

The Scratching Post



The Newsletter of the Hobart Cat Centre

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Grand Opening - Special Edition

The Hobart Cat Centre proudly presents our new state-of-the-art centre!

Moving to our new location has been a long time in the making and an enormous amount of work and support has gone into this huge job.



We are really grateful to everyone who has played a part in this historic move. Each of you has played an important role, be it in donating your skills, time or money to the Centre.

The new Centre will have its official opening on **Saturday 13 October** and we invite you all to come along for an a fun open day.

We are thrilled that **Debra Byrne**, the star of **Cats the Musical** will attend our launch, and will be a special

guest when Lord Mayor of Hobart **Alderman Rob Valentine** officially opens the Centre. Deputy Lord Mayor **Alderman Eva Ruzica** will also speak.

There will also be a free sausage sizzle and face painting for the kids.

Cats the Musical cast members in their cat costumes will also join us on this fun family day.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP. See page 2 for details.

We have said 'goodbye' to our previous site at Strickland Avenue. That site was opened over 30 years ago by our founder Florence Robson.

Florence was a great cat lover, who had a vision to provide a shelter for all unwanted cats and kittens in Hobart.

Since opening in 1974, our functions have expanded to include a range of services including boarding, adoption, trapping and education on responsible cat ownership.

In more recent years, the Centre has expanded further, opening two successful op-shops. All funds raised by the Centre through the shops, adoption, boarding and fundraising, go to support the work of this vital not-for-



Some Hobart Cat Centre residents at South Hobart, looking forward to the move to the new centre at Self's Point.

profit organisation.

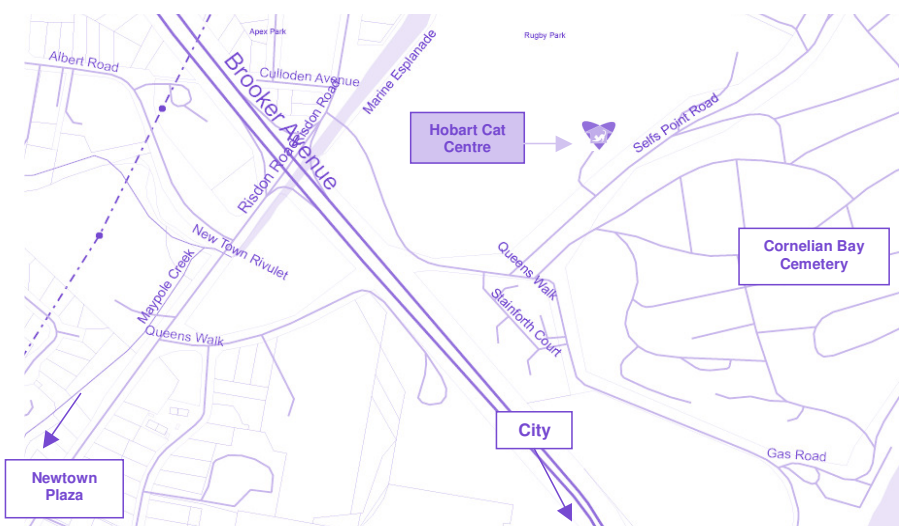
It is hard to believe that only a few short years ago, the Centre was under threat of closure. We have come a long way from those hard times.

Thanks to the hard work of so many people, we are now going stronger than ever. And the new Centre is the best symbol of this success.

The large space at the new Centre will allow us to open 7 days, operate a shop for all your pet needs, offer communal as well as separate boarding facilities, a large kitten nursery and much more!

Huge thanks go to all at the Hobart City Council who have done so much to help us during our major redevelopment of the land and buildings.

Finally, the Committee extends its particularly big thanks to our President **Ingrid Tebb** who has devoted so much to the Centre and this move. It would really not have happened without her. Thank you from everyone involved.



THE HOBART CAT CENTRE

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Centre Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday: 10am - 4pm

Weekends & Public Holidays: 10am - 3pm

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Op-Shops: **Glenorchy:** 441 Main Road.
Margate: 1717 Channel Highway.

President: Ingrid Tebb
Vice President: Rose Osborne
Jnr Vice President: Claudette Bobrowski
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Cat Centre Manager: Julie Bristow
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Tammy Eastley
Anne Burleigh

Centre Volunteers: Anne Marsh
Audrey Krupa
Alison Tolman

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Robyn Tacey (Margate)

Honorary Life Members: Dot Chaffey
Kath Fisher
Mona Foster
Betty Sheperd
Nora Wills
Lyn Weiden-Hoffer
Nancy Knop (dec)

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Hobart Cat Centre Mission Statement:

The Hobart Cat Centre Inc., as a self-funded, apolitical, non profit organisation, exists to shelter and humanely deal with unwanted kittens and cats, and to work with and educate all of the Tasmanian community on methods and benefits of responsible cat ownership.



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Hobart Cat Centre President Ingrid Tebb

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We have done it! Finally our dream has become a reality and this month we will be in our brand new Cat Centre at 12 Self's Point Road, New Town.

It would be lovely to see lots of people at our official launch on Saturday the 13th October. So please come and join us, as this is a big celebration.

Our move could not have occurred without the assistance of many people. A huge 'Thank You' goes to the **Hobart City Council**, particularly **Damien Camplin & Chris Clinton, Scenport** (our builders) and their subcontractors, **Leonard Bristow** and to the staff, committee and volunteers of the Cat Centre.

At the new centre you will find individual & communal boarding, a bigger cat & kitten adoption area and a retail shop of goodies for your special feline friends.

With so much to do in preparation for our official opening, I will keep this report short. But stay tuned for our next bumper edition of the Scratching Post where I will share a special story with you.

I look forward to catching up with you all at the Official Opening.

