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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 13th August, 2014 at 7:30 pm.**

Chair: Dr. Rosemary Sandford.

Members Present: Alison Alexander, Pru Bonham, Lindsay Brinsdon, Paddy Byers, Phil Brown, David Halse Rogers, Elizabeth Green, John Lahey, Christine Ludford, Stan Mather, Eva Ruzicka, Rosemary Sandford, Malcolm & Ros Saltmarsh, Richard Spurrier, Margaret Wilmot, and Kevin Wilson.

Apologies: Six (6) members as per Attendance Register.

Minutes of the General Meeting of July 2014: The Minutes were distributed previously by email. The Minutes were taken as read and were duly approved. [Moved: KW; Seconded: Pru B; Passed.]

Standing Orders were suspended to enable a most informative and enjoyable presentation by Dr. Alison Alexander on **Robert Lathrop Murray**, who has kindly agreed to provide the Association with a copy of her notes on this most interesting colonial character.

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. A History of South Hobart Project: Malcolm Saltmarsh asked for a round of applause to Alison Alexander on her recent awards (see Newsletter). Alison reported that she would complete writing by the end of the year. Please forward any ideas for topics to Alison. There will be a need to scan the photographs selected for the book. DHR is to approach Luke Wagner for advice on this. MS reported that donations to the book are rolling in. (Donors will be acknowledged in the book.) There has been a presentation of an anecdote by Margaret O'Farrell.

2. 325 Davey Street (Ferndene) Council Decision: The HCC unanimously rejected the application from the owners of *Ferndene* for a retrospective DA to demolish chimneys. An order has been made for the reinstatement of the said chimneys to commence within six (6) months, following an amendment to the

original order for reinstatement in three (3) months by Ald. Zucco, seconded by Ald Sexton.

3. Bendigo Bank Community Fund: Following the recent meeting held by Anna Reynolds at *Ginger Brown* to assess the possibility of establishing such an entity in South Hobart, it was decided to invite her and representatives of *Bendigo Bank* to address the September meeting.

4. 321 Davey Street "Islington Private Hotel" Change of Use to Unlisted Use (Guest House): A lively residents' meeting was held recently to plan action for this "new" application from the owners of Islington. The current application for "Unlisted Use (Guest House) (Re-advertised - Amended Application)" has only one slight – but important addendum – that being the inclusion of an opinion by HCC planner, Ms. Elizabeth Wilson, defining exactly what constitutes a "guest house". The Association and members are asked to lodge individual representations (asap and before Wednesday 20th August, 2014 at 5:15 pm by email: representation@hobartcity.com.au).

5. South Hobart Residents' Traffic Management Committee Report: Lindsay Brinsdon reflected the irritation and disappointment of the community and the Association at the continued lack of action over the traffic issues in the South Hobart Village precinct by Council, especially given the recent application by *Lady Gowrie, Tasmania* to build a complex on the Macquarie Street frontage of *Performance Autos*. There is unlikely to be any progress in the near future (especially given Council elections due in October). The next meeting should be in September. The SHPA (Inc.) will write to the General Manager with copy to Mark Painter, HCC Director of infrastructure Services. On a positive note: a traffic pedestrian island is to be constructed near the intersection of Livingston Street and The Huon Road.

6. South Hobart Community Hall Committee Report: New heating has been installed in the Hall by the HCC. The HCC has installed a lever lock to the "front" door for those users who were having difficulty operating the previous handle. Phil Brown has arranged for a strong box (for hall users payments and donations) to be constructed and placed on the kitchen wall. HCC approved this. The Association has also received approval to investigate alternative locking systems: a keypad lock is probably the best way to go according to Jacksons Security (6234 2555) The Hon. Secretary will try to contact Jenny Marshall, who was the last known contact for the Playgroup to clear up the issue of payment for use. (Records suggest that no payment has been received for nearly eighteen months.)

