



SOUTH HOBART PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Incorporating Cascades Progress Association)

Founded 1922

ABN 65 850 310 318

President: Mr. Kevin Wilson

Hon. Secretary: Mr. David Halse Rogers

President's Annual Report 2000.

I have the pleasure in presenting a report on the activities of the South Hobart Progress Association (SHPA Inc.) for the year ending 30th June, 2000. As in recent years, there has been no lack of issues to be considered by the Association in its efforts towards its basic objects as detailed in the Constitution.

Except for those meetings at which particular issues were advertised as being on the agenda, our monthly meetings, by and large, were attended by the Executive and a few stalwart members only. However, I was encouraged by the interest shown in our Association as illustrated by a relatively good membership list, communication by way of mail/telephone, and personal contacts on matters of concern to residents. Perhaps we need to make our meetings more interesting.

Communication

The local *A South Hobart Newsletter* continues to assist in building a spirit of community and the Association thanks all who contribute to its production and circulation.

South Hobart Community Centre

The Community Centre in D'Arcy Street, owned by the *Hobart City Council*, but managed by a sub-committee of the SHPA Inc. continues to be a useful community resource for meetings and other functions. The usage rate increased during the year, so benefiting the financial resources of the Association. Particular thanks go to the Centre Manager, Mr. Philip Hoysted and his wife Robyn, for their efforts. Thanks also go to all those who served on the management sub-committee

Heritage

Protection, promoting and recording the heritage of the suburb remains a major objective of our Association. During the year, the *Hobart City Council* commissioned a **Heritage Study** to be conducted by historian, Ian Terry, for a major part of South Hobart. Members of the Association made major contributions and *A South Hobart Newsletter* provided much background information on the suburb's unique past. The resulting Draft document is a useful reference on the history of the suburb.

A local history group was established under the chairmanship of Mr. Kevin Green, and this meets regularly.

The former owners of 6 Elboden Street, Mr. Chris Wisbey and Ms. Sally Daikis, won the *Annual Streetscape Competition*.

The Association continues to work towards the maintenance of the KEENS CURRY sign, as an icon of South Hobart and the whole of Hobart.

Planning Issues

A major objective of the Association is to be a watchdog against unsympathetic developments planned for our suburb. During the year major issues were:

Transend Powerlines This issue was resolved, at least to the satisfaction of local residents, through the efforts of an active sub-committee headed by Carol Bond.

Rezoning of 162A Forest Road, West Hobart At the time of writing, this issue has not been resolved. [Rezoning from Rural to Residential 2A]

St. John's Hospital Revised Master Plan The Association has co-operated with a well-organised local resident group.

6 Star Street, Sandy Bay The RMPAT found in favour of the developer to allow major alterations to one of four identical cottages listed by the National Trust. The proposed works have not proceeded, to date.

Bonfire and Fireworks Night 2000

The ninth annual event was held on Saturday 21st May in co-operation with the *Mt. Nelson Volunteer Fire Brigade* (previously based in South Hobart). The event was sponsored by the *Hobart City Council*, many local businesses, and *Cascade Brewery*. As well as being a good social event, excess funds raised are put towards equipment for the fire brigade to assist in their efforts towards fire protection in our bushland area.

Parklands/Open Spaces

The Association welcomed the extension of the *Hobart Rivulet Linear Park* to Molle Street and improvements along McKellar Street. The SHPA

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continued to negotiate for improved and sympathetic maintenance of this Park and for improvement to and safety in other parks in the suburb. The Association is a strong supporter of the **Skyline Preservation** movement now abroad in the City.

Other Activities

The Association participates in or co-operates with other community groups such as:

- FIREGUARD - bush fire protection and education
- Local Area Traffic Management - in association with the HCC
- South Hobart Neighbourhood Watch - on security/safety issues
- METRO - on improving bus services, particularly in outer areas of the suburb.

Thanks

Thanks must be given to all workers in the Association but especially members of the Executive, Mr. David Halse Rogers (Honorary Secretary), Ms. Sally Shepherd (Honorary Treasurer), and Mr. Stan Mather (Senior Vice President), for work well beyond their nominal responsibilities. My thanks, also, to Roslyn and Malcolm Saltmarsh and Grant Kench for work on planning issues.

Conclusion

Some thoughts for the future: I recommend that the future Executive work towards:

- More active membership of the Association
- Greater acceptance by the *HCC* and other authorities that community associations must have more say on issues directly affecting residents
- A local heritage room
- A more transparent and people-friendly process for the resolution of planing matters
- More accountability for their actions and voting record by our elected members in local government

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