



(Incorporating Cascades Progress Association)

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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 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at 7:30 pm.**

**Chair:** Rosemary Sandford

**Members Present:** Pru Bonham, Phil Brown, Taki Douramanis, Elizabeth Green, David Halse Rogers, Stan Mather, Elisabeth Rees, Rosemary Sandford, Ros Saltmarsh, and Kevin Wilson.

**Guest:** Luca Vanzino (Woodbridge Community Association).

**Apologies:** Alison Alexander, Lindsay Brinsdon, Rosa Douramanis, Kevin Green, Veronica Mather, Kevin Morgan, Ann Pickering, Ald. Eva Ruzicka, Malcolm Saltmarsh, Cassandra Shearer, Margaret Wilmot, and Hilary Wilson.

**Minutes of the General Meeting of April 2016:**

The Minutes were circulated to members by e-mail prior to the Meeting. Minutes were confirmed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Hon. Treasurer tabled the monthly financial statement.

Breakdown of finances from March:

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| Combined accounts    | \$29,140.49 |
| History book account | \$ 5,491.71 |

Ros noted there was another \$300 today from *Fullers Bookshop* (in addition to above History book account funds).

Membership: 134 financial members.

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## BUSINESS ARISING

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1. **South Hobart Living Arts Centre Update:** The Hon. Secretary reported that funds have finally been released by the Commonwealth Government and will be held by the HCC which will release funds as required during the renovation work. There has been some reconsideration of renovation design where a common room was originally going to be developed; the Board has decided to knock out a wall and leave the space created open for now. Eventually, it is hoped, that there will be further renovations to improve the Paget Street frontage. The Board is waiting to go ahead with building renovations – still anticipating October to move in.
  
2. **McRobies Gully Tip Update:** The ETA has produced an 85-page assessment report on the current planning application. Pru can email the PDF file around if desired. The final report includes the good neighbour agreement; however there is not yet another meeting scheduled with the Council. (EPA report goes back to Council.) Anna Reynolds wanted a meeting by June but not looking likely at present.  
Someone from the 'threatened species' group objected to the loss of blue gums so the EPA has recommended planting more as a corridor along to *Wellington Park* – for the swift parrot.  
No particular traffic information – the Female Factory seems to have back-pedalled on concerns. A number of resident concerns have been noted on the complaints register.

**ACTION:** Pru will email ETA report to David and Elizabeth Green.

3. **Beneath the Mountain update:** 1,100 copies have been sold, 36 copies have been distributed but unsold, as yet. 901 books remain. Another \$15,000 has been paid to the HCC.  
*Volume Two* (bookshop) has gone into liquidation. Ros & Salty are unclear how this legally stands in terms of the four books (\$240 worth), but have to imagine we have probably 'lost' these.  
Positive response to the website continues. There are more flyers if anyone would like to distribute. Ros & Salty are about to download more photos to the Facebook page.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

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- i. **State Planning Scheme Provisions:** the State Government is marketing the new planning scheme as '*cheaper, fairer, simpler and faster*'. Discussion ensued about the failure of the new associated planning provisions to respect the individual differences of Tasmanian towns, cities and suburbs, which are often varied and add to the charm and amenity of living in Tasmania. For instance, the new Scheme will allow boundary to boundary development (see ASHN May 2016), and virtually ignores heritage as a factor in good town planning decisions. SHPA should send a representation to Council

about this including comment on heights of building, heritage and streetscape considerations (e.g. 1.8 metre high fences), etc. SHPA could also lodge something with *The Mercury* or *Tasmaniantimes.com*.

Public officer from Woodbridge Community Association – Luca Vanzino – introduced himself and provided some examples of the issues with this scheme in Kingborough/Woodbridge.

**ACTION:** Luca will email Jess Freely's summary to David. He noted the *Tasmanian Planning Commission* will not simply accept a paragraph response.

There was a discussion around a motion for SHPA to write to the TPC supporting the Hobart City Council submission.

**ACTION:** Kevin will forward on-line link to the City Planning Committee Agenda Draft State Planning (see specifically Item 7 and Attachment A.

