

Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue Inc. Newsletter Issue 40: October 2008



Highlights:

- Feedback from Annual General Meeting

Dates to remember:

- Remembrance Day Dedications - 11 November 2008, 1pm
- Public Displays, Victoria Gunpowder Magazine – 7th to 11th November, 10am – 3pm Daily



MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2008/09 ARE NOW OVERDUE. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM AND POST BACK WITH PAYMENT.

President's Report

As we enter another dry spring and summer season, we must all hope that our trees can survive. But at the present time the Avenue is looking wonderful. On a recent working bee, we received many supportive comments from walkers using the path, who commended the restoration effort and particularly the opening of the new section of the Avenue around the newly named "Soldiers Memorial Oval". It is certainly very pleasing to hear these comments as we realise how much our hard work is appreciated by the people who use the Domain.

The recent attendance at the AGM was also very pleasing, and we now believe this "Sunday afternoon" format is the way to go to ensure a good attendance. Thanks to all those who came along. Can I also place on record my congratulations to Adrian Howard and William Cox for their nomination as the first Life Members of FOSMA.

I would like to also pay tribute to the committee who have worked so hard to keep FOSMA alive and well over the past year: Adrian Howard, Mike Wilkie, Andrea Gerrard, Ian Latham, Helen Hartley, John Trethewey, Owen Hutchinson and Peter Pickering, as well as our ex-officio members Chris Oakes and Eva Ruzicka.

Over the next year we will be focussing on installing the last plaques along the original Avenue, as well as planting out replacement trees during late autumn and winter. We are working closely with the Hobart City Council on the best approach for replacing dead and missing trees as well as developing a policy for the replacement of trees deemed to be dying or "too far gone". We will ensure that we liaise with all relevant families and descendants over the replacement of trees.

John Wadsley

Spring Working Bees

Thanks to those who attended the last two working bees in September and October. We undertook litter removal, weeding, washing of plaques and a general tidy-up, as well as commencing to put a touch-up render on some plinths which have holes or a poor finish.

Next Working Bee: Sunday 9th November 2007, 10.00 am: Poppy Day – placing poppies on the trees in preparation for Remembrance Day. Meet at the TCA carpark. We will also be drilling and gluing plaques on the day.

Remembrance Day Dedications and Public Display

We will be holding the next set of dedications on **Remembrance Day, 11th November 2008, commencing at 1.00pm**. The Lord Mayor of Hobart Ald Rob Valentine will be making the dedication speech. Afternoon tea will be held in the Gun powder Magazine after the main ceremony. All are invited to attend.

The main ceremony will be located on the Avenue in the southern section behind the HCC Beaumaris depot. The best access is to park at the TCA northern carpark and walk down the Avenue. Allow at least 10 minutes for the walk. If you or a family member will need assistance on the day to move along the Avenue, please call John Wadsley on 6248 7294.

Don't forget the **Public Display of SMA Memorabilia and a Light Horse Regiment Display in the Gunpowder Magazine to be held from Friday 7th November to Tuesday 11th November, 10.00 am to 3.00pm daily**. Light refreshments will be available. If you are able to assist with manning the display on any of the days, please contact Andrea Gerrard on 6228 0543.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 21st September 2008 at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. To begin the proceedings a presentation was given by Adrian Howard on "Memorials, Memory and the Avenue", which provided the audience with the wealth of Adrian's knowledge on how the Great War has been remembered and how families commemorated their loved ones.

This was followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea kindly provided by the RTBG. The AGM followed with all the usual business. The new committee elected for 2008/2009 is as follows:

President - John Wadsley
Senior Vice-President – Adrian Howard
Vice-President - Mike Wilkie
Secretary – Andrea Gerrard
Treasurer – Ian Latham
General Committee – Helen Hartley, Peter Pickering, John Trethewey, Kirsty Black.

Ex-officio members: Chris Oakes (State RSL) and Deputy Lord Mayor Eva Ruzicka (HCC).

