

# Mount Stuart News

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## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AWARDS

Good to see more Mount Stuart residents recognised for their contributions to the community.

The first was Dr Rupert Woods, veterinarian and current head of Wildlife Health Australia, who was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for his work as a vet and in managing wildlife health and welfare.



Rupert, who grew up in Latrobe, worked as a vet in the UK and in New South Wales before returning to Tasmania to work in private practice in Hobart. He has also worked with the Australian Antarctic

Division while undertaking a PhD and developing better methods for elephant seal anaesthesia. His current work involves monitoring and coordinating responses to wildlife diseases in Australia, as well as monitoring the health of endangered species populations, including that of the orange-bellied parrot in Tasmania.

The second award was a Medal of the Order of Australia to former Tasmania Police officer, Russell Ames for his work in preserving and displaying the force's history. As curator of the Police Museum for the past ten years, Russell made available to the public the collection of uniforms, badges, medals and other memorabilia he has put together. Some of these date back to the 1860s.



Russell had a varied police career, having joined in 1964 after discharge from the navy. He retired in 1993 with the rank of inspector and then worked as a senior private secretary and adviser to the office of the Tasmania Police Minister from 1994 until 1998. He has also written several books on the history of policing in Tasmania.

## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

Which street in Mount Stuart was originally called Virgo Avenue? Earlier this year, we received a request from members of the Virgo family about the location of this street and they provided some photos taken when they lived at 2 Virgo Ave, Mount Stuart.



After looking at the photos, old maps and investigating through Trove, we were able to find that Virgo Ave was renamed

Paraclete Ave in August 1952 at the request of local residents.

The Virgo family came to Tasmania in January 1947 when Mr Virgo was appointed State Manager of the MLC Assurance Co. Mrs Virgo died in 1951 at the age of 33 when their three children were only eight, five and two and the family returned to the mainland in March 1952. We do not know how the street came to be called Virgo Ave, but Paraclete was a 420 acre property, stretching from the female prison in South Hobart to Lenah Valley and formerly owned by Dr James Ross.

## HIDDEN HISTORY

Fancy a walk around North Hobart? Join heritage architect, Robert Vincent, for a guided walk to discover hidden history and heritage. It's on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 from the State Cinema. Book at the front counter – the cost is \$15.



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# Saint James Centenary Fair

15th October, 2016, 10am - 1pm,



*Cakes, coffee, BBQ, books, fresh vegetables and herbs, marmalade, jams, plants, jumble, activities for children and live music.*

**All this and more at the New Town, Lenah Valley Anglican Centenary Fair.  
At the corner of Elizabeth Street and Rupert Avenue.**

## LANES OF MOUNT STUART

Mount Stuart abounds with built heritage, featuring some of the finest houses in Hobart. One of the less well known aspects however, is the large number of pedestrian lanes connecting streets in Mount Stuart. They are often overlooked, being narrow, having little street presence and being bounded by high paling fences on each side. They are a feature of Mount Stuart that, while not unique, is certainly rarer in other suburbs.



The Hobart City Council Report into Mount Stuart Heritage (Vol. 2) describes the history of the lanes saying:

*The lanes were built during original development of the various subdivisions in Mount Stuart in the early twentieth century and reflect the rarity of motor vehicles, the largely pedestrian nature of personal transport options and the planning strategies undertaken to meet residents' needs to move freely about the city.*

*The three lanes in a row between Raymont Terrace to Gordon Avenue were important features of the Co-Operative Estates layout of the former Benjafield orchard. While some are stepped, others are steep ramps. The Co-Operative Estates lanes are wider and reflect the garden suburb intention of the original subdivision.*

For those that are interested in exploring lanes, some of them are located between:

- Mount Stuart Road and Fordham Street,
- Senator Street and Auvergne Avenue,
- Montagu Street and Doyle Avenue,
- Benjafield Terrace to Gordon Avenue (x 2),



- Raymont Terrace to Darling Parade
- Darling Parade to Benjafield Terrace.

N.B. By referring back to the *Mount Stuart News*, September 2013 (available on our website) you can find a map of Mount Stuart with all the walkways marked on it.

## YOGA

 **Supper room: Mount Stuart Hall**  
**Day classes: Tues. and Fri. mornings**  
**Ann: 0428 842 144 [www.yogainhobart.com](http://www.yogainhobart.com)**

## FROM THE SCHOOL

It has been a busy time at Mount Stuart Primary School with a variety of events, celebrations and a wealth of learning going on in the last term and this will continue in the even busier Term 4.



On the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, Mount Stuart Primary turned 60 and the school had some old scholars visit, showed some memorabilia of old uniforms and publications, while also having a loud 'Happy Birthday' being sung before cake was distributed to 350 hungry students! The School Association will be holding a formal cocktail party in late October for all members of the School Community. Old scholars and

 friends of the school are invited to attend, so if you are interested or require further information please contact the school office on 6234 1705.

There has been an Olympic buzz around the school with all students enjoying the opportunity to participate in a range of sporting pursuits and represent their adopted countries! Early September saw *Create '16*, a visual art exhibition where everyone celebrated entries in the Young Archies Portrait competition, some creative models and entries into the National History Challenge, and a range of other photographs, paintings and student artwork.



Finally, planning is already underway for the end of year celebration of learning to be held in December. There will be a variety of exhibitions and performances from the whole school and Mount Stuart's own 'studentscape' where all students will be on display with an outline of themselves and their key learning for the year. It will be an exciting time and something to look forward to.

The principal, Charles White, wishes to remind readers that if they intend to enrol a child for Kindergarten in 2017, they need to contact the office for an enrolment form.

