

### NEXT MEETING —

#### Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2007. from 4.30 - 6.00 pm.

Venue—Shipwrights Arms Hotel, Battery Point

#### Agenda:

1. Open and welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM of 2006.
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report

**Committee Recommendation:** *“That the Annual General Meeting consider an increase from \$5 to \$10 for the annual subscription for members joining after this AGM or renewing membership after the date of 26 August 2007”*

6. Elections for President; Secretary; Treasurer; 3 Committee Members
7. Appointment of Public Officer and Auditor
8. Guest Speaker:

Dr Emma Pharo, Lecturer in Geography & Environmental Studies, University of Tasmania, will speak about the studies her students have carried out on the Sandy Bay Rivulet and any plans for the future.

This should be a very informative session and everyone interested in the Sandy Bay Rivulet is very welcome to attend.

#### NOTE.

1. Special thanks to Shippies for making the venue available
2. Financial membership (\$5) is necessary in order to be able to vote at the AGM.

**THE FOLLOWING MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 4.30 PM. MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY.**

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### *what you can do to help*

- Rainwater falling on roads, roofs, driveways, parks and gardens becomes stormwater and carries oil, rubbish, detergents, and water-soluble fertilisers into our Rivulet and down to the Derwent Estuary. These adversely affect the water quality and kill wildlife.
- Be careful what goes down your drains! Even washing your car on the street or driveway sends soapy water through the stormwater system into the rivulet.
- Look after the rivulet banks. Planting suitable native plants or non-invasive garden plants encourages wildlife, helps keep the water clean and prevents the banks eroding.
- If removing trees, plants or weeds take care to avoid damaging the banks, and replace them with suitable plants.
- Use herbicides with care, and if you do, try and choose frog and fish friendly products.
- Don't use the Sandy Bay Rivulet or its banks as a dump for your garden waste or rubbish.
- Avoid artificial fertilisers in the garden - natural composts are less likely to wash into stormwater and into the rivulet.
- If doing house renovation or construction, cover heaps of building material to avoid material blowing and washing into the rivulet.
- Clean up after your dogs in parks, gardens and streets near the rivulet.
- Consider installing a water tank to reduce stormwater discharge into the rivulet.
- Help keep your area clear of rubbish which could enter the rivulet. Keeping the rivulet water clean helps keep the Derwent Estuary clean.
- Join a community group such as the Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet Inc. or the Waterworks Valley Landcare Group.

## Hobart City Council Waterway Action

At Council Meeting 68 on 16th July 2007 the following motion was adopted:

**18. HOBART RIVULETS AND COASTLINE – FILE REF: 13-1-9; 41-2-1**

**ALDERMAN BURNET** “That in order to improve the health of the Hobart municipal area’s waterways a report be prepared on the following:

1. To further develop stewardship of Hobart’s rivulets and coastline by both the community and individuals/landholders whose land abutts or includes rivulets; Item No.18 continued
2. Incentives which encourage improvements in the riparian zone such as reducing weed infestation, reducing the risk of slumping and bank erosion, and reducing pollution of waterways;
3. Further development and promotion of the Council’s Adopt-a-Waterway program; and
4. Council help with advice and assistance in accessing other funding related to protecting waterways for both groups and landholders affected.”

**BURNET**

**CHRISTIE** That the motion be adopted as amended by the deletion of the words develop stewardship from clause 1 and substitution therefore with the words enhance resource management.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*The FoSBR Executive applaud the HCC for moving to becoming more in tune with modern riparian planning concepts. We have written to support the move and have offered to make constructive input to the report.*

*We gather that in NZ and in some other parts of Australia any new subdivisions of land on the banks of rivers and streams require that the riparian zones become public space or are excluded from the development zone. We need more information on the best planning practice now used elsewhere. Please pass on any information you may have.*

## Adopt a Waterway

*We have commenced planning for a series of working bees aimed at removing weeds from the rivulet banks, believing that this should be an important part of the Adopt a Waterway program.*

*This work will have to be carefully coordinated with landowners and the Council.*

*We have written to the HCC to try and establish the working procedures and to clarify the insurance coverage aspects.*

*The response of the Council is awaited.*

## Living with Sandy Bay Rivulet

*The brochure, prepared by FoSBR and supported by the HCC, has now been printed and distributed widely*

*Anyone who missed out in the distribution or wanting a further copies please contact the Secretary, Julia Greenhill.*

*Feedback has been good. Your comments would be appreciated.*

*We also wish to thank Grade 5/6 Airey at Princes St Primary School for their active participation.*

*A special thanks to Julia Greenhill and Mick Hortle for their hard work in bringing the brochure to fruition and also thanks to Deborah, Maureen, Suzanne, Kirsten, Joshua, Penny, Robert, Beth, and Jim for distribution.*

*A section from the brochure is displayed on the front page of the Newsletter*

## Sandy Bay Rivulet Linear Park

*Still no information to report. Appears to have disappeared into a black hole somewhere!*

## Fish Passage at Road Crossings

*For those interested in the technical aspects of fish passage design a recent technical paper in the Australian Journal of Multi-disciplinary Engineering titled “Multipurpose design for fish passage at road crossings on a North Queensland stream” by R Kapitzke of James Cook University might be an interesting starting point.*

*A Caladenia orchid from the Waterworks Valley*



## Waterworks Valley Land Care Group

*Two events being scheduled by the Waterworks Valley Landcare Group are a planting of trees below the lower Waterworks dam, on Sunday, 2 September, at 10 AM.*

*The landcare group has spent considerable time on the area below the lower dam over the past few years. As a result, the adjacent forest has fewer invaders like Pittosporum and Genista (fodder). The group has also removed lots of blackberry, ivy and other weeds, and have planted in excess of 200 trees, shrubs and grasses.*

*Weeding and planting are supported and supervised by the Hobart City Council, so there is no need to bring tools or even gloves. All necessary gear is provided, but wear gardening clothes and shoes.*

*On Sunday 4th November, at 10 AM, the Landcare group will have an orchid walk, led by Doug Graddon. It will start at Site 2, in the Waterworks Reserve and follow tracks up the south-facing slope of the valley. All are welcome.*

*Report by Robert Rands*

We acknowledge and thank the following organisations for their support:

### **SHIPWRIGHTS ARMS HOTEL**

29 Trumpeter St,  
Battery Point

### **VERMEY'S QUALITY MEATS**

180 Sandy Bay Rd  
Sandy Bay

### **RAW NATURAL GROCER**

118 King St  
Dynnyrne

### **GREENS QUALITY MEATS**

116b King St  
Dynnyrne

### **HOBART CITY COUNCIL**

Town Hall  
Hobart