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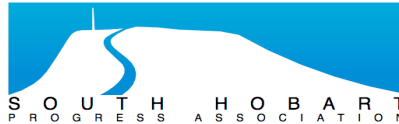
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NEXT SHPA MEETING

The first meeting of the year will be a **Special General Meeting** of the Membership to discuss and, if agreed to by the Meeting, ratify the donation of monies towards the restoration of *All Saints' Church*. The Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th February, 2013** in the *South Hobart Community Hall*, 42 D'Arcy Street, commencing at **7:30pm**. All residents are welcome to attend. Current financial members have voting rights. New residents are especially welcome

SOUTH HOBART BUSHCARE

The South Hobart Bushcare Group will be meeting for the first time in 2013. Come along and join us on **Sunday 17th February** from 10:00 am to 12:30pm at the Ingram Street end of *Wellesley Park*. All tools provided. All most welcome to come.

SOUTH HOBART CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2013

In recognition of her distinguished and unstinting service to the South Hobart community, the Association is pleased to announce that it has awarded **Mrs. Beryl Gawlik**, South Hobart Post Mistress from 1973-1993, its **Eminent Citizen Award** for 2013. The Association, on behalf of the wider community, wishes Beryl continued health in retirement. [In forthcoming issues, the Newsletter will include "Anecdotes from a former Post Mistress".]

FEMALE FACTORY

Heritage grant to reveal footprints of convict history

Our heritage is fundamental to our local & national identity and informs us about where we have come from and who we are. The yards of the *Cascades Female Factory* will be filled with the footprints of the convict buildings that housed the women who were once held and worked there, as part of a conservation and interpretation project funded by the Federal Government's *Your Community Heritage* programme. The funding will provide \$374,000 to improve visitor experiences at the World Heritage-listed site which once housed over 1,000 people. *The Cascades Female Factory* played an important role in Australia's history and this funding will help to ensure it

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is able to continue telling that story. *The Cascades Female Factory* opened in 1828 and operated as a prison and place of punishment for re-offending female convicts, a female labour hiring depot, a hospital, a nursery, a place for pregnant convicts and a workplace. The site is a poignant reminder of the hardships women faced during the empire-building period and an important memorial to the lives lost at the site. As one of the only places of early female imprisonment with remains intact, it is one of the most significant sites of convict heritage in the world. The conservation and interpretation project will include design and building of interpretive footprints of the former chapels and offices in Yards 1 and 4 at the site at the South Hobart site. Once the footprint is in place, visitors will be able to explore the stories of convict women through interpretation media. *The Cascades Female Factory* is one of eleven sites that form the Australian Convict Sites World Heritage property. It is managed by the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority.

BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLANS

Given the proximity of South Hobart, the Cascades and Ferntree to bushland, and the need for care and vigilance over the next few danger months, the *South Hobart Progress Association Inc.* would like to remind all residents and visitors to these areas to check their **Bushfire Survival Plans** and to familiarise themselves with their **nearest safer place** identified by the *Tasmania Fire Service* on its website www.fire.tas.gov.au.

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FARLEIGH

Farleigh, an ornate Federation house at 380 Huon Road is one of the lesser-known architectural gems of South Hobart. It was recently put up for sale by the Watchorn Family, who has owned it since Lt. Col. E.T. Watchorn, Commander of the *Second Imperial Bushmen's Contingent* from Tasmania, built it around 1900. He was mentioned in dispatches and lived and died at *Farleigh*. The property, on three acres, is mostly garden, grassy paddock and remnant bush with a substantial wildlife population. The remnant bush is inhabited by several threatened species, including Eastern barred bandicoots, micro bats, bettongs, Pademelons and Bennett's wallabies, echidnas, blue tongue lizards and numerous birds. It is a regular feeding and roosting site for endangered Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoos and Striated Pardalotes and at least six other species of Honey eaters. Lieutenant-Colonel Edwin Watchorn wrote under date Deelfontein, South Africa 6th March 1901: "I wish to draw your attention to an error which appeared in your columns on Monday, 20th January, 1901 in which it mentions two sergeants of the *2nd Tasmanian Imperial Contingent* having distinguished themselves at the capture of Commandant Erasmus and two other Commandants. This

should have been Quartermaster-Sergeant D. M. Lyne (No. 193) and Transport-Sergeant Coombe (No.259). The facts were that Colonel Gorringer called for volunteers to storm a *kopje* on which the enemy were known to be. Sergeant-Major Young, of the Cape Police, selected seven men, four of whom were Tasmanians. They instantly charged the *kopje*, and found, by the fire, that there were a large number of Boers there. Without hesitating, they galloped right into their midst, and succeeded, as before said, in capturing three Commandants, and shooting and capturing other Boers. The Boers, thinking there were a large number of khakis coming, became disorganised, and fled. Sergeant-Major Young, on being interviewed, stated that if he had twenty Tasmanians he would go anywhere. I am pleased to have had these two sergeants mentioned in despatches. Am sorry I was unable to have had the other two mentioned, who were equally brave. Numerous instances of the bravery of our men could be given, but will furnish matter for a future occasion. This is merely to correct the error which occurred in the name of Sergeant Coombe. One instance I should like to mention, showing what the Boers think of Australians: when Commandant Scheepers was interviewed previous to his execution, and asked what troops were feared most in the field, his reply was, "Give me 600 *Bushmen* and I would go anywhere."

[John Bufton, *Tasmanians in the Transvaal War*, Launceston, 1905, pp. 331 - 386.]

ROAMING DOGS

Residents are advised that several unsupervised dogs have been observed hunting, as a pack, for rabbits and other wildlife. Dogs who kill are known to become more ferocious towards humans and other animals. The risk to small children and the elderly is obvious. For the sake of your pets and the community, the Association suggests that owners ensure that their canine pals are kept secure. It has also been reported that snares have been set in the Park. Setting snares is illegal.

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