7. Council of Hobart Community Associations (CHCA): The Annual General Meeting was held recently with the office bearers remaining largely unchanged. KW is Hon. Secretary. The CHCA has decided on in-principal support for Roland Browne's *Gun Control Australia* organisation.

Treasurer's Report:

- Membership now stands at 117.

- \$610 has been received as donations towards the production of *A History of South Hobart*.
- The term deposits have been combined.
- The business account is healthy – it includes \$5,000 donation to the book.

Correspondence:

In:

- HCC various
- Advertising enquiries 5 email / 2 telephone

Out:

- HCC various
- Other various

A motion was put that the inward correspondence be received. [PruB; RAS; Passed.]

A motion was put that the outward correspondence be endorsed. [PB; MW: Passed.]

Other Business:

1. Alterations to Sporting Grounds in South Hobart: KW reported that the HCC has committed funding (\$1.4 million) to the upgrading of the *South Hobart Soccer Ground* and to *Wellesley Park*. The SHSG will be top dressed and improved drainage installed. *Wellesley Park* will have a major make-over of the clubhouse. Kevin reported that there were suggestions that a through traffic route could be made by joining the Park with Ingram Street. This move was not popular with the meeting and would probably be strenuously resisted by residents of Ingram Street. The Soccer Club has around 100 boys who play regularly.

2. 25th Anniversary of the First Bushcare Group in Australia: The Meeting reflected on the fact that Australia's first *Bushcare* group was established in South Hobart at the instigation of Maggie Nettleship (a former President of the Association) and other local residents.

3. Sightlines improved at 19B Congress Street: Pru Bonham reported that there has been a major improvement in the sightlines at Congress Street with the removal of vegetation at 19B Congress Street (owner: Manager *Duke of Wellington*.)

4. HCC Committee on Access for Pedestrians: KW reported that an audit is to be undertaken by Council of some facilities in the suburb for the disabled.

5. Animals of South Hobart: A competition is to be held to invite residents to provide photographs of their canine pets which will eventually find a place on the Association's website. Dogs are up first, but future requests for family cats and other animals will follow. School children will be invited to write about the importance of their pets to the family. Any anecdotes will be welcome. Prizes will be awarded in two classes: children (under 13) and others. The prizes will be \$30 gift vouchers at *Top Dog*.

6. Moveable Cultural Heritage Industrial Items - Cuthbertson's Tannery: KW and LB are investigating what Cuthbertson's plans to do with the tannery's machinery. To where exactly have the items been removed? A letter is to be sent from the Association to Matthew Groom, Minister for Heritage. An article will appear in a future issue of the Newsletter on this fascinating aspect of South Hobart's industrial heritage.

7. WWI Anzac Memorial Service: Members reported on the Service held at St. David's Cathedral to remember the 100th anniversary of WWI. The Collegiate Choir provided wonderful music.

9. Mountain Festival (Neil Fagg): Ros Saltmarsh advised the Meeting that Neil Fagg, who was of much assistance in matters related to the Hobart Rivulet and the Mountain Festival, is leaving the State to go to Sydney. She requested that the Association send a letter of appreciation to him for all his efforts on behalf of the South Hobart community, especially with the Association's submission to the HCC regarding the Book Project.

10. 9 Lynton Avenue, South Hobart ("The Blue Building"): To comments regarding the continued physical eyesore presented to all by the state of the "building" project at 9 Lynton Avenue, the Meeting was informed that Council had taken the matter to the Magistrate's Court. (This is another example of where Council's Compliance Unit is completely unable to enforce development applications, as has been amply demonstrated over the years by the flouting of conditions imposed on the use of *Islington Private Hotel*.) A final comment from the floor was that: "Tolman's Hill resulted in Porter Hill being preserved". [HCC DESC Agenda Item 11.1 03/06/2013. See HCC file.]

11. News of Members – Valentina Pavlovic: SM reported that Valentina had been back to her home for a second visit. She also discovered that a friend had died recently.

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

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

Meeting closed: 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th September, 2014 at 7:30 pm.