

Mount Stuart News

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SPECIAL MEETING

WATER AND SEWERAGE REFORM

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A PUBLIC FORUM TO DISCUSS, AND HOPEFULLY CLARIFY, SOME OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

4.00 P.M. - SUNDAY JUNE 28TH
IN THE SUPPER ROOM AT THE HALL.
ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE BEEN INVITED.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

On Sunday, 30 August, Mount Stuart Scout Group will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its foundation way back in 1959 in Hobart's pre-television days. Of all the organisations and groups which have used the Mount Stuart Hall over that period, only the 'Scouts' have been there since the beginning. In fact, one of the reasons for building the hall was to provide a meeting place for youth groups such as Scouts.



At various times over 50 years, Mt Stuart Scout Group has had all five youth 'sections' that exist today in scouting. Well in excess of 500 boys and girls, most of them, but by no means all, from Mount Stuart itself, have passed through the Mob, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew over the years since 1959 and, of course, there have been innumerable leaders too. In addition, there have been hundreds of parents who have had a committed and continuing association here.



Mount Stuart Scout Group is now one of only five Scout Groups in the HCC local government area. In 1959, when the population was infinitely smaller, there were 15 such groups.

All former Mount Stuart Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Seniors/Venturers, Rovers, leaders,

committee members and their families are cordially invited to join current members at the hall from noon onwards on 30 August to celebrate this significant milestone in the life of 'the Scouts'. Former members – and in a number of families there have been many members across multiple generations – may care to wear their Mount Stuart scarf on this special occasion; or bring with them some memento of their Scouting days.



There will be displays of Scouting memorabilia, activities with current members, a 'reminiscences forum', food & drink and the opportunity to catch up with scouting friends from each of the past 50 years.

Please make a note of the date in your diary NOW, and spread the word around among your friends and acquaintances.

For more information, go to:
<http://au.geocities.com/mtstuartscouts>
or email: mtstuartscouts@gmail.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meetings were held in March and those present gained a fascinating insight into the role of the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service.

Once more Malcolm Grant was elected president of the Progress Association, with Linley Grant as secretary and Eric Pinkard as treasurer. Other committee members are: Brett Hansson, Heather Henderson, David Metcalfe, Lois Allison, Lynden Howells, Marilyn Pinkard and Margaret Payne. It was great to welcome Margaret to the committee.

For the Community Service Association, Lynden Howells was re-elected as President. Committee members are as for the Progress Association, as well as Malcolm Grant.



'FROM THE PRESIDENTS'

Malcolm Grant presented a comprehensive report covering all aspects of the Progress Association's activities over the past year. The committee continues as a small but committed group.



- Traffic is one issue that is frequently under consideration. The Association has tried to have speed limits in Weerona Ave reduced and the number of bus stops near the school limited but this has been put on hold pending a review of bus services sometime this year.



- The Association has maintained regular contact with the Mount Stuart Primary School through Heather Henderson and Lynden Howells. After many years on the site next to the hall, the kindergarten has moved to the Gillon Avenue site.



- It pays to advertise! After Lyn Cave's move from Mount Stuart in 2008, we advertised for expressions of interest in the position of webmaster. Mr James Semmens answered that call and has set up an excellent new website with maps and photos.



- Following a talk by Chris Harries to the Committee, public meetings were set up where a supplier of solar hot water systems provided a wealth of information on different systems, costs, specifications etc. A number of local residents have taken the solar hot water option and benefited from Federal government and Hobart City Council rebates.
- The Association made submissions or representations to the State Government re the Royal Hobart Hospital proposal and the Ferry Terminal/Hotel project, to the Education Department re the future use of the old kindergarten site and to the Nomenclature Board re the name of the cul-de-sac at the top of Montagu Street.

For the Community Service Association, whose main role is the maintenance and use of the community hall, the President, Lynden Howells reported on the new annexe floor covering, the badminton line markings, the disabled toilet to be built and the repair of the roof after flooding from broken roof tiles. He gave particular thanks to the tireless efforts of

our Booking Officer, Lois Allison, and to Bert Wilkinson from the HCC.