We must also pay thanks to Owen Hutchinson who left the committee this year for his support and good works over the last two years.

The first two Life Members were also inducted at the AGM, namely Adrian Howard and our former Patron, William Cox AC RFD ED. We are sure everyone will agree these two gentlemen are worthy recipients of this honour. Congratulations to both of them.

The Presidents Report and Financial Statement are attached to this newsletter for members information. Thanks to all those members who attended the AGM and contributed to the proper functioning of our association.

WINE OFFER - ORDERS IN BY NOVEMBER 28th. Details at the back.

Many thanks to Duncan Kerr MP SC, Federal Member for Denison and his staff for photocopying this newsletter

Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue Inc.



President's Report on behalf of the Committee for the year ended 30 June 2008

A very busy year has been completed and when you consider just how much has been achieved, it has been a very successful twelve months. Our work to restore the Avenue has continued unabated, our relationships with supporters and sponsors are as strong as ever, our financial position is very strong, our recognition within the community has increased markedly, and most importantly we have remained true to the Association's objectives in working to preserve and restore this most important memorial.

Restoration of the Avenue

With dedications in February and August we have now installed over 400 plaques and over the next two years, it is hoped all remaining plaques will be completed.

The major work on the Avenue centred on the Crossroads Oval redevelopment project, which saw the construction of a circular path around the oval to join with the few remaining trees at the Crossroads proper. 52 new plaques and trees were installed around the oval. The Hobart City Council and Green Corps are to be commended for their hard work during this project. It is a magnificent sight.

With a large number of new trees ready for planting next Autumn, we can commence the task of replanting those trees that have died or disappeared. We will also liaise with families and the Council over the possible replacement of trees that are in very poor health.

Events

For Anzac Week, FOSMA conducted tours of the Avenue, and had exhibitions at the Gunpowder Magazine. Hundreds of people came to these events and thanks to all those who helped to make them a success.

Our most important event for the year was the 90th Anniversary commemorations in August. A descendant's lunch was held at Drysdale House on Friday 1st August attended by 90 people, a special guest was the former Governor William Cox AC RFD ED who was presented with a framed montage of photos to remind him of his time as Patron. It was a wonderful lunch and gave many descendants the opportunity to swap stories of loved ones remembered on the Avenue.

The major dedications ceremony on Sunday 3rd August was a spectacular success, helped immeasurably by a fine and sunny day. The whole event went like clockwork, and thanks to all those involved who worked so very hard to make the day so memorable.

Not only were we able to witness the dedication of 52 new trees, many by descendants, but we also were privileged to see and hear the Army Band Tasmania and Police Pipe Band in action, as well as the beautiful voices of the Wellingtons, the power of the 25 pounder fired by the Historical Arms and Military Society of Tasmania, and the men and horses of the 3rd Light Horse Troop. Thanks to Alpha Audio, I'm Back Catering, the Army and Navy Cadets, St John's Ambulance and the State Emergency Service for their help and support on the day. And of course, many thanks to the Hobart City Council and Green Corps and the FOSMA committee and volunteers for their hard work.

Supporters and Sponsors

During this year our Patron the former Governor William Cox retired. The genuine interest and support shown by Mr Cox for FOSMA's activities was very important to our group and I place on record our sincere thanks for his attendance at so many dedications and other events over the past years.

And it is with much pleasure that I welcome the current Governor Peter Underwood AO as FOSMA's new Patron. His Excellency's first engagement was presiding at the 90th Anniversary commemorations and he did an excellent job handling the very long list of names.

Without the significant support of the Hobart City Council over this year, our efforts would have probably failed. We are extremely grateful that the Council has continued to put a very high level of resources into the restoration of the Avenue. The hours of design, planning and implementing the Crossroads redevelopment highlights the level of commitment by Council.