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**TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN WEST HOBART!!**

We know this is not our area, but it could have a big effect on those of us who go to and through West Hobart.

In response to West Hobart residents' complaints about the volume of through traffic



in their suburb and the dangers for pedestrians crossing roads, particularly Hill St, the HCC engaged MRCagney Pty Ltd to undertake a traffic survey last year.

The report proposed, with reservations, installation of traffic lights at the Hill St/ Arthur St/Mellifont St and the Hill St/ Lansdowne Cr/Patrick St intersections.

Despite the reservations in the report, HCC put forward the installation of traffic lights as proposed to the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, which we understand has not and will not approve the proposal.

Although the report advised against the reduction of the speed limit to 40 kph in Hill St around the junction with Warwick St, this has been approved and the reduced speed limit is in operation. The advantages of roundabouts for vehicular traffic and the lack of protection for pedestrians were highlighted, but it was pointed out that the volume of traffic is not that great except from 8:00am to 9:00am in the mornings and 4:30pm to 5:30pm in the afternoons.

**WINDY WEATHER**

*What's that on my street?  
Bills, nappies, empty meat trays  
Gusts take it rolling down*



Hilary Smith's haiku was inspired by the common scene on Mellifont Street after bins have been out on a windy night, but it seems that it is a common scene all over Mount Stuart. A gentle request not to put bins out too early when it is windy.

**ROAD RULES**

Did you know that it is an offence under the Road Rules for the driver of a vehicle to either use high beam lights when following or approaching another vehicle, or to use lights in or on the vehicle which dazzle other road users? It is also a requirement that all road vehicle headlights (with the exception of high-beam headlights) be fitted and adjusted to provide sufficient light without dazzling the drivers of other vehicles approaching or being approached by the other vehicle.



Did you know that traffic going downhill gives way to traffic coming up?

Tas Police is planning a Traffic Tuesday social media campaign on their Facebook and Twitter pages starting early October which will highlight rules that are often ignored.

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

Don't forget to check the Mount Stuart community Facebook page to find out what's happening in the neighbourhood and at the hall.



It's a supplement to this publication – but right up to the minute. And please keep the photos coming. There have been some fantastic bird photos.

*Photo: thanks to Fi Morley.*

**PARKS UPDATE**

There is currently nothing to report about the HCC's acquiring public access across land on Knocklofty. The matter is being dealt with in closed council meetings, so the best we can say at the moment is that 'no news is good news'. The Residents' Association is keen to have some more up-to-date play equipment installed in our parks and this is being investigated.



***This newsletter has been sponsored by the office of the Hon. Rob Valentine MLC as a community service. Our thanks to Rob for organising this.***



## The Art Society of Tasmania

### What's On

#### New exhibition every month

**October: Botanica** – exquisite and delightful works of flowers etc.

**November: Windows** – Artscapes looking out or looking in. Beautiful!

#### Local residents are welcome:

To openings – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month at 6.30 pm

To join as members - social \$40, artist \$50

To join in workshops for beginners or the experienced.

e.g. *Have a go* - 2 hour sessions each month  
Play with new media—pencils, acrylics, sugar.

#### LADY FRANKLIN GALLERY

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### BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS



On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, from 10am until 11:30am Bush Adventures and the Positive Ageing Team are joining together for this all-abilities activity. Enjoy a light breakfast among the birds and then enjoy a

*Photo: Fi Morley* walk with local bird experts and personalities, Don Knowler and Denis Abbott. Spot as many birds as you can as part of the 'Aussie Backyard Bird Count' – a citizen science initiative of BirdLife Australia. A bus departs Mathers House at 9:30am and returns by 12:30pm. The walk grade is very easy. Meet at Mathers House, 108 Bathurst St, Hobart at 9:15am or Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway at 10am Cost: \$10 per person (includes bus and breakfast) Note: Booking is through Mathers House – 6234 1441.

### MORE BIRDLIFE

Great Aussie Backyard Bird Count and Lunch:  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 12:30-2:30pm. Have you ever wondered about the birds in your neighbourhood? Join thousands of people during BirdLife Australia's nationwide events. Join in at Cornelian Bay for bird watching, a great Aussie lunch and bird-themed kids'



activities for all ages! Meet at Cornelian Bay. Cost: \$8 per person (includes lunch).

To find the whole vast range of activities offered by HCC to people of all ages, go to [http://www.hobartcity.com.au/recreation/bushland/bush\\_adventures](http://www.hobartcity.com.au/recreation/bushland/bush_adventures) or call 6238 2886 (BH) to be put onto their mailing list.

### Alderman Eva Ruzicka

For assistance with local government issues across our lovely city, please contact me by phone 0407 391 317 or email me [eva@ruzicka.id.au](mailto:eva@ruzicka.id.au).

Want to know more about local government?

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& occasionally on Facebook

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### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Fortunately there has been little activity to report from recent months. Until the end of July there were two incidents of property damage and two incidents involving motor vehicles. In June a box trailer was stolen from Mortimer Ave and in July a red Saab was stolen from Mortimer Ave. This was later recovered.

Police are always keen to hear from anyone with information about any suspicious activities.

**Police phone numbers: Non urgent 131444**

**Crime Stoppers 1 800 333 000**

### BUSHCARE



The last working bee for this year is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2 – 4 pm. The End of Bushcare Year BBQ will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November – watch for the Bushcare newsletter! The group starts again on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and would love to see more community members helping keep the open/bush spaces clear of weeds! Come along for a companionable two hours with a cuppa at the end. For more information call Vicki Martin on 6228 3228.



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