

# Mount Stuart News

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## GREETINGS

We extend a special welcome to all new residents of Hobart's premier suburb. We hope you enjoy your time in Mount Stuart.



We wish all our readers, wherever you are, a safe and enjoyable time over the Christmas- New Year holiday period.

## KINDERGARTEN 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

A low-key celebration was held for the current children and their families to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Mount Stuart Kindergarten in the current premises in Raymont Terrace. There was a birthday cake and each of the children brought along some party food.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Mount Stuart Primary School is gearing up for its 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. The focus of the celebrations will be a "back to Mount Stuart week" in late August (the end of Term 2). The foundation stone was laid on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1956 and the School opened (with one class only) in February 1957.

There will also be a school fair on 8<sup>th</sup> April.

A small group of School community members is also working on the preparation of a School history. The group is keen to get in touch with any former students, families and others with an association with the School.

A registration form has been prepared to "capture" information from interested people. Registration forms are available from the school (e-mail or hard copy) and completed forms should be e-mailed to [mount.stuart.primary@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:mount.stuart.primary@education.tas.gov.au) or posted or delivered to the School at 106 Gillon Cres. We have put the form on our website @ <http://www.mountstuart.homelinux.net>.

## MORE COUNCIL BOUQUETS

Four bouquets to the Council this edition:



- For re-wiring the Memorial Hall
- For the very prompt replacement of tiles blown off the Memorial Hall roof recently
- For replacing one of the toilet cisterns in the men's toilet
- For replacing a drain pit grate at the rear of the Hall

## AND NOW THE BRICKBATS

Too bad if you want to spend a penny at the Mount Stuart Park – the plans to build the toilets appear to be have got constipation somewhere in the Council's innards. We hope that things start happening soon.

## OUR HERITAGE

Another thing which appears to have got constipation is the listing of heritage properties. Hobart is in great danger of losing its heritage due to Council's failure to deal with heritage reports which were completed in 2002/2003.

Most owners of heritage properties respect their heritage values, but we have heard about the heritage values of some properties which should have been listed being destroyed by makeovers. Owners of properties and prospective purchasers are entitled to know whether they are heritage listed or not. Council cannot suddenly pull the rabbit out of the hat when somebody wants to bulldoze or modernise what should have been listed as a heritage property.

Perhaps we should buy the re-elected aldermen fiddles!!



Some Councils in the past have failed to protect our heritage in the name of progress – this one has a chance to put things right.



# Hobart City Council Children's Services



## Family Day Care- a great opportunity for a home-based career!

Family Day Care is a government supported child care service which is conducted from carers' homes for small groups of children.

There is a strong demand in the community for Family Day Care, and the Hobart City Council is looking for committed and enthusiastic people in all areas who could provide quality child care from home. Family Day Carers are self-employed, and can work the days and hours that suit themselves and their families. Carers can also set their own hourly rate; a typical fee for four children in care would be a total of \$18.00 per hour.

Potential carers need to have experience with children and an understanding of their development. Some essential resources and equipment, plus training and support are provided by a team of Coordination Unit staff.

**If you would like to receive an application package please ring the Children's Services Coordinator, Kerry Tomalin on 6223 3238.**

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT 29 SEPTEMBER TO 15 NOVEMBER 2005

**Mount Stuart Rd** 4-7/11/05: Holden Rodeo Ute parked in road had property stolen from tool box in tray of ute. Roof harness with Telstra written on the back, blue hammer drill and masonry drill bits stolen. (256999)

**Mount Stuart Rd** 29-30/9/05: 1981 red Mazda 323, BK 6060 stolen from outside a house. As of 15/11/05 it has not been located. (253330)

**Mount Stuart Rd** 2/10/05 5.30 pm: Residence entered. An audible alarm was triggered and the offenders left empty-handed. (253578)

**Mount Stuart Rd** 24/10/05: White Corolla hatch was entered by breaking a quarter vent window. A Clarion CD player, 2 Pioneer speakers and 1 Taylor's Sheffield Chefs knife with a 12 inch blade was stolen. (255577)



**Elphinstone Rd** 27-28/10/05: 1993 Nissan Pulsar stolen, later recovered in Lenah Valley with damaged engine (255978)

**Dale Cres** 11-12/11/05: White Nissan van stolen from outside an address. Located in Lenah Valley Road, burnt out (257416)

**Dale Cres** 23-24/10/05: 1991 white Holden Commodore station wagon stolen. Located at Mornington with some damage (255524).

**Montagu St** 16-17/10/05: Two vehicles entered. Damage caused to steering lock. Nothing stolen (254929)

**Raymont Terrace** 28-29/9/05: Two vehicles parked near Byard Street interfered with. Petrol stolen from one of them (253266).

**Raymont Terrace** 20/10/05 1 pm to 2.30 pm: Black Victa Civic lawn mower with catcher stolen from next to a residence. (255236) [Opportunity knocks – 50% of burglaries/thefts are opportunistic].