Many thanks to Rob Mather, Richard Greenhill, Elise Cox and Matt Newman for their support and assistance over the year, as well as Council's works crews so ably led by Brian Lumb and Nobby who did such sterling work for the 90th Anniversary dedications. We must also acknowledge the assistance of the Lord Mayor, Ald Rob Valentine and Deputy Lord Mayor Eva Ruzicka.

And who could forget the Green Corps team led by David Mason ably supported by Pip Gowen of CVGT. The work this young group did in six months was outstanding and is a credit to them. I was moved and inspired listening to the group when they graduated in July and was pleased that all of them will take positive experiences from their time on the Avenue.

Without the support of our sponsors, we would not be in such a strong financial position. Firstly we must recognise Tassal for their continuing role as our major corporate sponsor, and in particular thanks to Nick Burrows. The State Government have also provided a very strong financial boost to our cause. We must also acknowledge AMS Hire, Cripps Nubake, Tasmanian Meat Wholesalers, Boral and the numerous organisations and families who have made private donations.

We are grateful for the continuing support of the State RSL, particularly Tony Scott OAM JP State President, Noeleen Lincoln OAM Chief Executive Officer and Chris Oakes State Vice President.

Our other supporters need acknowledgement including Hobart Legacy, Claremont RSL Womens' Auxilliary, South Hobart Progress Association, The Law Society of Tasmania, , National Servicemen's Association of Australia, RAAF Association, Tasmanian members of the Australian Defence Force and a host of other bodies, too numerous to mention here.

Committee and Membership

After such a busy year I must commend the committee for their hard work and ensuring that everything worked so well during the year. I was very pleased to welcome Ian Latham onto the team as Treasurer and I thank him for his efforts in taking on this onerous job. Many thanks to Andrea Gerrard as Secretary for keeping me on the straight and narrow throughout the year. The Vice-presidents Adrian Howard and Mike Wilkie were always there behind the scenes – drilling, gluing, researching, keeping members informed. And the general committee have been there to do all those other jobs to keep things moving – many thanks to Helen Hartley, Owen Hutchinson, John Trethewey and Peter Pickering. Thanks also to Chris Oakes, RSL representative and Eva Ruzicka, HCC representative for their assistance.

To those members who have helped at the working bees, participated at dedications, kept in touch, or passed on good ideas, thank you very much for your contribution.

As we move into the final stages of the restoration effort, I hope that you will all continue to come to the Avenue to reflect on the service and sacrifice of brave Tasmanians represented there.

Lest We Forget

JOHN WADSLEY

President

FRIENDS OF SOLDIERS MEMORIAL AVENUE INC

(ABN 12 395 696 020)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30th. JUNE 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
RECEIPTS		
Anzac Day function	336.55	-
Avenue kits	165.00	-
Fundraising events	1,798.50	2,461.35
General donations	1,080.00	750.35
Gift Fund donations.	1,372.19	1,055.00
Grant State Government	-	40,000.00
Interest - Operating account	18.51	28.98
Gift account	38.25	29.82
Investment account	3,665.11	658.08
Members subscriptions	3,943.54	2,040.00
Membership for Life	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous receipts	20.00	20.00
Plaque donations	7,685.00	10,860.00
Tassal sponsorship	10,000.00	30,000.00
Wood sales	-	3,782.25
Total receipts	30,322.65	91,885.83
PAYMENTS		
Advertising	-	101.70
Audit	200.00	150.00
Bank fees	10.50	6.50
Consultants(TCF Grant 2005/2006)	203.95	26,275.31
Miscellaneous	64.74	895.52
Plaque production	23,760.00	29,786.00
Postage	1,340.58	1,420.43
Refreshments	302.85	-
Stationery	267.34	867.82
Statutory fees(Annual return)	68.75	47.57
Web page	688.00	410.00
Wreaths	120.00	120.00
Total payments	27,026.71	60,080.85
SURPLUS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	3,295.94	31,804.98
Add -Cash at bank brought forward:		
Operating account	3,556.99	3,822.25
Gift account	5,915.43	503.27
Investment account	52,961.94	26,303.86
Total cash brought forward	62,434.36	30,629.38
TOTAL CASH ON HAND END OF YEAR	\$ 65,730.30	\$ 62,434.36
REPRESENTED BY		
Operating account	1,879.57	3,556.99
Gift account	5,233.68	5,915.43
Investment account	58,617.05	52,961.94
	\$ 65,730.30	\$ 62,434.36

Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue Inc. Membership Form

Name:

Postal Address:
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Email Address:

Telephone (home): (work/mobile):

Newsletter Delivery Preference (please tick): **Via Post** **Via Email**

Subscriptions: Annual Membership is on a financial year basis from 1 July to 30 June: \$10.00
Membership Paid for Life is a once off payment: \$200.00

Membership type (please tick): **New** **Renewal** **Membership Paid for Life**

Do you wish to make a donation with this membership? (please tick): **General** **Plaque**

Total Amount included with this form (membership plus any donation): \$.....

Payments can be made by cheque or postal order posted to: FOSMA, GPO Box 1867, Hobart 7001. Or via direct deposit (you must include your name in the details/ comments box and send an email advising us):

Bank: Westpac Bank
Name of account: Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue Inc.
BSB number: 037-001
Account Number: 356809

Do you wish to nominate a Soldier of Interest commemorated on the Avenue? If so, please indicate below:

Soldiers Name: **Tree Number**

(Note: You must inform FOSMA if you wish to change any of the above details)

Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue Inc., GPO Box 1867, HOBART TAS 7001
Phone : 6228 0543 / 6248 7294 E-mail: info@soldierswalk.org.au

Patron: His Excellency Peter Underwood AC Governor of Tasmania
President: J Wadsley Secretary: A Gerrard

Tasmanian Meat Wholesalers Pty. Ltd.





Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue

FOSMA Wine offer, c/o Adrian Howard, 11 Franklin St, West Hobart 7000

November Fundraising Wine Order

1	Hunter Valley Soft fruit and soft finish, this bubbly is very easy drinking, especially where powerful flavours are not wanted. Lovely summer afternoon wine, with fine effervescence suitable to go with soft cheese platters, fruit and light desserts such as mousse.	Brut	non-vintage	\$12.00
2	Padthaway Crisp and acid lime flavours and a dry finish give this a classic Euro Riesling character. Ideal match for rich seafood dishes.	Riesling	2006	\$13.50
3	Margaret River A superb example of warmer climate Sauvignon Blanc, bouncing with tropical fruit flavours and a very crisp dry finish. Marry with Tasmanian seafood such as crayfish or mussels. Try it with mussels barbequed in their shells, straight off the barbeque, without seasoning.	Sauvignon Blanc	2008	\$15.00
4	Hunter Valley A bright red colour offers liquorice and blackberry bouquet. Medium bodied with plenty of Hunter berry flavours, lingering spices and a hint of vanilla. A genuine partner to prime beef and hearty roast vegetables.	Shiraz	2006	\$12.50
5	Mornington Peninsula A fresh Pinot Noir from a maritime climate. Fruit and oaky vanilla nose, slightly fruity and earthy flavours, and a soft tannin finish with a hint of spice. Light Pinot Noirs are an excellent choice for shellfish, and warm or cold white meat salads. Try this one with a Crayfish Caesar Salad.	Classic Pinot Noir	2006	\$12.00
6	Coonawarra A typical Coonawarra cabernet, with deep colour, ripe flavours and well handled oak. Plus the bonus of a few years bottle age. Just the ticket with fillet of beef stuffed with a rich tomato, onion and cheese sauce, and side dish of roast vegetables.	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004	\$12.00
7	Reynella Rich and rainy blend of 5 years average age. Oak ageing gives honey and vanilla nuances. Good quality fortification provides for a smooth finish. A delightful match with big, rich desserts like plum pudding, Christmas cake, fruity cheesecakes and "death by chocolate" cake. A must for sweet toothers.	Classic Tawny Port		\$12.50

