

# F o S B R N E W S L E T T E R

## Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet

Newsletter 14 — Sept 2010

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

&

### GUEST SPEAKER

### ALDERMAN DAMON THOMAS

**SUNDAY, 26TH SEPT. 2010.**

**FROM 4.00 - 5.30 PM.**

**VENUE—ALBUERA ST. PRIMARY SCHOOL MULTI  
PURPOSE ROOM, SANDY BAY.**

Agenda:

1. Open and welcome members
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM of 2008.
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Elections for President; Secretary; Treasurer; & three Committee Members
7. Appointment of Public Officer and Auditor
8. Appointment of three delegates to CHCA
9. GUEST SPEAKER Alderman Damon Thomas. Damon was elected to the Council at the last local government elections. He will not only comment on significant issues facing the City of Hobart but is keen to meet and have discussions with members.
10. Close

Note that it is intended to keep the AGM short so we can have maximum discussion with Damon.

To be eligible to vote at the AGM, it is necessary to be a financial member. If you haven't already paid your \$10, please get it to the Secretary, Julia, at 79 Queen St or bring it to the AGM. It is vital that we keep up our membership numbers.

#### OFFICE BEARERS:

President	James Bowler
Secretary	Julia Greenhill
Treasurer	Beth Harnett
Committee	Patsy Jones Deb Maeder Penny Parrish
CHCA reps	Beth Harnett Jim Bowler Julia Greenhill
Public Officer	Julia Greenhill 62 341516 or juliafg@bigpond.com
Web site	www.fosbr.org.au

#### THANKS GO TO:

##### Hobart City Council:

For help and assistance in Rivulet bank conservation under the Adopt a Waterway program

##### Tasmanian Landcare Assoc:

For grant assistance toward administration expenses

##### Australian Government

For the Caring for our Country

Community Initiatives grant

##### Natural Resource Management

##### (South):

For a grant and other assistance.

##### Derwent Estuary Program:

For various help.

##### Albuera St. Primary School:

For providing a meeting room

##### Princes St Primary School

For their Rivulet activities

And ALL others who have helped

make our activities possible



## WORKING BEES

Our Working Bees are held every second Sunday of each month, from 9.30 – 11.30 am, and we meet at the picnic table in Fitzroy Gardens nearest to the corner of Pillinger St and Fitzroy Crescent. (Note that the table is partially obscured from the road by trees).

**The dates for the next few months are: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**If anyone can spare an occasional hour or two, please turn up and we will make you very welcome, and there are always different grades of work to do to suit different abilities.**

The Friends of Sandy Bay Rivulet Inc have a comprehensive volunteer insurance cover which covers our volunteers and our community based activities.

## PARLIAMENT STREET PARK & MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

We are continuing also to work along the Rivulet banks in the Parliament Street Park, planting rushes, ferns, shrubs and trees, and weeding around these new plantings. There is still lots more to do, and some of our Working Bees are in this area.

Our next Working Bee date, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, we will be working at Parliament St to show visitors our work as part of the Mountain Festival, and at 10.30 there will be a welcome to Country ceremony to start the Festival.

## NEIGHBOURS AND LIVING WITH SANDY BAY RIVULET

It is indeed pleasing to see that some of the residents living along the Sandy Bay Rivulet are starting to take an interest in clearing weeds and replanting the riparian zone with suitable native plants. Well done to you all.

## WATERWORKS VALLEY LANDCARE GROUP

The Waterworks Valley Landcare Group are also doing great work in revegetation in a section of Sandy Bay Rivulet between Romilly St and the Waterworks and they are always in need of extra help for their working bees. Check work program details at [www.waterworksvalley.com](http://www.waterworksvalley.com)



## FOSBR RECOGNITION

The Hobart City Council recently recognised and thanked volunteer based organisations that serve the city. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Rob Valentine presented citations to a number of bodies, including FoSBR, for the voluntary work undertaken. See photo below of the Lord Mayor making the presentation to our President



## CARING FOR COUNTRY COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT

A hard-working group of members and friends has made a significant impact on improving the area beside the Sandy Bay Rivulet which we are working on. Clearing the extremely overgrown area, near Fitzroy Gardens, has been followed up by planting native plants, including Blackwood seedlings received from Forestry Tasmania for National Tree Day.

We have been delighted by the cooperation and help we have received from Hobart City Council officers from Parks and Reserves, and Environmental Engineering departments, and from DIER (Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources). We have also been encouraged by the interest and comments of local residents. The HCC has also provided a fence extension to improve the safety for the public of the steep area beside the Rivulet we have cleared.

Also, a class at Princes Street Primary School has been working on another area of the Rivulet near Overell St, where they have done wonderful work clearing weeds and planting native plants. They will also be doing some studies of the water quality of the Rivulet later in the year. Well done to teacher Nita Airey and all her students!

## DID YOU KNOW?

### THE QUEEN'S CHAIN

In New Zealand, in 1840, a colonial governor was asked by Queen Victoria, to propose a twenty-two yard (20 metre) strip reserved for public access along the bank of every river in the land, known as the "Queen's Chain". This was never actually written into law, but is still often referred to in decisions about the use of water frontages, and its intent is still obvious in the 20 metre "marginal strips" reserved along side rivers and streams when the Crown disposes of land, as provided under the Conservation Act of 1987.

Although our Rivulet has buildings much closer than this along much of its length, it is still important to maintain access where possible, and for residents to help keep the water quality as pure as possible, particularly by keeping our stormwater clean and looking after the area close to the Rivulet. The Rivulet is still a significant part of our local community, and an important wildlife corridor from the Mountain to the Derwent Estuary.

### COUNCIL OF HOBART COMMUNITY ASSOC'S

The CHCA is a peak body representing Hobart based community organisations such as FoSBR. They would like our views on issues and members of FoSBR are welcome at their meetings. The Meetings are held 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of the month at the meeting room at the rear of the Town Hall. If you have issues or would like to attend please contact Beth Harnett (62231106 or 0418 231105), our CHCA representative.

### RECYCLING ELECTRONIC GOODS

Did you know that the Glenorchy Tip Shop (Recovery Centre) will now recycle electronic goods such as computers and televisions.

The centre is on Jackson St (off Chapel St), Glenorchy. So much better than seeing all these valuable materials thrown on the tip.

