



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 2001.

I have the pleasure to present the annual Report on the activities of *The South Hobart Progress Association Inc.* (SHPA Inc.) for the year ending 30th June, 2001.

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.

Attendances

Whilst attendance at the ten general meeting was only fair to moderate, I am encouraged that the Association is well supported as indicated by a healthy membership and contacts with our Executive by residents with particular concerns.

Communication with Residents

- *A South Hobart Newsletter* was distributed within the suburb (and to all aldermen of the Hobart City Council and the Library of Tasmania) on each of the planned eleven months of the year. The Association thanks all who contribute to its production and distribution.
- *Cadence FM 99.3 Radio* As a new initiative, the Association has had co-operation from local community radio station *Cadence FM 99.3MhzA* through Manager, Mr. Chris Daly. As a result, there is now a fortnightly half hour radio show, *The Locals*, addressing local

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issues and organised by Dr. Rob White. I hope that this initiative can be developed in future.

South Hobart Community Centre

A sub-committee of the Association manages the Centre in D'Arcy Street, owned by the *Hobart City Council*. Our thanks to Centre Manager, Philip Hoysted and his wife, Robyn, for their efforts.

Heritage

The Local History Group, established last year under the chairmanship of Mr. Kevin Green, now meets regularly with good attendances. The establishment of a local history room remains an aim of the Group. "***A South Hobart 1904***" project hopes to document our suburb as it was in that year, coinciding with Hobart's Bicentenary in 2004. ***The Annual Streetscape Award***, designed to foster an appreciation and awareness of built heritage in the suburb, was again well supported by local residents.

Cascades Progress Association

At the invitation of a reconstituted ***Cascades Progress Association***, the CPA was incorporated into our Association for a trial period of two years from September 2000. At the end of the trial period, there will be an opportunity for CPA to become an independent organisation. The SHPA Inc. will have control of CPA funds for this interim period

Planning Issues

A major objective of the Association is to be alert to unsympathetic development in our suburb. Major issues during the year were:

162A Forest Road, West Hobart Development This Association made a submission to the *Resource Planning and Development Commission* (RPDC) stating our objection to the rezoning (from Rural to Residential 2A) of this prominent landmark. Unfortunately, after all this time and effort our case was dismissed.

St. John's Hospital Master Plan The new owners of the hospital have withdrawn the extant plan and agreed to co-operate with the Association and local residents to develop a new Plan.

462 Macquarie Street SHPA representation accepted by Council.

2 Elboden Street Council approved a development on eight new townhouses around a heritage-listed building. Association had raised concerns relating to traffic, loss of amenity and ruination of curtilage for the old house.

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Ingram Street Turning Circle In an interesting exercise in "resident power", the *Hobart City Council* accepted an alternative plan for the turning circle development by local resident, Mr. James McIldowney, a professional consultant surveyor.

Macquarie Street/Cascade Road Townscape Project During the year, *Hobart City Council* officers prepared documentation to identify elements, which contribute to the townscape and streetscape in this major transport, residential, and business precinct.

There was a presentation to residents at the April meeting of the SHPA. The Association made comments and further contribution to the project.

The Tenth Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night 2001

The tenth annual event continues to be our major social event, and is now recognised as a significant event for the greater Hobart region. *Hobart City Council* was again our major sponsor, along with much needed support from the many local businesses. *Cascade Brewery* must be thanked for the provision of the site and other services. *The Mt. Nelson Volunteer Fire Brigade* again was responsible for the "technical aspects" of the evening. A special thanks goes to the Deputy Lord Mayor, Ald. Pru Bonham for officiating. Stan Mather and David Halse Rogers are also thanked for their extraordinary efforts to ensure the event went ahead this year. Finally, a big thanks to ***Brambles Industries*** without whose assistance the event would not have occurred at all.

Aldermanic Elections 2000

As a contribution towards accountability in local government, the Association prepared a questionnaire on a variety of issues with an invitation to candidates to respond. The Association intends to monitor the responses by elected representatives in the future.

Finance

The Association continues to be in a very satisfactory state, our income derived from advertising in our Newsletter. The introduction of the Commonwealth Government's *Goods and Services Tax* caused considerable activity for our Executive and professional financial advisers. Much to our relief, the Association is now "exempt" from GST and not required to lodge **Business Activity Statements**. Through pressure of work and other commitments, Sally Shepherd, our long-serving Hon. Treasurer resigned midway through her term. We thank Sally for her years of unstinting service to the Association in this and many other capacities, and hope that we can look forward to her membership and support in other ways.

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Being unable to recruit a replacement, David Halse Rogers has taken on the role with the able support of Eva Ruzicka. We thank them for their efforts.

Council of Hobart Progress Associations

The Association continues to participate actively in the affairs of the CHPA, which takes a Hobart-wide view of issues of interest to residents.

Community BBQ

A new social event this year was the *Community BBQ*, which was held in early December. It is to be hoped that this event will appear regularly on our calendar.

Communication with Metro

Through the efforts of Ruth Greenwood, the Association has established close links with METRO. This has resulted in better public transport services being provided to South Hobart, more in keeping with the times and types of service actually requested by local users.

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
- Network for Harmony - encouraging a more tolerant attitude to minority groups.

Thanks

Thanks must also be given to all workers for the Association but especially David Halse Rogers (who now has two jobs), Stan Mather and Ruth Greenwood, as well as Ros and Malcolm Saltmarsh on planning issues.

Conclusion

As I did in my previous report, I appeal for members to be more active in our Association, so reducing the workload on our Executive.

Kevin Wilson.

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