Orders in multiples of 6 would be appreciated --- All prices include GST --- Orders close on 28th Nov 2008

Please order on the reverse of this form

Labelling of orders and special labelling

Prospect Wines have in conjunction with Friends of Soldiers Walk arranged for special labelling of bottles with any individual soldier information, for those customers interested in a special memento. Please contact Adrian Howard to discuss the process of having those labels created. An additional fee of \$12 per dozen applies - orders must be in multiples of 12 (can be mixed).

All bottles will have a generic label with Soldiers Memorial Avenue on it, showing the wine type and statutory info, as shown in the example below.



Specially labelled bottles will have individual soldier information on the reverse, with either an image of the individual or their battalion emblem, as shown in the examples below.

Cpt Audubon Eric
Palfreyman
27 Sqd RFC



KIA 23/5/1918
Tree 494

Pte Alfred Charles
Hill
12 Bn



KIA 19/9/1917
Tree 286

OR

Order Form: Prospect Wines Hobart - (please return this form with your payment to the above address).

Please accept my order for the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue fundraiser wines. I acknowledge that I am over 18 years of age and that I am placing an order with Prospect Wines Hobart [ABN 15 105 912 187] (Off Licence No. 73020861).

*** The applicable law for transactions for the purchase of wine from Prospect Wines Hobart is the law of the State of Tasmania. By placing an order with Prospect Wines Hobart, you accept that ownership of and risk of the goods passes to the customer upon payment of the goods and when the goods have been despatched with the carrier. We reserve the right to substitute similar wines of similar value if for some unforeseen reason the named wines above become unavailable at the time the fundraiser finishes.*

Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____ **Fax:** _____
Address: _____ **P/code:** _____

			\$ per bottle	No	\$
1	Hunter Valley	Brut	12.00		
2	Padthaway	Riesling	13.50		
3	Margaret River	Sauvignon Blanc	15.00		
4	Hunter Valley	Shiraz	12.50		
5	Mornington Peninsula	Classic Pinot Noir	12.00		
6	Coonawarra	Cabernet Sauvignon	12.00		
7	Reynella	Classic Tawny Port	12.50		
		Special order for individual soldier memento labelling*	12.00		

Payment Options	(please tick applicable method)	special memento labelling orders must be multiples of 12 bottles (can be mixed)	Subtotal
<input type="checkbox"/>	CASH	(Tasmanian delivery fee if applicable - see below)	\$6
<input type="checkbox"/>	CREDIT CARD (see below - M/Card, VISA, Diners, Amex & JCB accepted)	(Interstate delivery fee if applicable - see below)	various
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHEQUE (payable to Prospect Wines Hobart - NOT FOSMA)		TOTAL

Credit Card details for my purchase of Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue fundraiser wines.

Name on Card: _____ **Phone:** _____

Card No: _____ **Expiry:** _____ **Amount: \$** _____

I authorise the above amount to be charged to my credit card. Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

For orders collected directly from Friends of Soldiers memorial Avenue, there will be no delivery charge

For orders delivered within Tasmania, we will be charging a flat \$6 fee per each dozen or part dozen, for delivery by Australia Post.

For orders outside Tasmania (must be whole dozens), we will be charging according to the current Australia Post Schedule as indicated below -

Location	for delivery by Australia Post
Melbourne	\$ 16.00
Victoria (outside Melbourne metro)	\$ 19.00
Sydney	\$ 22.00
New South Wales (outside Sydney metro)	\$ 24.00
Brisbane	\$ 26.00
Queensland (outside Brisbane metro)	\$ 36.00
Adelaide	\$ 22.00
South Australia (outside Adelaide metro)	\$ 24.00
Perth	\$ 32.00
Western Australia (outside Perth metro)	\$ 39.00
Northern Territory	\$ 56.00