

Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet Inc.

Newsletter 7 — February / March 2008

4th Biennial Mountain Festival

March 14 – 16, 2008 at the Waterworks Reserve

We decided to join the Mountain Festival, to celebrate the fact that the Sandy Bay Rivulet travels from its beginning on Mount Wellington all the way to the Derwent Estuary. Penny Parrish, as project leader, has worked very hard in bringing together an interesting and enjoyable program. We hope you will give your support by participating in the activities with your family and friends. Every one is very welcome.

Our activities start on Friday by looking at the night sky and finish on Sunday by looking at the route of the proposed Sandy Bay Rivulet Linear Park.

FRIDAY, March 14, 5.00 - 8.00pm we will be busy putting together the displays, at the Waterworks Reserve, with a barbecue for helpers and members of the Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet, the Waterworks Valley Landcare Group and the Waterworks Valley Sustainable Living Group at 6 pm. **Any members or friends available to help should contact Penny Parrish on 6223 7001.** Note cars must be out of the Reserve by 7.00pm

FRIDAY, March 14, 7.00—9.00pm Wallaby Wander by Hobart City Council . Book 6238 2886

FRIDAY March 14 10.00pm Star gazing (weather permitting) with astronomers and telescopes so we can learn something of the cosmos. Booking is essential with the Mountain Festival and numbers will be limited. Meet at the main gate of the Waterworks Reserve. Book 6234 5566

SATURDAY March 15 7:00 – 8:00am : Site 9: Bird walk

Don't just look., *listen* and notice what makes "habitat"...sounds, smells, air, humidity, light, textures, temperature, insects, invertebrates and other bird food. Register through 6234 5566.

SATURDAY March 15 10.00am — 5.00pm: Site 9 and Marquee for "Specialists on Tap"

See informative displays, and meet the a group of talented people including Don Knowler, Ros Minchin, David Obendorf, who will be there to discuss and support the displays. At 11.00am hear David Obendorf on the need for fauna care in the area and the protection of habitat throughout Hobart.

SATURDAY March 15 5.00-6.00 pm Clear Site 9. Volunteers needed to help—again contact Penny

SUNDAY 16th March 9:00a.m.- 3:00p.m.: "Up the Sandy Bay Rivulet in the steps of Darwin" (a very popular walk first done for the Friends last Mountain Festival). Walk with geologist Dr David Leaman and the Friends of the Sandy Bay Rivulet up the Rivulet from Fitzroy Gardens to the Reservoir, stop for a picnic lunch or barbecue at Site 8 then on to Ferntree and learn about the geology, water and vegetation as you go. Back by Metro bus. Booking is essential and places are filling fast. Register with the Mountain Festival 6234 5566. . Starts at Parliament St. by Fitzroy Gardens. Note; this is for the moderately fit; wear all weather clothing and strong shoes; bring food and drink;

SUNDAY 16th March 11.00a.m. to 2:00pm Come and see the displays at Marquee. At 12.00 join with Dr Leaman's walkers in a byo barbecue and picnic lunch at Site 8

SUNDAY 16 March 10.00am—11.00am "Who Cares" Walk down the pipeline track with members of the Waterworks Valley Sustainable Living Group and practise the group's walking bus technique. Follow the line of the proposed Linear Park to Romilly St and then onto the Waterworks Valley Land Care Group's quarry site . No booking required

SUNDAY 16 March 2.00—3.00pm Dismantle displays and clear marquee site. **Volunteers again needed.**

**For more information contact: Mountain Festival (6234 5566)
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Hobart City Council awarded a grant for rivulet clean up action

On October 22nd the then Minister for the Environment, Senator Abetz, announced that a grant of \$41,000 had been awarded under the Community Water Grants Program for the installation of litter control devices in the Sandy Bay Rivulet catchment.

The Lord Mayor responded on behalf of the Council which had made the application. Our Treasurer, Beth Harnett and our President, Jim Bowler, were also present representing FoSBR which supported the application

This project will involve the installation of several litter reduction and control devices throughout the Sandy Bay shopping precinct. It includes twelve litter traps (Enviropods) and retrofitting 31 existing Enviropods with perforated stainless steel cages (to improve litter capture), 45 litter bins and 20 butt-bins.

The proposed 88 litter control devices will collect an estimated 1.1 tonnes or 1.13 cubic metres of litter between cleanouts (weekly for the litter bins and butt bins, monthly for the Enviropods). This will result in a significant reduction in litter entering the Sandy Bay Rivulet.

This Project forms part of the framework for the management of Sandy Bay Rivulet. It was identified as a high priority action in *Sandy Bay Rivulet Catchment Management Plan*.

Importantly, the project will result in a healthier rivulet.

The Friends of the Sandy Bay Rivulet supported the application by the Council including a commitment to some voluntary work and a continuation of our community activities.

We thank John Chrispin of the Hobart City Council for his assistance

The HCC did well in this round of grants getting five projects funded - to a total value close to \$230,000.

Sandy Bay Rivulet Linear Park Decision

At long last there is action to report on the Sandy Bay Rivulet Linear Park! At the Council Meeting on 17th December 2007 the following resolution was adopted by Council:

12. SANDY BAY RIVULET LINEAR PARK – FEASIBILITY STUDY –

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY FEEDBACK – FILE REF: 41-10-1

That:

1. The concept of a linear park in the upper rivulet between Parliament Street Reserve and Waterworks Reserve and a street route in the lower rivulet between Parliament Street Reserve and Marieville Esplanade, as outlined in the Council's documents titled 'Sandy Bay Rivulet Linear Park Feasibility Study' and, the 'Sandy Bay Rivulet Linear Park – Review of Community Feedback', as attached to item 8 of the Open Parks and Customer Services Committee agenda of 6 December 2007, be endorsed.

2. The 'Sandy Bay Rivulet Linear Park Feasibility Study' and 'Sandy Bay Rivulet Linear Park – Review of Community Feedback' be endorsed, in-principle as a guide to the long-term development of the Sandy Bay Rivulet Linear Park.

3. Individual respondents who lodged public submissions, the Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet and Waterworks Valley Landcare Group be informed of the Council's resolution.

4. Land identified in the Feasibility Study for acquisition be included in the Council's Land Strategy for future consideration.

MOTION WAS CARRIED

The FoSBR Executive is pleased to see the Council adopted the Linear Park Study. However, we believe that more work needs to be done to expand the concept into a realistic long term project. The study fell far short of community expectations by failing to include ecological and other important factors.

Clean Up Australia Sunday 2nd March

The Clean-up Australia activity went very well - we had people working in the lower rivulet and the streets around and also in the Parliament St area of the rivulet.

Our thanks go to Patsy Jones (Coordinator), Patsy M, Trudi, Jean, Julia, Penny, Philip, Kirsten and family.

Well done all. Great publicity in the Mercury!

We apologise for the short notice of the clean up activity—we will try to give more notice next year.



Sandy Bay Rivulet downstream of Southern Outlet and Lynton Ave— in need of a little love and care!

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