



President: Rosemary Sandford

Hon. Secretary: David Halse Rogers

**Draft Minutes of a General Meeting held at The D'Arcy Street Community Hall
on Wednesday 11th March , 2015 at 7:30 pm.**

Chair: Dr. Rosemary Sandford.

Members Present: Alison Alexander, Pru Bonham, Lindsay Brinsdon, Phil Brown, David Halse Rogers, Ian Newman, Liz Rees, Rosemary Sandford, Malcolm & Ros Saltmarsh, Margaret Wilmot, and Kevin Wilson.

Apologies: Seven (7) members as per Attendance Register.

Minutes of the General Meeting of February 2015: The Minutes were distributed previously by email. The Minutes were taken as read and were duly approved. [Moved: Margaret Stafford; Seconded: Malcolm Saltmarsh; Accepted.]

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. A History of South Hobart Project: The issue of legal liability for the production of the book was raised by the Hon. Treasurer concerned to ensure that the Association was not saddled with unreasonable debt. Ros Saltmarsh informed the meeting that no contract (to date) had been signed with the HCC. To the best of the Convenor's knowledge, Council is underwriting the project and any losses - in the unlikely event that the book does not sell – will be borne by Council. Already \$50,000 has been distributed – to Alison and Julie Hawkins. Mike Unsworth (Cascade Brewery, CEO) is prepared to provide the venue and some catering for the official launch. Discussion ensued regarding the title of the book. Ian Newman felt that the title "Under the Mountain: The History of South Hobart" was a very local use of the term "The Mountain". KW would have liked the title to reflect the industrial history of the Suburb. A sub-committee meeting will be held before the next General Meeting to discuss marketing. Cost of the book will be \$55.

2. Macquarie Street State School (SHLAC) update: The President and Hon. Secretary will make an appointment to see Senator Eric Abetz in an effort to have a resolution to the Commonwealth funding issue to the project.

3. Hobart Rivulet Park Cycleway Proposal: The HCC is arranging further consultation on the issue with reference groups starting again. MS & RS to be the Association's representatives on the group (only two per organisation). There is a need for an action group for pedestrians. KW to investigate the history of the *Hobart Rivulet Park*.

4. 321 Davey Street "Islington Private Hotel" Change of Use to Unlisted Use (Guest House): The matter was heard on the eighteenth and nineteenth of February 2015. The Panel has reserved its decision which is expected in a month or so. The residents felt that the hearing had gone as well as could be expected. The contentious "Condition 15" was the main point of attack for the proponents of change for Islington's permit. Their lawyers also relied on the definition of "guest house" provided by Irene Duckett which the Panel queried. It was made clear to the Panel that the owners/manager of the Hotel had been in breach of the conditions of the permit on numerous occasions.

5. South Hobart Residents' Traffic Management Committee Report: Lindsay Brinsdon reported on progress (or the lack of it) towards a further meeting of the Committee. In the interim, the HCC has announced that several shopping precincts are to be upgraded with Sandy Bay occurring soon. It appears that South Hobart's ongoing requests for action have been ignored in favour of other areas in the City. It was considered that it may be time for a letter to the Editor of *The Mercury* with a carbon copy to the Lord Mayor with a copy to Mark Painter, HCC Director of Infrastructure Services. [The HCC Manager of Traffic Engineering is Angela Moore.]

6. South Hobart Community Hall Committee Report: Craig Hoey's title to be changed on the Newsletter to "Booking Manager" to reflect his altered role. The Hon. Secretary spoke to the HCC's Warwick Golding about the matters raised. An electrician will meet both KW and DHR on site to discuss the installation of a heat pump. New fluorescent tubes have been installed in the Hall.

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

8. Lady Gowrie Tasmania: It was reported that *Barrecode* was preparing for an opening shortly. The meeting discussed the possibility of sending letters to both the Minister for Local Government and to the Letters Editors of *The Mercury* and *Tasmaniantimes.com* regarding the LGT development. It is felt that the entire process was a denial of natural justice. The President reiterated community concerns regarding traffic speed and management – not to mention parking - and decontamination of the site.

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

10. Cuthbertson's Weld Street Tannery: Lindsay Brinsdon reported that Jim Playsted of *Knight Frank Real Estate* had informed him that there had been 26 expressions of interest in the Tannery site. They have been whittled down to five then two. Keep a watching brief on development applications.

11. Springs Development: Circa Morris Nunn Architects has put forward a “new” concept using a different “footprint” for the project. There were concerns about disturbance to the historic exhibition gardens, rhododendrons and dry stone walling with the previous plans.

Treasurer’s Report:

The Treasurer reported that the Association was in good shape financially. The term deposit account is due for renewal in two days. The Treasurer will rollover \$29,000. \$4,000 will be credited to the Book Account. There will be \$6,000 in the Business Account. [Put: RAS: Seconded: DHR; passed: unanimously.]
Membership currently stands at: 132

Correspondence:

In:

- OSR (NSW) Refund of unclaimed cheque
- Advertising enquiries 5 emails

Out:

- HCC various
- Other various

A motion was put that the inward correspondence be received. [RAS; KCW; Passed.]
A motion was put that the outward correspondence be endorsed. [MS; SM: Passed.]

Other Business:

1. Hobart City Council Community Engagement Event: KW reported that this event was “up in the air”. Kerry Baker (HCC) is the new bureaucrat in charge of the project.

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

3. Bushfire Season: Bushfire workshops will be given at the South Hobart Primary School on Wednesday 25th February, 2015.

4. Falconer House: Circa Morris Nunn Architects are providing services to convert Falconer House (“Marathon”) into hospice beds. Questions were asked about whether extra parking will be provided on land adjacent to the development.

5. News of Valentina Pavlovic: Stan Mather reported that Valentina’s house had been sold for \$325,000 by the Public Trustees. Regret was expressed at the Trustees’ treatment of Valentina’s life possessions. The meeting recorded its sadness at her loss to the suburb. She is currently in The Salvation Society’s aged care facility, “Barrington Lodge” in New Town. She would welcome a visit from any members.

6. “Blue Monstrosity” 6A Lynton Avenue: The meeting was brought up to date with regard to progress to have this unfinished blight on the suburb demolished.

The HCC is currently attempting to have the owner comply in the Courts – a slow process!

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

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

Meeting closed: 8:52 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th May, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

**Issues raised at the HCC Community Engagement Forum
Wednesday 8th April, 2015 South Hobart Primary School**

- Liverpool Street reconstruction.
- “Way finding” signs.
- Franklin Square Master Plan.
- Elizabeth Street Bus Mall.
- Collins Street Stormwater upgrade.
- Breaches of conditions – Neil Noye.
- Pedestrianism – street seating (esp. disabled).
- Bendigo Bank.
- HCC Strategic Plan 2014-2024
- Problems with action on traffic issues – black spots (2 tiers of govt).
- road funding (3 tiers of govt).
- Methods for improving communication between HCC and taxpayers.
- New HCC Interim Planning Scheme.