**ACTION:** Members are requested to read the above and comment to David by Friday.

**MOTION:** That this Association respond to the Planning Commission in writing, supporting the Hobart City Council submission.

**Moved:** Kevin Wilson

**Seconded:** Pru Bonham

A further suggestion was also made that SHPA can put in a second submission, e.g. specific to South Hobart.

ii. **Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter:** Is the Newsletter looking a little tired? Is it time for a review? Kevin circulated some ideas for consideration. Discussion involved:

- The need for more contributors.

**ACTION:** David to send letter to encourage engagement and contribution.

- Colour – David advised a colour version is on-line on the website and a coloured version also emailed out. A colour printed version of the Newsletter is too expensive.

**ACTION:** David to make some inquiries about cost of colour.

- Appreciation expressed by a number of members for the regular work and distribution the Newsletter entails – particular thanks to Kevin, David, Kevin Green and Lindsay. Delivery of the Newsletter would not be possible without many volunteers.

**ACTION:** David to add the history book Facebook page to the newsletter.

iii. **Pedestrian issues:** Pru attended the Alderman Reynolds and Alderman Thomas forum (Smart Urban Futures and Walking conference) last week. Kevin particularly interested in better pedestrian facilities in Hobart city. Plans at present include pedestrian overpass bridges and changing gradients of paths. *Jane's Walk* (run by the Heart Foundation) around North Hobart was very successful. Promotion is entirely done by the Heart Foundation. Discussion for consideration of similar South Hobart walk.

iv. **'Blundstone' site:** Taki, Kevin and David met Stefan Giameos last week. Current information:

- No entry or exit from Weld Street
- 20 townhouses planned (not the 38 the HCC advised he could have)
- Mostly 2 storey/3 bedroom buildings of composite brick and weatherboard with skillion roofs.
- 48 car parking spaces for residents and visitors
- Pitched at working professionals ('lifestyle village'-walk to CBD) and intended to be around \$500/\$600K each.
- Donating six metres of land to 'the Rivulet path'. He will also provide the HCC with land at the end of Wynyard Street to create a manoeuvring bay, which will make turning for cars easier
- Taki noted Stefan said he would preserve the wall and would like to pay some sort of homage to Blundstones

Plans have been lodged (Kevin noted he has seen on-line advice about this). David commented that the group came away feeling fairly positive – Mr. Giameos appears to be seeking a good relationship with the community.

Thanks to Taki, Kevin and David for taking the time to meet with Stefan.

v. **Wellesley Park:** Janet Stone (Bushcare representative), Malcolm Saltmarsh (Hobart Dog Walkers' Association representative), Ros Saltmarsh (SHPA) met with planner David Beaver (Landscape Architect from HCC). Ben Clark representing South Hobart Community Garden and South Hobart Sustainable Community couldn't attend but was kept informed. Plans include:

- 'Bandicoot balcony'
- Picnic tables
- Natural playscape of logs and boulders
- Swings to be retained
- Installation of hill slide/s and small children's bike track
- Retain off-leash dog exercise space.

David Beaver will prepare some draft concept plans that can then be circulated to the relevant users and stakeholder groups for comment.

**ACTION:** Ros will send David Beaver's details to Rosemary and David.

- vi. Congress/Wellesley intersection:** This intersection is becoming increasingly dangerous with the increase of soccer-related traffic. Rosemary confirmed this issue can be referred to the *South Hobart Residents' Traffic Committee*.
- vii. Oak Lodge Excursion:** 12 people currently signed up for the trip to the NT's Oak Lodge (Richmond) this Saturday to see rehanging of heritage-designed wallpaper. Meeting there at 11:00 am. Kevin has swatches and fragments from his grandfather's rolls of wallpapers which he will take for viewing also and to show to the wallpaper archaeologist, Alan Townsend. Aim on Saturday is to have luncheon after spending time at Oak Lodge. The cost of luncheon to be subsidised by the Association.

**Meeting closed:** 9:00pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7:30pm