

# Mount Stuart News

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## VALE, DAVID, AND THANK YOU

Mount Stuart lost a highly respected member of its community with the passing of David Metcalfe in March, after a long battle with cancer. David, a long time member and secretary of the Progress and Community Service Associations, newsletter editor and deliverer, was awarded life membership of the Progress Association in 2002.



Born in Hull in the UK in January 1932, David was educated there and in 1953 graduated with Honours in Civil Engineering from the University of Leeds. While there he met his future wife, Sybil, a trainee teacher. After graduation, two years compulsory National Service saw him joining the Royal Air Force and completing officer cadet training. He then completed a post-graduate airfield construction course where he oversaw the building of airstrips for heavy aircraft.

After marrying Sybil in 1955 and moving to London, David continued with consultant engineering services where he was involved with the design of extremely heavy reinforced concrete structures, including underground bomb shelters and the first Dartford road tunnel under the river Thames.

In 1961, in search of better weather, David and Sybil, with two-year-old Timothy and one-year-old Claire made the move as 'ten pound poms' to Tasmania where David joined the Hydro Electric Commission. For many years, he was involved with cost estimates of developments and planning methods.

He went on to become very active in the Australian Institute of Management, the Metric Conversion Board and the Australian Productivity Council.

David was a keen and very competitive squash player — even into his seventies — a creative silversmith and jewellery maker and a talented writer.

After his retirement he became very involved in his local community and in 2001 he wrote *A History of Mount Stuart*. His family reported that he would inspect the gardens and find hidden clues to roadways and different accesses in his search for the history of the area. As well, his articles on the people behind the street names of the area were always popular newsletter features.

### PEBBLES PLAYGROUP

meets every Friday morning  
10 – 11.30 am

At the Mount Stuart Memorial Hall  
Byard Street, Mount Stuart

*Come join us for painting, craft activities,  
play dough, bikes, puzzles, a cuppa etc*

For children under 6

For more information phone Naomi on  
0478 228 095  
All welcome



### MOUNT STUART ACHIEVERS

Well done to Alan Young on being awarded the inaugural Bay of Fires Art Prize and to Chris Bennett on being named Tasmanian Volunteer of the Year by the Look Good Feel Better organisation, for her work with women with cancer.

As well, good luck to rower Kerry Hore and to hockey player Eddie Ockenden as they compete in London. It is Kerry's third Olympics and Eddie's second.



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**COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS FORUM**

As a move to enhance connections between the HCC and local community groups, the Council of Hobart Community Associations (CHCA) put forward a proposal to the Council that they host a community workshop or forum of local neighbourhood community groups in Hobart. The HCC has taken up this proposal and will hold this forum in

September. Its aims are:

a) to promote the role and activities of the community groups, including opportunities to build membership and to work together; and

b) to provide the HCC with comment on its engagement with the community; in particular, on potential neighbourhood information sessions which the Council is currently considering.

Core members of CHCA will be invited to attend the forum and it is hoped that a range of other community groups, such as Bushcare and Neighbourhood Watch will accept the invitation. The HCC will host a reception at the conclusion of this forum in September.

**NEW LOOK COMMITTEE**

At the recent well-attended annual general meetings of the associations, it was great to welcome new members to the committees. For the Progress Association, David Reeve, who was elected president and Stewart Gardner who was elected secretary, have replaced the long serving duo, Malcolm and Linley Grant, in these roles.

The committee members elected were:

Eric Pinkard, Lois Allison, Jennifer Dunbabin, Rosemary Gardner, Malcolm and Linley Grant, Maria Pinferi, Dino di Benedetto, Lynden Howells, Aviva Orgad and Marilyn Pinkard. Lynden Howells was elected president of the Community Service Association and Stewart Gardner secretary. David Reeve joins that committee.

This marks the end of an era — both Linley and Malcolm have served in executive roles over many years and they were thanked with acclamation for their huge contribution (which is not over yet as they are continuing as committee members.) Heather Henderson, a past president of the Community Service Association was also thanked for many years of service, and Margaret Payne’s contribution was also acknowledged.

