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NEXT MEETING -

SHRUB & REED PLANTING

RIVULET AT PARLIAMENT ST RESERVE

As part of the Adopt a Waterway Program we will be undertaking a shrub and reed program along the rivulet bank. This is an opportunity to make a practical contribution to improving the riparian zone. Come along in your old gardening clothes—bring your children and neighbours.

We are meeting at the Reserve at 10.00am to 1.00pm Saturday 20 September. Mat Willis from the HCC will be providing specially selected plants and will be helping on the day.

If possible please let the Secretary, Julia Greenhill, 03 6234 1516 know that you will be attending. All welcome.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING -

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, 28TH SEPT, 2008. FROM 4.00 - 5.30 PM.

VENUE—SHIPPIS, BATTERY POINT

Agenda:

1. Open and welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM of 2007.
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Elections for President; Secretary; Treasurer; 3 Committee
7. Appointment of Public Officer and Auditor
8. Closure followed by guest speaker

GUEST SPEAKER

DON KNOWLER - "WILD WRITING: RECORDING OBSERVATIONS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WILDLIFE".

Don is author and writer of "On the Wing" in the Mercury . All welcome.

President James Bowler
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Secretary Julia Greenhill
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Treasurer Beth Harnett

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FAUNA WATCH -

"SCATS, TRACKS AND A BIRD OR TEN"

This will be held in the Waterworks Reserve, and will be a fun and useful activity held in conjunction with the Hobart City Council.

Activities will encourage a wider knowledge of the fauna of our area, and will include some bird identification

9.30 am - 12 noon. Sunday 12th October Meet at the entry at 9.30. Children welcome.

For more information contact Julia Greenhill

FOR YOUR DIARY

Joint meeting with the Sandy Bay Historical Society on Sunday 23rd November 2008. Sausage sizzle at 12.30 followed by visits and discussions along the rivulet commencing about 1.45pm. Venue is Waterworks Reserve Site 1. As usual bring your own food and drinks. More information later.



Adopt a Waterway

Action is at last again underway with the HCC's Adopt a Waterway program. See the details of the planting activity on the first page.

The President, Secretary and committee Member Penny Parrish met with Mat Willis, of the HCC, to discuss future action several weeks ago. The outcome of these discussions were reported at our last General Meeting where the following decisions were made.

Parliament Street plantings.

The meeting agreed that we should proceed with organising the planting of reeds, ferns etc in this area, in cooperation with the HCC and with the expert advice of Ruth Mollison of the Understorey Network. It was agreed to undertake this work as soon as practicable.

Grosvenor St plantings.

It was agreed by the meeting that we ask that HCC to proceed to get the agreement of the landowners and commence planning for this work. An issue to be considered is access and maintenance. This proposal, and the next, raises the issue of working partially on private property—the implications are currently being clarified.

Work at 44 Fitzroy Place

It was agreed, if possible, to undertake some planting and rehabilitation work on the rivulet bank off Fitzroy Place. This proposal has been forwarded to the HCC for consideration under the Adopt a Waterway program.

We await the HCC response about the latter two projects

Marievile Esplanade

The HCC have been evaluating the potential impact of climate change on the outfall from rivulets. We understand that some particular issues have arisen with the Sandy Bay Rivulet and consultants have been engaged to assess the position. This may result in modification to the area.

This particular area has been of concern to the FoSBR as it has the potential to become, with the appropriate landscape architecture and some clear forward thinking a particularly attractive area.

In discussing the issue at our last meeting following motion was passed:-

“Arising from our discussions about the need for future change and improvements in this area, we ask that we be involved and have some input into the architectural design of the area, and that we continue the conversation with the HCC so that we are kept in the forefront of planning as it occurs. “

This has also been covered in communication with the HCC and we await their response.

9-11 Lincoln St.

A planning application has been lodged for the demolition of an old two flat building and the construction of two new flats and a vehicle turning circle.

FoSBR has, with reluctance, submitted a formal representation.

Our concern is the impact of the development on the riparian zone.

Riparian zones are not just for recreational purposes, but to establish and maintain the rivulet as a aquatic and terrestrial habitat, as a wildlife corridor and as a means of controlling the volume and quality of surface and sub surface run off. It also important in reducing bank erosion and stream sedimentation.

The 10m width was adopted by the HCC on the basis of minimum recommendations from Water Australia. Unfortunately in the Planning Scheme there are discretionary clauses which are often applied without understanding the real issues involved in modern water sensitive urban design nor the role or function of riparian zones.

One has to ask why include the provisions if they are not to be applied?

We acknowledge and thank the following organisations for their support:

SHIPPIES

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

From the Waterworks Valley Landcare Group

October 5, Sunday: Working bee at Lower Dam site, off Waterworks Road, 10am – 12.30pm

Elise from Hobart Council's Bushcare Unit in attendance – gloves and tools supplied. Also Water Watch samples will be taken from Rivulet.

November 2, Sunday: Orchid Walk with Doug Graddon, Waterworks Reserve

Meet at Site 2 in the Reserve at 10am.

December 7, Sunday: Bird Watch with Dennis Abbott, Waterworks Reserve

Meet outside Reserve at main gates at 9.30am. Bring a bird guide and binoculars if available.

Bring a drink and shower-proof jacket; wear suitable walking shoes

Phone Rob for more information:
6223 6116



Caladenia caudata, the Tailed Spider Orchid

Several plants of this beautiful small orchid have been found growing in the Ridgeway Park, above the Waterworks Reserve, by Julia Greenhill. Julia has been observing these plants for several years, and as it is a Threatened Species, the location has now been recorded in the Natural Values atlas for Tasmania.

Great work Julia.