**Raymont Terrace** 11-12/10/05: Two vehicles parked in terrace had petrol siphoned from them (254402, 254403)

**Mortimer Avenue** 28/9/05: Residence entered by smashing glass in a rear door and property stolen. This burglary was not reported to police until 5/10/05 after police visited the residence with recovered property from the burglary. All stolen property was recovered (253834)



**Una Street** 31/10 – 1/11/05: 1985 white Ford Courier ute stolen from car port of a unit. Recovered in New Town with minor damage (256368)

**Darling Parade** 12-14/11/05: Orange/black Stihl chainsaw stolen from unlocked shed near residence. (257620)

**Rupert Avenue** 18-19/10/05: Silver Commodore had petrol siphoned from it. (255075)

If you have information on these, or any other crimes, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 005 555. You can remain anonymous, and you may be eligible for a reward. (The offence reporting number should be quoted)

## MAKE SURE YOU:

- Lock doors and windows
- Mark or engrave your property

**BE SAFE –FEEL SAFE**

## DOUG PARKINSON MLC

Wishes all Mount Stuart Residents  
a Merry and Safe Christmas and a  
**Happy New Year**

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### GUIDE LEADERS

Were you a Guide or Brownie? Can you recall your enjoyment?

Would you like to help re-establish a Guide Unit in Mount Stuart?

All the equipment is ready and there are plenty of girls just wanting to join and others to help. If you want to help and could fit in about five hours a week phone Linley Grant 6234 6672.

### JOIN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

Can you spare one evening a month to help the Mount Stuart community? Those few who are currently doing the work desperately need more support. We help look after the Hall, other community needs and publish and distribute this newsletter. If you care about the quality of the Hall, traffic and bus problems, the state of the parks and at times representing Mount Stuart, then we would appreciate hearing from you.

### GAS ROLLOUT

Well – the rollout has commenced but there has been no attempt to sell the idea of connecting to gas to the community. Will all of Mount Stuart be able to connect? Will households who already have gas appliances be offered incentives to change over to reticulated gas?



### WHAT IF?

An issue which we think needs to be addressed is the failure of the Hobart City Council and the State Government to address provision of alternative routes to Davey and Macquarie Streets. If one or both of those streets is blocked, Hobart would virtually come to a standstill. A closure would not only affect City of Hobart residents, but residents of surrounding municipalities. How would residents of South Hobart get to Glenorchy or the Eastern Shore if Macquarie St was blocked between Molle Street and the Southern Outlet? Imagine all the traffic from Kingston and places south travelling down Proctors Rd into Sandy Bay, or up the Channel Highway and through Sandy Bay.

The late Don Birch of Lenah Valley was a proponent of a bypass to the West of the City, but this has been stymied by the gazetting of Wellington Park.

Which leaves us with what?

- A tunnel, but this is very expensive to build and maintain
- A flyover, but this would be an eyesore and expensive to build
- A major resumption of properties to provide a bypass
- Ferries from Kettering and Peppermint Bay
- Trains, but there are none south and east of Hobart, except the Ida Bay railway!



The last infrastructure planning for Hobart was probably done in the five years following the end of World War II, which resulted in land being set aside for the Brooker Highway, the Southern Outlet and the Eastern Outlet. Those planners had considerable foresight, but did not foresee the growth in population and traffic.

It's time the Tasmanian Government and the Hobart City Council did some real infrastructure planning.

### METRO BUS SERVICES

Thanks to those who responded re the Metro bus service to Mount Stuart, (or lack of it), especially on weekends. This was the major complaint. We have passed your concerns on to Metro and are waiting on a response.



## Dr John Birley

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### FOOTPATHS

As the name implies, footpaths are for walking on. This becomes difficult at times, due to shrubbery growing on and over the footpath and cars parked across the footpath, even though there is a perfectly good garage right in front.

### JOEYS

The Mount Stuart Scout Group will be forming a Joey Scout Mob next year. Joeys will be on Wednesday night from 5.00pm to 6.00pm for 6 to 8 year old boys and girls. Hop to it and ring Peter Richardson on 6228 3052 for more details.



The Mount Stuart Scout Group will still be running Cubs for 8-10 year old boys and girls and Scouts for the 11 to 14 year olds. Contact Peter on 6228 3052 for more information.

### MORE SCHOOL NEWS

Traffic continues to be a major problem around the School. Fortunately, nobody was injured when a car ran off the road near the School into a house recently.

The School will be getting two terrapin classrooms next year, to cater for an additional class and one of the classes at present in the old Library. This will enable the Library to be moved back to its rightful much bigger home.

The Education Department will undertake a major review of the School next year, as some facilities are below standard or too small. The review will incorporate planning for at least two permanent classrooms.

As part of the review, moving the Kindergarten from its stand-alone premises to Gillon Cres will also be considered.

In late October, the School won, for the first time ever, the A Division of the Southern Schools Swimming Carnival. A proud occasion for Mount Stuart.



Congratulations to Grade 6 student, Andrew Gardner, on winning the Frederick Coleman Scholarship to Friends. Andrew is a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Mount Stuart student as his mother Rosemary, nee Chalk, and her siblings all went to Mount Stuart.



Are there any 3<sup>rd</sup> generation students?

Best wishes for a peaceful  
Christmas season and New Year  
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### NATURE STRIPS

Some of our nature strips are maintained by contractors and some by residents.

We have noted that grass cuttings, weeds, rubbish and lawn clippings have been left in gutters or lying around so that they end up in the gutter. When it rains, this rubbish is washed into the stormwater system, which could end up polluting the Derwent River.

Help keep the Derwent clean and thoughtfully dispose of the clippings etc.

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