

### NEXT MEETING —

#### Wellington Park and the Sandy Bay Rivulet

#### Anne McConnell

*Cultural Heritage Coordinator, Wellington Park Management Trust.*

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. from 4.00 - 5.30 pm.

Venue—Shipwrights Arms Hotel, Battery Point

#### Agenda:

1. Open and welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous General Meeting.
4. Committee Recommendation
5. Guest Speaker:

Anne McConnell.

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

#### SPECIAL NOTE

**START AT 4.00 PM & FINISH AT 5.30PM**

#### NOTE

**Special thanks to Shippies for making the venue available**

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE IN JULY AND THE AGM IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 2008. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DATES.**

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#### Fauna Observation & Reporting

*Dr David Obendorf accompanied by the HCC's bush care coordinator, Sonya Stallbaum, addressed a meeting arranged by FoSBR and the WVLCG at the FoSBR Display put together as part of the Mountain Festival Program in the Waterworks.*

*Dr Obendorf outlined a plan to create a volunteer fauna reporting network for the Hobart area. It is hoped that this will pool the resources of Hobart residents and groups interested in observing nature and recording their observations, to add to the information needed to support the conservation or restoration of natural habitats in bushland or reserves. The long term aim is to use the observations collected to produce a database of Hobart wildlife, and to recruit people knowledgeable in various fields to help identify species and advise on conservation measures.*

*The FOSBR will consider the following motion at its next general meeting: "That we as an organisation support in principle the Fauna reporting scheme proposed by David Obendorf and the Hobart City Council." In the meantime, our Secretary has copies of forms in which individuals can register their interest in Faunacare. These will be available at the meeting on 18th May.*

*Dr David Obendorf at the meeting with the FoSBR, WVLCG and WVSLG. In the background is the information display set up at the Waterworks for the Mountain Festival*



## [Adopt a Waterway](#)

Following our previous approaches to the Council to try and establish the working procedures and to clarify the insurance coverage aspects of the Adopt a Waterway Program it appears the program has been relaunched. However we still await clarification of the working protocols. We hope the relaunch is a step in this direction.

All we really want is to establish a simple and effective working relationship so that working arrangements are easily set up and volunteers are protected in the event of an accident.

FoSBR had hoped to move forward quickly on these issues so we can become more active in stream maintenance.

We have registered again as part of the Adopt a Waterway program just in case our previous membership lapsed.

## [Mountain Festival](#)

FoSBR participated in the Mountain Festival held on 14, 15 & 16 March. A comprehensive and bold program of activities was put together under the leadership of Penny Parrish and Julia Greenhill.

The event started with a well attended star-gazing on a beautiful clear evening at the Waterworks Reserve on Friday night, with a Wallaby Wander conducted by the Hobart City Council. Some star-gazers were also thrilled to see an Eastern Barred Bandicoot cross the path!

Early on Saturday, a bird-walk was well attended, and later members combined with the Waterworks Valley Landcare Group and the Waterworks Valley Sustainable Living Group to present interesting displays about the area. These were particularly appreciated by a group of scouts who were doing their WaterWise badges, and Mick Hortle was on hand to talk to them.

Sunday was a very hot day, with Beth Harnett representing FoSBR on the Walk in the Footsteps of Charles Darwin with David Leaman providing the excellent commentary. Walkers enjoyed relaxing over lunch near the display tent, with barbecued sausages donated by Vermey's Butchery being very well received.

We thank all those involved with our successful participation in the Festival, and we hope that the activities helped a community understanding of our role and the importance of the Sandy Bay Rivulet and the Waterworks Valley Reserve to our community. We also thank the Hobart City Council and their officers for their assistance and cooperation. Special thanks to Penny Parrish, Julia Greenhill, Mick Hortle, Suzanne Lockhart, Beth Harnett, and all others involved in setting up and running the event. Thanks also to John Greenhill, Dr David Leaman, and Stefan Dieters for leading the specialist sections of the program

## [Mrs Jean Panton OAM](#)

One of our members, Jean Panton, was honoured as 2008 Hobart City Council Citizen of the Year on Australia Day. Jean, at over 80 years of age, still works tirelessly for the community in many ways, including the rehabilitation of the Soldiers Walk on the Domain, and Jean is always there to help with our Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet activities, whether for Clean-Up Australia Day, an excursion, or coming to meetings.

In 2005 Jean was awarded the Order of Australia medal for her important voluntary work in collecting a wealth of data on leukaemia cases in Tasmania, after years spent as part of a research team working in this area. Her work is now being used as a basis for the Menzies Research Institute work on familial haematological malignancies. Congratulations to Jean on a very well deserved award.

## [FoSBR Web Site](#)

Members David and Kerry Edwards have been working in Sydney for some time now. However, David has offered to continue to support and manage our web site which had become a bit jaded after they left. We thank both for this kind offer and appreciate their continued support for our work.

We hope that we see them back in Hobart one day soon.

## [Bonfire and Fireworks](#)

Mark 24th May in your diary.

South Hobart Progress Assoc. supported by the Mt Nelson Volunteer Fire Brigade will hold a bumper fireworks display and bonfire. It will be held at 14-34 Strickland Ave, which is at the Cascade Brewery.

### **ALL WELCOME.**

Entry fee \$8.00 Family, \$4.00 Single. There is a lucky gate prize and refreshments are available. A special feature is the fire sculpture from the South Hobart School.

This is an ever popular event. For more information contact:

Stan Mather 6223 6716

## [Reeds in rivulet at Quayle St.](#)

After our replanting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007 it is good to see that quite a number have survived. We will continue to monitor.



## [CHCA Life Member](#)

The Council of Hobart Community Associations has awarded Life Membership to Dr Diarmid Ross for his long term and active participation in community affairs. Diarmid was involved in the Lenah Valley Progress Association for about ten years and then the East New Town Progress Association for a further eight serving as Chairman in the latter. He has been a long term supporter of CHCA serving as Secretary for a number of years.

He retired from the position of Director of Public Health in 1983 having held the position since 1966.

Congratulations to Diarmid.

## [Fresh Challenge for Dr Peter Davies](#)

Dr Peter Davies, Research Fellow, School of Zoology, University of Tasmania (and Freshwater Systems consultancy).

When the Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet was in its infancy, Dr Peter Davies was very helpful with information and support, including giving us a talk about the native fish in the Rivulet and joining our members on a rivulet excursion to look at the fish.

Dr Davies has recently been awarded a national Land and Water Australia Senior Research Fellowship and his project will describe the likely responses of the Murray-Darling Basin ecosystem to further environmental change. We wish him well with this new challenge.

## [Stream side plants for Sandy Bay Rivulet](#)

A number of times recently FoSBR has been approached for advice on appropriate plants to use on the rivulet banks. As a consequence we have embarked on the development of a list of recommended plants.

This ambitious program is being headed by Julia Greenhill and is likely to take about 18 months to complete.