Ingrid Tebb, Hobart Cat Centre President

The Hobart Cat Centre invites you

To the official opening of our new centre
By Lord Mayor of Hobart Ald. Rob Valentine
With an address from Deputy Lord Mayor Eva Ruzicka
And help from special guest **Debra Byrne**
star of "CATS"

12 Self's Point Road
New Town

Saturday 13 October
Open day: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Official Opening: 12:45pm

Free sausage sizzle & facepainting

Kindly RSVP (email preferred) by 10 October
itebb@hobartrealty.com.au • eloise.haddad@gmail.com
Or to Julie: 6223 5988

Kitty Comforts. A list of 'must haves' for your cat

- An inviting bed – if you don't want your new cat sleeping on your bed, provide a more appealing option. Cats prefer a warm cosy spot, sometimes high up on a wide shelf or similar. A soft pillow, rugs or a small doona with your own scent on may do the trick.
- Toys – meet your cat's behavioural needs by providing opportunities for play hunting. Ping pong balls to chase or a paper bag with scrunched up paper inside will keep many cats entertained for hours. Avoid string, wool and ribbon toys. Cats' barbed tongues make it difficult for them to spit anything out once they begin to swallow it. If buying cat toys, pick ones that are safe. There should be no parts that can come off and be swallowed.
- Scratching post - cats can be trained to scratch on a scratching post instead of using the lounge suite. Scratching posts of various levels of luxury are readily available; some include a hammock bed, cubby house and a selection of play toys – what bliss.
- Grooming tools - although cats groom themselves, long-haired cats require daily brushing to prevent their hair from matting. Even short-haired cats can benefit from being groomed.
- Food and water bowls - these should be shallow; as cats like to keep their faces and whiskers clean while they eat.
- Litter box and litter - the litter box needs to be placed away from where the cat is fed. Many people put the litter box in the bathroom, away from high-traffic areas. It is important to clean the pan daily as cleanliness is high on a cat's list of priorities.
- An inviting outside area, fully enclosed for your cat will ensure their safety, the safety of other animals and birds and your own peace of mind.



A 'comfy' Cat Centre kitten

Anne Boxhall - Tasmanian Companion Animal Welfare Coalition
Printed courtesy of the Sunday Tasmanian

AGM REMINDER

The annual general meeting of the
Hobart Cat Centre will be held:

6:00pm
November 21st 2007
12 Sels Point Road
New Town
(new centre)

Centre Christmas Cards

It's hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner!

The Hobart Cat Centre will have a brand new range of Christmas Cards available this year, with lots of new photos of Cat Centre cats and kittens.

Thanks to new Committee member John Stafford for the lovely photographs.

As in previous years, our cards will be on sale at the **Combined Charities Christmas Card and Gift Shop**.

The Shop will operate from the Cloisters of St David's Cathedral on the corner of Murray & Macquarie Streets in Hobart, from **22 October to 19 December 2007**.

The shop's operating hours are:


Mondays - Fridays:	10:00am - 4:00 pm
Saturdays (from 17 November)	10:00am - 2:00pm





We encourage you to support the Centre through the purchase of our quality cards. They will also be on sale at the new Hobart Cat Centre site, as well as at our two op-shops.


The cards will be on sale at \$1 each or \$10 for 12 cards.


Feline Physics


 Law of Cat Inertia - A cat at rest will tend to remain at rest, unless acted upon by some outside force - such as the opening of cat food, or a nearby scurrying mouse.


 Law of Cat Motion - A cat will move in a straight line, unless there is a really good reason to change direction.


 Law of Cat Magnetism - All blue blazers and black sweaters attract cat hair in direct proportion to the darkness of the fabric.


 Law of Cat Thermodynamics - Heat flows from a warmer to a cooler body, except in the case of a cat, in which case all heat flows to the cat.


 Law of Cat Stretching - A cat will stretch to a distance proportional to the length of the nap just taken.


 Law of Cat Sleeping - All cats must sleep with people whenever possible, in a position as uncomfortable for the people involved, and as comfortable as possible for the cat.


 Law of Refrigerator Observation - If a cat watches a refrigerator long enough, someone will come along and take out something good to eat.


 Law of Electric Blanket Attraction - Turn on an electric blanket and a cat will jump into bed at the speed of light.

 Law of Random Comfort Seeking - A cat will always seek, and usually take over, the most comfortable spot in any given room.

 Law of Bag/Box Occupancy - All bags and boxes in a given room must contain a cat within the earliest possible nanosecond.

 Law of Cat Disinterest - A cat's interest level will vary in inverse proportion to the amount of effort a human expends in trying to interest him.

 Law of Pill Rejection - Any pill given to a cat has the potential energy to reach escape velocity.

 Law of Cat Composition - A cat is composed of Matter + Anti-Matter + It Doesn't Matter.



Hobart Cat Centre Membership Form

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Name/s.....

Address.....

Phone.....Email.....

Age group: under 20 20-35 36-49 50+

Occupation (or previous if retired).....

Membership Status (please tick one box)

New Member Renewal Life Member (no fee)

Single: \$25

Dual: \$35* (2 adults not necessarily at same address)

Family: \$40* (2 adults with children under 16)

Pensioner: \$10

Student: \$10 (under 16)

Feline: \$5 (non voting)

Feline member name/s.....

* Family & Dual membership. The Application must be made by one person nominated on this application as the 'nominated person'. That person is the only person entitled to receive notices, vote or represent other members of the family or dual membership in matters arising under the constitution. This means each family or dual membership receives only **one** vote at meetings. Feline members are not entitled to vote.

Nominated Person.....

Membership	<input type="text"/>	Make cheques payable to Hobart Cat Centre
Donation	<input type="text"/>	
Total	<input type="text"/>	

Receipt No. (office use only).....