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NEXT MEETING —

Impact of Climate Change

Sunday, 24th June, 2007 from 4.30 till 6.00pm

Venue—Battery Point Community Hall

The speaker at this general meeting will be Dr Stuart Godfrey, an oceanographer, who will talk with us about the impacts of Climate Change, a very topical subject.

Please come and support your organisation - we look forward to seeing you at the meeting. All welcome..

FUTURE MEETING -

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 26th August, 2007. from 4.30 - 6.00 pm.

Venue—to be advised

Agenda:

- 1. Confirm the minutes of the last AGM.**
- 2. Reports from the President and the Treasurer.**
- 3. Election of President, Secretary and Treasurer and 3 Committee members.**
- 4. Appointment of Public Officer and Auditor.**

The speaker will be Dr Emma Pharo, Lecturer in Geography and Environmental Studies, who has had students working on projects involving the Sandy Bay Rivulet and will discuss these with us. This should be a very interesting session and everyone interested in the Sandy Bay Rivulet is very welcome to attend.

Please Note:

- 1. Nominations for office bearers must be with the Secretary by 16th August. Forms are available from the Secretary**
- 2. Only those members who are financial at the 30 June will be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting.**



INCORPORATION

Registered on 23 December
2005 — No.IA09394

OFFICERS

President	J Bowler 6225 5124
Secretary	Julia Greenhill 6234 1516
Treasurer	Beth Harnett
Committee	Patsy Jones Mick Hortle Robert Rands
Public Officer	Julia Greenhill

Copies of the Constitution are available on our web site—
www.fosbr.org.au

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Quayle St Reeds

The trial section of reeds in Quayle St were replanted on Sunday 11th March.

A previous trial had resulted in one planting only taking hold and growing.

Mat Willis has researched the selection of reed types in more detail for the current trial.

At the time of going to press all 15 specimens are looking fine

Especial thanks to Mathew Willis for giving his time to organise and undertake the replanting.

Many thanks also to all members that participated

Living with Sandy Bay Rivulet

A brochure has been prepared with the help of a Community Grant from the HCC and is almost ready for distribution to landowners in the rivulet area.

Grade 5/6 Airey at Princes St Primary School has been studying the rivulet as a project, and some of their work is included in the brochure. Our thanks are extended to teacher Nita Airey and her class for their excellent work and for their help.

Julia Greenhill with Mick Hortle has done much of the preparation work of what should be an excellent document.

Our thanks also to the HCC for making the grant available for this project.

If anyone is able to help distribute this brochure to letterboxes in their area, please contact the Secretary, Julia Greenhill.

Parliament St Oval

The Hobart City Council has cleared the slope and planted eucalypts and wattles near the slide at the Parliament St reserve and along the Rivulet banks.

The Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet committee had previously had discussions with HCC officers about the area, in particular about the erosion of the rivulet banks and an upgrade of the area.

Once the trees are established it is planned to plant suitable shrubs and understorey plants.

Members and friends are asked to keep an eye on the tree plantings and replace any protective poles or plastic which have been moved or report vandalism to the Hobart City Council.

Dr Syntax:

FoSBR have been working with the HCC to resolve the bank erosion problem at the Dr Syntax Hotel. The HCC have developed preliminary plans and costings which are currently under review.

Interesting facts:

Did you know that the Dr Syntax Hotel opened in 1845 and held Government parties in its garden area?

(from a leaflet on Hobart's historic pubs, included in *The Mercury* in August 2005).

Did you know that there is reference to the Sandy Bay Bridge in the Hobart Town Gazette 11th Sept 1819?

Sandy Bay Rivulet - Linear Park Study

We have heard nothing further from the HCC on this proposal following the period of public consultation.

The HCC commissioned Inspiring Place Pty Ltd to undertake a study into the feasibility of a linear park along the Sandy Bay Rivulet. The report has been out for public comment.

FoSBR has lodged a submission including constructive suggestions on the route and short and long term objectives. This submission was prepared after our last General Meeting where the proposal was discussed in detail.

For more information please contact the Secretary, Julia Greenhill

4-14 Regent St

Having reviewed a further development proposal for this site, which was very similar in its impact on the riparian zone of the rivulet as the previous one, the Committee proposed to the Hobart City Council that the site be purchased by the HCC. This proposal is to be discussed by the HCC at their meeting of Monday, 25th June.

Your attendance at the meeting would help our cause. The Council Meeting starts at 5.00pm at the Town Hall

The development proposed continues to be quite inappropriate for the site and makes a large penetration into and over the riparian zone

Information on Riparian Zones

Good information is available from Land & Water Australia on their 'River Landscapes' website www.rivers.gov.au

Fact Sheet 1, titled "What is Riparian Land?" defines riparian land as any land that adjoins or directly influences a body of water. It includes:

- the land immediately alongside small creeks and rivers, including the river bank itself;
- gullies and dips which sometimes run with water;
- areas surrounding lakes; and

■ wetlands and river floodplains which interact with the river in times of flood.

It is important not to think of riparian land as just a narrow strip along each riverbank. Depending on the nature of the land (floodplain, gorge or valley) and the adjacent land use (national park, farming, forestry, urban housing), the width of riparian land that needs special management will range from very narrow to a wide, densely-vegetated corridor.

Fact Sheet 13, titled "Managing Riparian Widths" gives recommendations on width for various situations.

Executive Changes

David Edwards has stepped down from the Executive as his professional career has taken him to Sydney.

We would like to thank David for the great help and active involvement in FoSBR over the last few years. We wish him and Kerry all the best for the future and hope to see them involved again in the future.

Patsy Jones has accepted an invitation to join the Executive. Her immense experience will be extremely valuable in our ongoing activities and contact with the Council.

Solar Hot Water

If anyone is interested, there are groups in our area who are organising bulk purchases of Solar Hot Water Heaters. The Secretary can put you in touch with the relevant people.

Other people's problems:

A hazard when working on stream banks in the Top End