**RETIREMENT**

In recent years our newsletter has been printed as a community service by the office of Doug Parkinson MLC.



Doug, a barrister and solicitor, was elected to the Legislative Council in 1994 as member for Hobart and at the time of his retirement held the role of Leader of Government Business in the Council. Over 18 years as an MLC he served on numerous parliamentary committees.

Long-time Mount Stuart residents, Doug and his wife Desley, have been well known in the area over many years, as their children were educated here and were involved with scouts and other local activities. Doug served as honorary solicitor for the Progress Association for many years and his wife, Desley, has been president of the association.

We thank them for all their contributions to date and wish them the very best in retirement.

*"Mount Stuart Presbyterian Church is a growing congregation of people of different ages and from all walks of life. We meet in the hall at the Primary School each Sunday at 10am.*

*On August 19th at 3pm we plan to put on a panorama of Mark’s Gospel. Mark presents us with the unfolding drama of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. He shows us why it can make all the difference to our lives today, just as it did to those who knew Jesus on earth. We intend this to be a community event and warmly invite Mount Stuart residents to join us for the afternoon. For more information about the church, including listening to the latest talks, check out [mspc.org.au](http://mspc.org.au) "*





**THE ART SOCIETY OF TASMANIA**

**WHAT'S ON?**

**JULY:** "VIVE LA DIFFERENCE!"  
*25 NEW MEMBERS SHOW OFF  
THEIR SKILLS*

**AUG:** 128<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EXHIBITION  
*OUR PREMIER EXHIBITION OF  
SELECTED NEW WORKS*

**OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR  
FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AUG @ 6.30PM**

**SEPT:** CHRISTINE NEEDHAM:  
*FEATURE ARTIST*

**LADY FRANKLIN GALLERY**

**268 LENA VALLEY RD**

***www.artstas.com.au***

**OPEN 1-4 PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**

**MOUNT STUART SCOUT GROUP NEWS**



When Mount Stuart Scout Group celebrated the end of the 2011 Scout year at Mount Stuart Park, it was an amazing sight... there were lots of us! The group has been growing steadily with around 65 youth members involved and around 18 adults volunteering to make it all happen.

The biggest news so far this year is the launch of our combined Venturer Unit. Venturers is for young people aged 14-17. We've teamed up with Lenah Valley Scout Group to start the new Unit (called "Wellyvent") which is meeting on Tuesdays at Lenah Valley Scout Hall. The Unit has an enthusiastic group of young people who have already developed an exciting program. Venturers are very social and active, and get to do the most adventurous activities of all our youth sections. They also have opportunities for leadership. If you have a 14- to 17-year-old interested in getting involved, please be in touch.

Our sections have all been doing fabulous and fun things this term, including lots of walks, a pinewood derby, bike rides, and camps... the Group triathlon was once again a great event, and the Scout Guide Regatta gave us the opportunity to make good use of our fabulous new kayaks that we



were able to purchase thanks to a grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund. Our group also participated in the city Anzac Day march, with a good strong representation there to commemorate the day.



In January 2013 around 10 of our Scouts are heading to Maryborough, Queensland for the Jamboree which happens every three years. We are trying to raise sponsorship to help get them there, so if you'd like to help, please get in touch. Sponsors are acknowledged on our website.

Coming up on the 3 November is our annual Garage Sale. We don't have storage, but if you'd like to hold on to some unwanted, saleable items to donate to the sale, that would be much appreciated. Donations will be received the night before or the morning of the Garage Sale at the hall.

For more information about our Scout Group, to see the latest happenings, or to be in touch, go to our website: [www.mtstuartscouts.org](http://www.mtstuartscouts.org) or you can email: [gl@mtstuartscouts.org](mailto:gl@mtstuartscouts.org) or phone Suze on 6278 7289.

