



(Incorporating Cascades Progress Association)

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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 12th June, 2013 at 7:30 pm.**

Chair: Dr Rosemary Sandford.

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

Apologies: Pru Bonham, Philip Brown, Elizabeth & Kevin Green, David Halse Rogers, Veronica Mather, Kevin & Kerrie Morgan, Ald. Eva Ruzicka, Ros Saltmarsh and Hilary Wilson.

Minutes of April 2013 Meeting: were distributed by email.

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. Macquarie Street State School: Malcolm Saltmarsh moved, Margaret Wilmot seconded, a vote of thanks to those who had worked to achieve the objective of retaining the school as a community asset. The President and others had received numerous calls (some from ex-pupils) congratulating the Association on the good news. The President said there was still a long way to go and a lot of legwork – there was the allocating of the Federal Government's \$1.67 million grant money: how much to go to the State Government for the purchase of the site, with the ownership to be vested with the *Hobart City Council*, and the money for council to remediate the site. Lord Mayor Damon Thomas is to arrange talks on the money. While Council will have the lead role, Rosemary said that Andrew Wilkie, the MHA for Denison, who had secured the money from the Federal Government, had emphasised to the Lord Mayor that the essential was the School is to be returned to the community. Rosemary added that the SHPA will have space in the future community centre and we will be represented on the management committee. All the Centre's intending users (Neil Cameron's Living Arts, the Wooden Boat Festival, Mature Age Dance Experience and Tasmanian Writers' Centre) were all confirmed "onboard".

2. A History of South Hobart Project: The funding application for the *South Hobart History Book* was to again come up for consideration by the Hobart City Council's Finance Committee, at its meeting scheduled for 18th June, and if it were not further delayed, then on to full Council for decision. Malcolm said there was nothing more that he and Ros could do.

incidents. It was suggested these reports could now come to SHPA for consideration and maybe inclusion in Newsletter or website.

4. Trees: The HCC and Bushcare have had trees removed in *Wellesley Park*. The most disturbing aspect of this removal was that a plum tree, which had been a prolific bearer of fruit for many years (harvested by old and young alike), had been cut down, reportedly, because it have been difficult to remove adjoining vegetation. Both adults and children were very upset and critical of the action and the lack of consultation. This tree had been planted by *South Hobart Primary School* children back in 1975 and a plaque still marks the spot! RS reported that children were very upset and crying at what had happened. They asked: "Why did people do this? Does this mean that any trees we plant will be cut down?" There was an associated item that improvements to the upper park sports ground would see the playing area off limits to the public (probably because of its astro turf surface). It was decided to keep a watching brief on what happens.

Meeting closed: 9:10 pm
Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th July, 2013

Signed as a true record:

Dated: