



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 2002.

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, 2002.

The Association has continued to be active in its effort towards its basic objectives as detailed in the Constitution.

Attendances

Whilst attendance at the ten general meeting was only fair to moderate, I am satisfied that the Association is well supported in the South Hobart community as indicated by a good membership and contacts with our executive members from residents with particular concerns or queries.

Communication with Residents

The Association continues to provide excellent communication by way of several media outlets:

- *A South Hobart Newsletter* was distributed to all residents of the suburb on the eleven months February to December. (Circulation 2,600.)
- *SHPA Website*, designed and maintained by the Halse Rogers family, shows that our Association is keeping up with new technology. Information on the site includes the Association's monthly Newsletter, minutes of meetings of the Association, and other matters of an historical and contemporary nature. The site

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also includes current local issues, such as the successful *Save Wellesley Park* campaign.

- *Cadence FM 99.3 Radio A* regular weekly half hour interview and music timeslot, conducted by Dr. Rob White, allows news, views and general interest content to be presented.

South Hobart Community Centre

The Centre in D'Arcy Street, owned by the Hobart City Council and managed by a subcommittee of the Association, continues to be a useful community resource and meeting place. The subcommittee has extended its interest in the Community Centre and its precinct, the park, by arranging better security fencing and installation of a public electric BBQ, powered from the Community Centre's switchboard. The Subcommittee intends to negotiate the lease from the Council in light of the need for certainty on the matter of public liability insurance.

Heritage

The Local History Group continues to be active and a "**South Hobart 1904**" project, proposed to be a part of the bicentenary celebrations for Hobart in 2004, is still on track.

Cascades Progress Association

There has been insufficient interest from residents in the Cascade area to suggest that this Association will be revived as a separate organisation when the trial merger expires in September 2002.

Finance

The Association continues to be in a very healthy financial situation by virtue of advertising revenue from the Newsletter. The Executive has discussed options on how our monies should be used; at this time it is intended that they should be retained to meet any future, urgent commitments.

Planning Issues

Wellesley Park A proposal by *The Hobart City Council* to offer the lower part of *Wellesley Park* (accessed from Wentworth/Ingram Streets) to a developer of aged care facilities met with considerable public opposition. The Association was the focus for resident action in the form of a public meeting, a petition, and considerable media interest. The Council decided not to pursue the matter any further.

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162A Forest Road, West Hobart Development Association executive and other interested residents participated in consultation with town planners, architects and surveyors involved in drawing up proposals for the site that commands views over South Hobart. The Association is certain to be involved in comments on the proposal when it is formally submitted to Council.

Performance Automobiles (346-350 Macquarie Street) The Association supported a member's appeal to the *Resource Planning and Appeals Tribunal* over unsympathetic development at this site - unfortunately with negative results.

Bonfire Night 2002

Unfortunately, this event, which has become an institution in South Hobart and the Hobart area, in general, was cancelled due to the ongoing problems with public liability insurance for community groups.

Review of Hobart City Council

The Association made a written and personal representation to the *Local Government Board Review* of the operation of the *Hobart City Council*.

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.

Other Matters of Significance

- Graffiti removal campaign
- Local Traffic issues, particularly the Elboden Street shopper parking changes
- Pedestrian Safety in general, and Strickland Avenue, in particular.

Thanks

Our Association is very reliant on the good will and efforts of member and supporters. Our thanks to: -

* David Halse Rogers for his outstanding efforts in his role of Honorary Secretary, joint Hon. Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and organiser.

* Philip Hoysted and Robyn Tindale for management of the *South Hobart Community Centre*.

* Those who contributed to the "Save Wellesley Park" campaign, especially James McIldowney, Ros and Malcolm Saltmarsh and Martin Stone.

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- * All our volunteer Newsletter deliverers.
- * The advertisers in *A South Hobart Newsletter*.
- * Stan Mather for his efforts in maintaining membership records, and, with Veronica, hosting the Association's end of year Christmas function.
- * Dr. Rob White for his work in the Cascades area and on Community Radio Cadence 99.3 FM.
- Wayne Daniel, South Hobart Post Office Postmaster.
- * Ald. Pru Bonham and Ald. Patsy Jones for their interest in and support of Association matters.
- * Chris Halse Rogers for his work in maintaining the SHPA Website and in overseeing the electronic delivery of the monthly Newsletter to the printers, Kwik Kopy.
- * Anyone else whom I may have overlooked.

Kevin Wilson.

President (SHPA Inc.)

10th July, 2002

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