

Harbour City Happenings

Report to the Wellington Region AGM 2024

Since June 2021, Harbour City Happenings has been free to all who would like to receive it by email.

Each issue is emailed to all Wellington RSCDS members, former emails subscribers, and those who have requested it since it became free – just over 200 individuals. In addition, it is also sent to the secretaries of all Wellington Region clubs, for distribution to their members who are not already RSCDS members; and to Region secretaries for further dissemination to their clubs and members. Harbour City Happenings is also available on the Region website.

An electronic copy is sent to the National Library Legal Deposit.

Note: I would like to receive an updated list of RSCDS members in the Wellington Region, with their email addresses (new people will have become RSCDS members since 2021).

Proposal

Since most people now have access to email, **I would like to propose that Harbour City Happenings become an “electronic only” newsletter.**

It is very pleasing that the region’s clubs are providing plenty of material for each issue, which means that the last few issues have been 12 or more pages. Printing 12-page A4 booklets (in B&W) costs \$2.40 per issue. Postage is now \$2.30 per issue (excluding envelopes). Fortunately, I have been using pre-paid envelopes, which were bought in 2019 at a cost of \$1.29 each. (I still have 70 in stock).

The \$10 that we have been charging for a yearly hard-copy postal subscription (four issues) now no longer covers the costs.

The number of postal subscribers has fallen to just 10. Of these, only Romaine Butterfield and Jan Bruce do not have access to email. I would like to make an exception for these two very longstanding members, and continue to provide them with printed issues.

Since the Harbour City Happenings bank account is now being managed by the Region Treasurer, I do not know how much money is still in the HCH account, but I suggest we make these printed issues complementary for Romaine and Jan (i.e. no cost to them). I believe their long service to SCD and the region warrants this.

I am willing to get four copies printed of each issue (for Romaine, Jan, myself and the HCH archive), and suggest that I apply for a refund from the HCH account once a year to cover printing of all four issues of that year.

The advantage of electronic copies is that they can exceed 12 pages if more material is submitted.

I am happy to continue as Editor of Harbour City Happenings.

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