



20 December 2022

Kelly Grigsby
CEO
Hobart City Council

Dear Kelly

Subject: Endorsement of commemorative bench for Bill and Shirley Foster

The Battery Point Community Association wishes to endorse the installation of a commemorative bench in the Napoleon Street Park to pay tribute to two outstanding citizens of the suburb: Bill and Shirley Foster.

Bill Foster was born in Battery Point. One of Tasmania's most eminent boatbuilders, he spent his early career working at Jock Muir's boatyard in the Napoleon Street slipyards, where he contributed to the construction of many well-known Tasmanian yachts. Over many years, Bill has spent countless hours providing advice to local boat builders and has been involved in significant restoration projects. His skills and knowledge are recognised internationally.

Bill and Shirley have spent most of their adult lives in Battery Point and their many contributions to community life are widely acknowledged. They have been great ambassadors for the suburb.

Bill's fascinating memoir of his early life in Battery Point can be found on the Battery Point Community Association website <https://www.batterypointhall.org.au/a-battery-point-kid/>. A story about the Foster 10, a beautiful sailing dinghy designed and built by Bill for his daughter Helen, also appears on the site <https://www.batterypointhall.org.au/the-foster-10/>.

There are no people more deserving of a commemorative bench in Battery Point than Bill and Shirley Foster.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Morgan", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Charles Morgan
President (on behalf of the Committee)