KINDERGARTEN

At the recent AGM, the future of the Raymont Terrace kindergarten was discussed. The local community raised the funds for this building and it was later handed over to the Education Department. One suggestion for it was the creation of a drop-in centre / coffee shop to serve as a focal point for the community. What do you think? If you have any suggestions, contact us at secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au



FRIEND OF KNOCKLOFTY

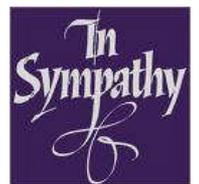
Congratulations to Tony Ault, convenor of the Friends of Knocklofty Bushcare Group for the past 12 years, on receiving the inaugural Bushcare Legend Award. Well done!

VALE

Mount Stuart recently lost one of its colourful characters with the death of Fred Thornett. Fred was born in Cunderdin in Western Australia in 1938 and after leaving school, trained as a teacher. Besides working as a teacher, at various times he also worked as a soldier, a salesman, psychologist, federal official, management consultant and personnel manager His final full-time position was as Director of Health and Benefits for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. He was also a highly regarded magistrate.

He worked in places as varied as Hobart TAFE, Shanghai University of Science and Technology and Moscow Institute of Foreign Languages and had a deep knowledge of Russian history and politics which he shared in several U3A courses.

Fred was also well-known as the secretary of the Hobart Skeptics Association. His sceptical interests included trying to understand why most people do not believe in scientific method as the true Holy Grail.



He is survived by his wife, Ludmila, and son and daughter, Angus and Claire. We extend our sympathy to them.

This newsletter has been printed as a community service by the office of the Hon. Doug Parkinson, MLC for Hobart. Our thanks to Doug for organising this.

Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

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WHAT IS CHCA?

You may have recently seen several items in the *Mercury* submitted by the Council of Hobart Community Associations and wondered what it is.

The CHCA, formerly the CHPA, which has existed for many years as a peak body on behalf of Hobart Community and Progress Associations, holds monthly meetings in a room provided by Hobart City Council. The organisation, consisting of eleven Community Associations and Progress Associations, has recently become incorporated.

CHCA provides submissions on relevant matters advertised for public comment and organises speakers and special events on matters of general ratepayer interest. Some recent issues are CBD parking, water and sewerage reform, Battery Point foreshore walkway, Parliament Square design ideas and behaviour in the Mall.

DECLARE OR BEWARE

Frequently after a holiday interstate or overseas, people wonder what they can take home with them and what has to be declared. Why can't you bring honey into Tasmania but you can take it into other states?

At the recent AGM, Sabatino Cesile provided a highly entertaining and informative account of the role of the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services and answered some of the frequently asked questions. Of particular interest was his explanation of the many ways that people could inadvertently bring pests and diseases into Tasmania, via viruses, spores, fungi, larvae, nematodes, seeds and egg products. These could have a disastrous effect on the State's native ecology and its food and export markets. He also distributed two very useful brochures, *Quarantine Matters*, which explains what can't be brought into Australia and *Traveller's Guide to*

Australian Interstate Quarantine which gives a state by state breakdown of import restrictions.

You can obtain information on international quarantine at www.aqis.gov.au/airports or free call 1800 020 504 and interstate quarantine at www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au or free call 1800 084 881.

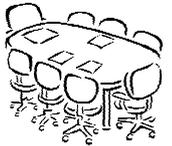
FROM THE MEETINGS

What actually happens at our committee meetings? The Community Service Association is concerned with the running and maintenance of the hall which is ongoing. The Progress Association deals with matters that affect residents. Some issues that have come up in recent meetings are of course water and sewerage reforms, how these are to be implemented and the financial ramifications for Hobart residents. Traffic bottlenecks in the city and suburbs are a frequent topic of discussion. It was resolved to make a submission to the HCC after studying the Sustainable Transport Strategy.

A list of issues was collected for the traffic committee representatives to take to the HCC traffic meetings. These included: speed limits in Weerona Avenue, concerns about traffic speeding up Waverley Avenue into Gordon Avenue on school days, and general degradation of road surfaces in Mount Stuart.