*Suze Schulz*

Group Leader, Mount Stuart Scout Group

**BURN BRIGHTER THIS WINTER**

Are you a woodheater family? If so, you may well be interested in the 'Burn Brighter this Winter' campaign: a joint education program of the HCC, the Launceston City Council and the Environment Protection Authority Division of DPIPWE, which aims to reduce the smoke from domestic woodheaters this winter.



Officers from the HCC and the EPA Division are available to provide advice on wood smoke emissions, and a public meeting will be held at the Mount Stuart School from 6.30 to 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 18 July 2012.

**BUSHCARE**

Come on down to the Leonard Wall Reserve and see how well the planted out sections are coming along. We work with a wallaby watching, and are creating a new habitat for this wallaby and his friends. Eventually all the 'weeds' will be eradicated and a new understorey will have been created for our wildlife, both bird and animal. Come along and join us – every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Vicki Martin (Convenor.) Phone 6228 3228.

## NOTES FROM THE MEETINGS

The Mount Stuart Progress Association meets monthly at the hall at 8pm on the 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, and you, as a member of the community, are warmly welcome to attend. The Community Service Association, which operates the Mount Stuart Memorial Hall, meets immediately after the

Progress Association.

The Community Service Association committee is keen to welcome volunteers with skills and time to offer in maintenance/upgrading of hall facilities. Please contact Lynden Howells (Ph 6234 1024) if you are interested.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012: Annual General Meetings of both Associations

These were attended by 16 residents and representatives of state and local government. Ald. Ron Christie, Deputy Lord Mayor, deputising for the Lord Mayor, spoke about developments and plans in Hobart which aim to make the most of Hobart's heritage and its many advantages as a place to live and to visit. He also answered questions, and has followed up some with a written response to the committee.

### 26<sup>th</sup> April: General Meetings

Core sub-committee members were appointed.

*Parks* – Lynden Howells

*Traffic* – Linley Grant

*Council of Hobart Community Associations* – Malcolm Grant

*Newsletter* – Marilyn Pinkard

A letter from Mark Painter of the HCC provided some responses to concerns voiced at the AGM about traffic issues in Mount Stuart. At the moment there is no easy solution to the volume of through traffic. On the subject of poor roads, new surfaces will be designed to cope with heavy vehicles, such as buses.

### 24<sup>th</sup> May: General Meetings

Maria Pinferi and Collette Sainsbury attended and introduced the *Mount Stuart Growers Group*.

## MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD

### WATCH CRIME REPORT

24<sup>th</sup> February – 25<sup>th</sup> June



**Mount Stuart Road:** On 7/3/12 a locked, secure vehicle was stolen from a car park. It was later recovered with minimal damage. **(440124)**

**Una Street:** On 11/3/12 the tyres of a vehicle were slashed. This is still under investigation. **(438209)**

**Elphinstone Road:** On 11/4/12 the window of a car parked in the street was smashed. Nothing was stolen. **(442186)**

**Toorak Avenue:** On 10/5/12 entry was gained to a house by using a shovel to jimmy open a window. Jewellery and a small amount of cash were stolen. (No number provided.)

**Toorak Avenue:** On 23/6/12 a blue Nissan Pulsar, which was locked was stolen from outside a unit. It has not been recovered. **(446725)**

**Byard Street:** On 25/6/12 there was an attempt to force entry to the Mount Stuart Hall. The security mesh was prised back and a window broken. It is possible further security screens on the inside deterred them at this point. This is still under investigation. **(445613)**

**Police phone numbers: Non urgent 131444**

### Crime Stoppers 1 800 333 000

*Police are anxious to hear from anyone who may have witnessed any of these incidents (please quote the incident number) or noticed any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood. You are also reminded not to leave valuables in your vehicles when they are unattended!*

### SEVEN YEAR EVENT FOR TASMANIA

Hear Australia's best student speakers on 28 July at the Farrall Centre, Friends School, from 3 p.m.

There is no charge. The 14 students are state winners of Australian Rostrum's Voice of Youth.

RSVP by 20 July to Ph 6234 6672



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