

## BATTERY POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

### 2016 – 7 Annual General Meeting Report

#### Overview

The last twelve months have been both challenging and rewarding for the Committee. The Committee has met monthly and undertaken a wide range of tasks between meetings. In doing so, Committee members have been cognisant of their responsibilities to current Association members, but also to previous members who have worked diligently over many years to preserve and enhance all that is special about Battery Point.

#### Finances

The Association is in a strong position financially, largely due to the income derived from the Community Hall.

#### Battery Point Community Hall and Henslowe Park

The Committee was successful in its application for a Community Infrastructure Grant of \$23,647.00 to upgrade the Community Hall. The grant provided funds to enable us to paint the exterior and interior walls, refinish the floor, undertake works to install a dishwasher in the kitchen and construct a screened area to enclose the large rubbish bins. All works are complete apart from the exterior painting, which will take place in the next few weeks. Hall Manager Carol Mackel has worked tirelessly to maximise bookings while ensuring that the Hall is well maintained. Forward bookings are strong, as the Hall is increasingly known as an excellent venue for a variety of functions.

The Committee finalised arrangements for new shrubs and flowers donated by the Hobart City Council (HCC) to be planted in Henslowe Park and will continue to seek ways to enhance the amenity of the Garden.

**In Bobby's Footsteps** [www.batterypointwalk.com.au](http://www.batterypointwalk.com.au) This resource has proved to be highly successful and has been actively supported by the HCC, Tourist Information Centre, Narryna, local businesses and residents. An enlarged map of the walk was placed on the door of the Community Hall to help to promote the walk and provide valuable assistance to those undertaking it. During the year, the Committee hosted a group of Danish students who undertook the tour as part of their educational program in Tasmania and reported that it was a highlight of their visit.

#### Website [www.batterypointhall.org.au](http://www.batterypointhall.org.au)

The Association website continues to grow and is a highly valuable resource for the community and visitors. The website provides regular news updates, information about membership and hiring the Hall as well as promoting local businesses and facilitating communication with members. A highlight has been the inclusion of a number of fascinating stories about Battery Point places, people and events.

**Battery Point Slipyards Master Plan:** A number of Association members participated in a workshop to prepare a master plan for the future direction of the Battery Point Slipyards site. Feedback on the workshop and information about the plan will be available later in the year.

### **Community Events / Communication**

The Committee has been committed to fostering a strong sense of community among members through regular communication posts, and social and cultural events. The Committee held / supported a number of events during the year:

- A launch of 'In Bobby's Footsteps' in the Community Hall.
- Community Christmas drinks.
- Celebrating our Village Elders: Over 60 people attended the event and everyone enjoyed sharing stories and consuming the delicious food. We were grateful for the organisational skills of community volunteers and the generous donation of food by Jackman and McRoss and d'Angelo's.
- Slipyard Tours: Master boat builder Bill Foster led three tours of the Battery Point slipyards. This fascinating tour tells the history of Battery Point boatbuilding over time and includes magnificent photographs from Bill's collection.
- Scrimshaw Exhibition: This was a collaborative event with Narryna and enabled participants to view an exhibition of scrimshaw masterworks from the collection of Colin Thomas.
- Annual Mariners Service: The Committee promoted this and other events at St Georges Church through the Association website and list serve.
- Letter-boxing all Battery Point residents on two occasions with news updates and an invitation to join the Association.
- Community meetings about the Statewide Planning Scheme and Interim Planning Directive 2 (see below).

### **Planning**

The Committee has spent a great deal of time and energy engaging with complex planning matters:

- Holding a community meeting led by Peter Pearce to provide information to residents on the process and progress of the Government's Statewide Planning Scheme as it relates to Battery Point.
- Holding ongoing discussions with the Hobart City Council planners, other Government officers and a meeting with Minister Matthew Groom about the Statewide Planning scheme and Interim Planning Directive No 2.
- Producing a fact sheet that summarised the changes made by the Minister for Planning to the planning laws relating to visitor accommodation in Tasmania and its implications for Battery Point.
- Holding a community meeting to discuss:
  - Planning Principles for inclusion in the Specific Area Plan (SAP) for Battery Point, which were later ratified and included on the Association website

- Changes to regulations concerning Visitor Accommodation outlined in the Interim Planning Directive.
- Distributing a survey for members on Visitor Accommodation. Results of the Visitor Accommodation survey were included on the website.
- Preparing a submission to the Tasmanian Planning Commission on the Interim Planning Directive.

### **Traffic**

Submissions were prepared by Committee members on transport in response to the HCC City of Hobart Transport Strategy Consultation Paper 2 (Private Transport) and Consultation Paper 4 (Local Traffic Management). A survey of members was undertaken to inform an Association response in response to Consultation Paper 4; this submission has been included on the Association website.

### **Council of Community Associations of Hobart (CHCA)**

The Association is a member of CHCA and was represented at its regular meetings. CHCA is an important peak body that participates in scheduled meetings with the HCC General Manager and enables member associations to share ideas and initiatives.

### **Future**

The Committee will continue its strong support for the Aims of the Association. It is committed to fostering improved communication with members and to seek their advice on matters of interest to the community. In particular, the Committee aims to strengthen the sense of community among Battery Point residents and businesses through a variety of initiatives.

### **Acknowledgements**

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- Peter Pearce for his ongoing advice on planning matters
- Steven Haines for his work in designing and maintaining the Association website
- Caroline Lindus for chairing the community meeting on Planning Principles and Visitor Accommodation

Charles Morgan

President

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