered booklet titled, *The Story of South Hobart: Street by Street*, available at *The Salad Bowl* and *The South Hobart Newsagency*. Most, but not all, South Hobart streets are listed, even if only with a cursory description. As many long-term residents will remember, the Newsletter had an occasional series of articles on various streets of note, but it is very convenient and fascinating to have all the information to hand in one publication. Well worth a look. A copy should be in every South Hobart house! \$15 per copy.

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## SMART BOXES

The Urban Smart Project acknowledges that everyone relates to his or her community and local service roles in his or her own way. The project is a community-based activity which gives residents the opportunity to express their community pride by designing an artwork which reflects their immediate environment, character or culture of the suburb, or history of the area". Several examples have appeared around the suburb already. The colours used have to be bright and not too dark, as if too dark there is a risk that the signal boxes may overheat. Any comments?

### MORE ON PETER BRAIN

Many of you will know of Peter as a strong advocate for the natural environment as demonstrated through his role is the Wilderness Society, the Conservation Trust, Tasmanian Greens and the like. But I've been asked to say a few words about Peter Brian the urban conservationist and the planning activist. I first met Peter in about 1989 when, following the substantial public outcry over the construction of that hideous pile of bricks now known as the Hotel Grand Chancellor, a number of community groups, interested in the urban environment, emerged. One such was known as Citizens for Hobart. Formed by luminaries such as Pete Hay, Richard Flanagan and Jim Russell, I had the privilege of running the organisation with Peter for a number of years. The Organisation, in its heyday, boasted about 150 members and made both the development industry and those who had been in power for some time, sit up and take notice. Citizens for Hobart had its city base at the Salamanca Stall that Peter manned come rain or shine. It was from here that the campaign was waged against ugly or ordinary 'overdevelopment' and prosecuted for a better designed and a more people friendly city. As with so many walks of life, the radicals and leaders of such 'fringe' movements are so often berated and pilloried by the media and

community leaders at the time only to find that the views they put forward become the accepted norm within a few decades. Now the value of public spaces, 'pedestrianisation' and heritage buildings is more or less the *status quo* as witnessed by the Hobart City Council's engagement of Jan Gehl. Peter was such a leader and trend setter in these areas. Citizens for Hobart took to publishing an A3 broadsheet, setting out what, in retrospect, seem like pretty courageous, if not libelous, views. Frankly, I'm surprised we got away with it! It was called *City Views*. Peter had a regular column to vent his spleen - it was called *Brain Storming*. Amongst the direct results of Citizens for Hobart's agitation, and particularly that of Peter and Robert Vincent (another larger-than-life and passionate defender of the public interest in the city), was the retention of the two sandstone buildings in Salamanca Square which now house the *Hobart Bookshop* and *BarCelona*. Destined originally for demolition, these are now the show pieces in that area. Another is the saving, from the wrecker's ball, of the old *Blundstone* building in Campbell Street, which was converted into the Children's Court as part of the Magistrate's Court redevelopment. **Peter did make a difference.** The City and the Cove we have today and, moreover, the attitude of developers and aldermen - to the City, its buildings spaces and people, is, I believe, quite different because the passionate rhetoric of that often grumpy and excitable bearded man eagerly imparting his views to anyone who would listen. [Brian Risby, Planning & Urban Designer.]

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Contributions are welcome and should be forwarded to the Newsletter Editor, PO Box 200 South Hobart 7004 or to [dhalserogers@hotmail.com](mailto:dhalserogers@hotmail.com) by the first Monday of each month.

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