WALKING BUS

Great to see that this is now in operation. Well done to all concerned. A great initiative for health, fitness and the environment.



MOUNT STUART GROWERS' GATHERING

MEET OTHER MOUNT STUART FOOD GARDENERS ONCE A MONTH AT ONE ANOTHER'S GARDENS TO:

- **SHARE TIPS AND INFORMATION ON FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWING**
- **SHARE SEEDS, SEEDLINGS, CUTTINGS, PRODUCE (IF YOU HAVE THEM)**

NO EXPERTISE REQUIRED AND ALL EXPERTISE WELCOME!

JOIN BY GOING TO THE LINK BELOW

<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/mountstuartgrowers/>

OR CALL TAMSIN ON 0438 427 456



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BUSHCARE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIENDS OF KNOCKLOFTY

Thursday June 18: 9.30 – 11.30,

Wayleave maintenance. (Meet at the Forest Road carpark.)

Sunday June 21: 14.00 – 16.30

Planting below Glover sign.

Thursday July 2: 9.30 – 11.30

Gorse regrowth weeding.

Thursday July 16: 9.30 – 11.30

Wayleave weeding.

Sunday July 19: 14.00 – 16.30

Wayleave maintenance.

Thursday August 6: 9.30 – 11.30

Remove fencing beside Frog Bog.

Sunday August 16: 14.00 – 16.30

Gorse weeding in the sandstone quarries.

Thursday August 20: 14.00 – 16.30

Wayleave weeding.

VALLEY STREET BUSHCARE

The Valley Road Bushcare Group meets at the Leonard Wall Reserve (Mt Stuart Rd) on the 4th Sunday of each month from 2-4 pm. In April we prepared a small area ready for

planting to be done either in May or June. A wallaby was nearby, watching! Come along, meet some fellow residents and help with the weeding and planting.

Vicki Martin Ph (H) 6228 3228 (Convenor)

Sunday June 28: 14.00 – 16.30

General preparation for planting day.

Sunday July 26: 14.00 – 16.30

Rehabilitation planting day.

Sunday August 23: 14.00 – 16.30

Rehabilitation planting day.

MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT

28/2/09 – 15/5/09

Gordon Avenue: On 7/3/09 a hole was smashed into a house, near the front door. The offenders did not gain entry. (360778)

On 12/3/09 attempts were made to force entry to a Toyota Corolla parked outside the owner's

residence. Although the car was not entered, the door lock was damaged. (361094)

On 12/3/09 Arnette sunglasses, a Ripcurl men's wallet, cash and music were stolen from a green Lancer and a white Corolla which were unlocked, with keys in the ignition. (361042)

Salier Crescent: On 12/3/09 a black Sachs motor cycle was removed from a driveway. It was recovered a short distance away. (361093)

Toorak Avenue: On or about 17/3/09 the driver's side windows of a white Ford Falcon station wagon were destroyed. (363872)

Dewrang Place: Between 31/01/2009 and 04/04/2009 an aluminium step ladder and Bosch 1/4inch drive electric drill were removed from a resident's back yard. A gas type Bosch hot water cylinder, suitable for a boat, was removed from the front porch area. (362920)

Salier Crescent: On 13/05/09, a black 2006 Sachs motor cycle was seen being pushed down Salier Crescent by two young males; one wearing a dark brown hooded top; the other a black hooded top with silver/grey writing on the back. The motorcycle is considered to be rare and had a big red 'mad ass' sticker on the tank. This is the second occasion that it has been stolen. (365846)

Police are anxious to hear from anyone who may have witnessed any of these incidents or who has observed any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood. Whilst the information may seem trivial, it may be the vital clue that Police are seeking to solve or deter crime.

You are reminded not to leave valuables in your vehicles when they are unattended. GPS navigation equipment in cars is particularly popular. Remove these units from your vehicle when it is unattended.

Police Phone numbers: Non urgent **131444.**

Crime Stoppers **1 800 333 000.**

DOGGY BUSINESS

There has been an increase in the amount of dog droppings on the streets lately. Please clean up after Fido. HCC provides bags at the beginning of the Fiona Allan track and at the playground.



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