

# Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet Inc.

Newsletter 13 — April 2010

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING.

SUNDAY, 11TH APRIL 2010.  
FROM 4.00 - 5.30 PM.

Venue— Albuera St. Primary School Multi Purpose Room

A short general meeting to discuss progress with restoration and other work on the Rivulet will be followed by a guest speaker.

GUEST SPEAKER :- KAREN GOWLETT-HOLMES.

We are delighted that Karen Gowlett-Holmes, a marine biologist and well-known underwater photographer will share with us some of her wonderful photographs of the underwater life of the Derwent Estuary. As our Rivulet flows from Mt Wellington to the Derwent River this should be of great interest.

All members and friends and interested community members are invited, and are welcome to what should be very interesting and informative meeting.

The meeting will be in the Multi-Purpose Room. Enter by the main gate in Albuera Street, turn left at the main entrance and continue round to the back of the building, following the signs. The entrance to the Venue is off the play area.



## WORKING BEES

COME AND HELP US WITH RESTORATION OF THE RIVULET! INITIAL WORK WILL BE IN THE FITZROY GARDENS TO LYNTON AVE STRETCH.

Meet at Fitzroy Gardens—the lower picnic table near the junction of Parliament St and Pillinger St just north of the bridge across the rivulet. (Note that the table is partially obscured from the road by trees). We have some tools and gloves but it would be helpful to bring your favourite tools and gloves. Sturdy footwear and suitable clothing please.

The working bees will be the second Sunday of the month starting at 9.30 and aiming to finish at around 11.30 am. Dates are 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8 August, 12 Sept, 10 Oct, etc. If in doubt please check with the Secretary 62341516 and Email: [juliafg@bigpond.com](mailto:juliafg@bigpond.com)

The working area is easy to access and we can find suitable work for all. Everyone will be welcomed. The Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet Inc have a comprehensive volunteer insurance cover which covers our volunteers and our community based activities.



## OFFICE BEARERS:

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## NOTE NOTE

Next Working Bee is on 11th April at 9.30.

It is the same day as the General Meeting!

Reminder given here in case you thought we were confused. (which we normally are!!)

## Land Care Field Day

Executive Members Julia, Penny and Melinda have attended a field day organised by the Tasmanian Landcare Association at the Frogmore Vineyard at Penna. This was to announce the new Landcaring grants now available from the TLCA under the Australian Government Caring for Our Country initiatives. If groups or individuals have land care projects in mind, they are welcome to apply. Up to \$20,000 is available for projects in line with national targets. Contact: [projectmanager@taslandcare.org.au](mailto:projectmanager@taslandcare.org.au), 62 347117.

At the field day we were particularly interested in the revegetation of wetland areas on the property, the efforts being made to avoid using chemicals including to minimise run-off into the nearby wetlands which are vital to our migratory birds, and the involvement of school groups from Richmond and Sorell who have projects there including monitoring water quality.

# FoSBR NEWS

## Good News—Grants.

Recently we were fortunate in getting a grant from National Resource Management (South) to prepare a management plan for invasive species control, revegetation and educational activities associated with the section of the Rivulet between Fitzroy Gardens and Lynton Avenue. A detailed document has been prepared which gives us a credible blueprint to guide future action with our work on stream bank restoration. Special thanks go to Melinda, Giles and Julia for the hard work that made this possible.

We are also delighted to have received funding of \$7,754 from the Australian Government Caring for our Country, Community Action Grants, to enable us to implement part of the above management plan. This involved liaison with DIER (Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources), as the work is largely on land under their control, and the Hobart City Council, who are helping with green waste removal.

At long last we are able to get a substantial program underway, and we seek your support, as members of our local community, to get involved in working bees to help us make the program come to fruition. (See front page for working bee information).

## Working Bee—14 March 2010

A working bee was held on Sunday 14th March as the first in the series aimed at improving the Fitzroy Gardens to Lynton Ave section of the rivulet.

There was a good roll up and with Giles to guide the team of workers much was achieved. The weather was kind to us and all those attending appeared to enjoy the activity. The photo below shows Deb Maeder and Jean Panton busily at work.



## CHCA Report

The CHCA is a peak body representing Hobart based community and progress organisations such as FoSBR, Lenah Valley Progress Assoc, etc. It takes on board issues that are of common interest or concern to the member bodies.

Matters currently under consideration are:

1. New City of Hobart Planning Scheme and the State Government's proposed new planning initiatives. These all need careful scrutiny as there is the real risk that the community may be seriously disadvantaged by some of the proposed changes. It is considered that peer review is necessary.
2. Liaison and consultation with the Hobart City Council including meetings with the General Manager and also with the new Alderman, Damon Thomas.
3. Submissions made on sustainable and community transport
4. Establishment of a web site

For more information on these or other matters contact Beth Harnett (62231106 or 0418 231105). Visitors are welcome to attend meetings as observers. The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month commencing 7.30pm at the Town Hall Meeting Room (entrance from the car park at the rear of the Town Hall)

## Quayle St

Inspection of the trial reed planting in the rivulet at Quayle St indicates that the reeds out of the main stream are thriving. The Executive are considering whether to recommend to the HCC further plantings. What are your views?

## NOTE—PUT IN YOUR DIARY:

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

SUNDAY,  
26TH SEPTEMBER 2010.  
FROM 4.00 - 5.30 PM.

ALBEURA ST SCHOOL  
DETAILS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

## THANK YOU:

We acknowledge and thank the following :

### Hobart City Council:

For help and assistance in stream bank conservation under the Adopt a Waterway program

### Tasmanian Landcare

#### Assoc:

For grant assistance to administration

### Australian Government

For the Caring for our Country Community Initiatives grant

### Natural Resource Management (South):

For a grant and other assistance.

### Derwent Estuary Program:

For assistance.

### Albueira Street Primary

#### School:

For a meeting room

### Shipwrights Arms Hotel:

Who have made meeting space available.

And all others who have helped make our activities possible

John and Julia Greenhill doing their bit at the working bee on 14th March. Julia is our very hard working Secretary and Public Officer

