



**President:** Rosemary Sandford

**Hon. Secretary:** David Halse Rogers

**Minutes of a General Meeting held at The D'Arcy Street Community Hall  
on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at 7:30 pm.**

**Chair:** Dr. Rosemary Sandford.

**Present:** Kerry Baker (HCC), Pru Bonham, Lindsay Brinsdon, Phil Brown, David Halse Rogers, Elizabeth Green, Rosemary Sandford, Malcolm & Roslyn Saltmarsh, Stan Mather, Margaret Wilmot, Roger Viney HCC) and Kevin Wilson.

**Apologies:** Seven (7) members as per *Attendance Register*.

Standing orders were suspended so that the Meeting could hear from Roger Viney, HCC Director Parks and Customer Services and Kerry Baker regarding upcoming Community For a to be conducted by the Council, possibly on 12<sup>th</sup> March or in early April. The aim of the fora is for Council to better engage with the community. Roger indicated that, at present, the Council was not open enough in its dealings with ratepayers. Initially, meetings will be held with the *Mt. Stuart Community Association* and with the *South Hobart Progress Association (Inc.)* as both these organisations are seen as very active organisations. However, the meetings will be open to all residents of the Greater Hobart area. *The Community Engagement Group* will be chaired by Roger Viney, and whilst the Council will set an agenda, it will be up to community groups and residents to raise issues and concerns. Kerry Baker ([bakerk@hobartcity.com.au](mailto:bakerk@hobartcity.com.au)) will be dealing with the day-to-day practicalities of the fora. She has asked whether the SHPA (Inc.) could assist HCC officers with ideas for the first agenda. The meeting raised the following issues as worthy of discussion: Council' new Strategic Plan, the Customer Service Charter, traffic management issues, parks, refuse collection, etc. The aim is to make the HCC a more outward looking enterprise than is the case at present.

**Minutes of November 2013 Meeting:** have been distributed by email. [Put: Phil Brown; Seconded: Pru Bonham; Passed.]

***Business arising from the Minutes:***

**1. Member News:** Life member, Valentina Pavlovic, is moving from the Repatriation Hospital the Salvation Army's *Barrington Lodge* in New Town this Friday. It is a sad time for her, having lived in her home in Hillborough Road for

the past sixty years. The Association will send flowers and especially thanks Stan and Veronica Mather for assisting Valentina in making the move less traumatic. [A motion was put to authorise the purchase of flowers to the value of \$70. Put: Pru Bonham; seconded: Elizabeth Green. Passed: unanimously.]

**2. Macquarie Street State School:** The President, Honorary Secretary and Lindsay Brinsdon have had further meetings with Scott Bacon and Elise Archer since last year. Whilst nothing further has been heard from the State Government, feedback and assurances from Elise Archer indicate that the funding is "in place". The security of the site continues to be a concern. The Lord Mayor, Damon Thomas, has had meetings with the State bureaucrats. Two weeks ago, the Assistant Minister, Jamie Briggs, was in Hobart representing Minister Truss. It is to be hoped that her meetings were positive. Andrew Wilkie has sent a letter to Warren Truss reiterating the undertakings that were given to him prior to the recent Federal elections. RS had a meeting with Neil Cameron to settle on wording for an email to Elise Archer. It is a possibility that the Liberals will make an announcement about the funding during the current State Election campaign in order to improve Elise Archer's re-election prospects.

**2. A History of South Hobart Project:** Funding from the HCC to cover the author's on-going costs has commenced. To date, Alison has received \$15,000. She has just finished the period up to 1939. Interested members are welcome – indeed, encouraged – to proof the sections to date, which are available from Malcolm Saltmarsh. Alison would be most grateful for any feedback at all. The "tease" articles in the *Newsletter* continue to elicit comment.

**4. Website construction by Nicholas King from Lemon Pie Design:** The *PayPal* payment option in the Membership website is now functional.

**5. Islington Private Hotel Change of Use to Unlisted Use (Function Venue):** Leave on Agenda.

**6. South Hobart Residents' Traffic Management Committee:** The President will join the Committee. Next meeting at the HCC will be on Tuesday 18th February 2014. The on-site meeting outside Terry Carliss' *South Hobart Butchery* was positive and will be the topic of discussion next week. There are indications that the pedestrian refuges in this section of Macquarie Street will be enlarged to provide a modicum of safety for local, especially the elderly from *Vaucluse Gardens Retirement Village*. An anemometer has been set up outside the Newsagency. KW hopes that the findings will add further weight to the community's insistence that the speed limit between 'Broadley's Corner' and *Mondos Bread* be reduced to 40 kph.

**7. Significant Tree Register – 121 King Street:** The HCC Cultural Heritage Officer, Andrew Robert-Tissot, has been in contact with the owner to discuss the recent unauthorised "pruning" of this King Street landmark. The owner is still not convinced that the tree is listed on the HCC's Register, but has indicated that he is not planning further "improvements" to the shape of the tree. During the recent high winds, a further large section of the elm was broken.

**8. Badminton Centre Mural and Streetscape:** A copy of a letter, from the Lord Mayor in response to that from Mrs. Keitha Scarr, suggesting that Council consider tree planting along the section of Cascade Road outside the Badminton Centre was received indicating that the suggestion would be investigated by Parks. The Association will write in support of Mrs. Scarr's suggestion.

**9. South Hobart Community Hall Committee:** It was reported that the Playgroup had not paid for over a year, since the changeover of personnel. The group is quite prepared to pay. The matter will be left to the Hall Committee. [The Hon. Treasurer reported that the Hall is currently paying its way. Hall receipts were around \$3,000; expenditure costs \$1,900.]

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Association's financial status is sound. The funding is available for the history book project when needed. The term account signatories are the President, the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Secretary. There is an opportunity to place funds in longer term accounts to benefit from better interest rates available from *My State Financial*. The Meeting agreed to extending the term deposit periods to four (4) months and thanked the Hon. Treasurer for his hard work in managing these accounts for the Association.

#### **Correspondence:**

In:

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| • Lemon Pie Design        | Various emails |
| • CFFHS (Greta MacDonald) | various emails |
| • Advertising enquiries   | 5 emails       |

Out:

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| • Lemon Pie Design | Various emails  |
| • HCC              | Letters various |

#### **Other Business:**

**1. Cuthbertson's Tannery (39 Weld/62 Wynyard Streets) Plans:** Concern was expressed that the current demolition work on the Tannery land was to include the demolition of the historically important Hursey "trio". Brendan Lennard has been advised of this issue.

**2. Battery Point & Sullivan's Cove Community Association Planning Seminar:** A further seminar to investigate the draft HCC Planning Scheme is to be held in the Community Hall on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014. Bob Vincent will address the meeting. There is much pessimism about the chances of obtaining a fair and representative Plan. Apparently the *Tasmanian Business Council* (?) has managed to ram through an amendment to the Draft which will further water down heritage protection and make demolitions easier for developers.

**3. Subdivision on Stoney Steps Road:** Leave on Agenda.

**4. Newsletter Sponsorship:** Rob Valentine has again kindly offered to underwrite the cost of printing *A South Hobart Newsletter*. He has agreed to pay *Kwik Kopy Printing* directly. This will allow the Association to redirect the funds, which would normally be required to pay for printing of the *Newsletter*, towards the cost of the *South Hobart History Book*. The sponsorship will save the Association more than \$300 per month. An acknowledgement of Rob's sponsorship will be made in each month's *Newsletter* and, when a space becomes available, a site will be provided to further acknowledge his support.

**5. South Hobart McRobie's Road Tip:** The HCC is considering extending the life of the Tip by filling above the 200 metre contour. The Association will write to Council expressing its concerns regarding this matter.

**6. Whittle Ward Ructions:** The health bureaucrats have decided that, due to building at the *Royal Hobart Hospital*, it will be necessary to relocate the palliative care unit to some "secret destination" whilst the space is reconfigured for geriatric cases from the RHH. As the *Whittle Ward* is the only 10 bed public Hospice in the State it seems ludicrous to disturb dying patients when the obvious solution is to move the Royal's "surplus" geriatrics to a newly-built aged care facility in Glenorchy. The Glenorchy site is completely unsuitable for palliative care patients. Only a bureaucrat could come up with a scheme that causes the maximum distress to the maximum number of people and involves such expenditure! It appears that letters to the editor of *The Mercury* are not being published. LB is to investigate.

**7. Environmental Defenders Office:** The new Commonwealth Government has apparently decided to refuse to provide funding for the EDO. This will place the future of the Organisation in doubt.

**8. Sustainable Community Garden:** The area has been fenced with no rabbits visible inside the wire. An article on progress will appear in the March issue of *A South Hobart Newsletter*.

**9. Workshop for Community Groups:** *Baptcare* in Collins Street has a website about this programme. Pru Bonham will investigate.

Meeting closed: 9:13 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at 7:30 pm.