

# Mount Stuart News

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

It was very gratifying to see a large number of residents at the Annual General Meetings of the Mount Stuart Progress Association and of the Community Service Association. There were two issues of particular interest: the future of the former kindergarten and the opportunity to put questions to Mike Paine, CEO of Southern Water.

At the meeting it was moved that 'this meeting endorses the need for a community centre in Mount Stuart; and requests that the State Government lease the former kindergarten at 11 Raymont Terrace to the Hobart City Council for the establishment of a Mount Stuart Community Centre.'



The President, Malcolm Grant presented a comprehensive report covering all aspects of the Association's activities: Neighbourhood Watch, Traffic, Newsletter and Council of Hobart Community Association while Heather Henderson circulated a report on all parks and reserves.

The Lord Mayor, Rob Valentine took the chair for the election of office bearers. The president and secretary were not standing for re-election but because of the failure to find replacement, they agreed to continue in those roles while new committee members were sought. The Lord Mayor commended Malcolm and Linley on the many years that they have given to the community. The committee will also be without life member, David Metcalfe, after many years of service and Brett Hansson after three years. They will both be sorely missed.

Eric Pinkard was re-elected as treasurer while Heather Henderson, Margaret Payne, Lynden Howells, Lois Allison, Marilyn Pinkard, Malcolm and Linley Grant were re-elected to the committee. Maria Pinferi has since joined the committee and we welcome her.

For the Community Service Association Lynden Howells was re-elected president, with Eric Pinkard treasurer and the committee as for the

Progress Association. Again Linley Grant is continuing as secretary until a new one is found. Lynden spoke about the use and improvements to the hall over the year and thanked Lois Allison for her work as Booking Officer. Hobart City Council was also thanked for their ongoing maintenance of the hall.

There are still vacancies on the committee, so if you can spare time to give to the community and to put forward your views, you would be warmly welcomed.

## THANKS

*Thank you*

It was with regret that the Association accepted David Metcalfe's resignation from the committee because of ill-health.

David, a Life Member, has been active for many years on every subcommittee: especially newsletter, traffic and CHCA. David has written many articles for the newsletter on the history of Mount Stuart and the origin of many of the street names. His book, *A History of Mount Stuart*, is a very popular and interesting publication.



We all offer our condolences to David on the recent death of his wife Sybil, after a short illness. Sybil was also a great supporter of the Progress Association.

## ANNIVERSARY

Neighbourhood Watch, the community based crime prevention program that relies on cooperation between the public and the police is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the state at Deloraine on 21<sup>st</sup> October. More details on that later.



## KINDER UPDATE

At the time of writing, the fate of the former kinder is still not decided. A question has been asked in parliament and it will come up again in Budget Estimates.

## STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Malcolm Grant on a very well deserved Order of Australia Medal.

## PARACLETE



*Water colour of 'Paraclete' painted by Peg Clift when she was at Art School 1941-45*

This drawing was done from the Clift street area looking across Providence Valley towards Dewrang Place.

(Our thanks to Mrs Peg Minett for allowing us to use this photo.)

Paraclete, the property owned by Dr James Ross in the early 1830s, comprised 420 acres stretching from the female prison in South Hobart to Lenah Valley. He was granted all of Knocklofty and the top of Mount Stuart.

Dr Ross was editor of The Gazette, and then established the Hobart Town Gazette. The property was later acquired by the Cato family, who helped to establish the Tasmanian apple industry.

### **A BRILLIANT CAREER**

Over the years we have congratulated local rower, Kerry Hore on her many successes and it is good to see her still doing so well. All this does not come without an incredible amount of dedication.

Currently she is in Canberra training at the Australian Institute of Sport. There are three rowing sessions a day and Kerry often rides her bike 20 kilometres to the rowing sheds. In the morning, when the temperature can be -5 degrees, there are two on water sessions. These can be up to 40 km rowing depending on the amount of technique, speed and endurance work. The afternoon session can be a 100km bike ride but is mostly one to one and a half hours in the gym.

Kerry, who attended Mount Stuart Primary and Ogilvie High Schools, took up rowing at Ogilvie and has won 14 national titles and 10 silver medals. She has one World Cup Gold medal, a gold and a silver World Championship medal and is an Olympic bronze medallist, having competed at two Olympic Games.

In 2009, after the Olympics, Kerry moved home to Mount Stuart and resumed her work as a pharmacist. In 2010 she went to Canberra on an AIS scholarship and was to be captain of the Australian Women's team but could not compete overseas because of a rib stress fracture.

So far this year Kerry has two gold and two silver medals at the National championships and silver at the world Championships in New Zealand. After being selected for the double sculls, the priority boat for women's rowing, she and Sally Kenoe got within three seconds of the world record at the National Championships.

Kerry also has an impressive number of other awards: Sportsperson of the year, Athlete of the Year, Young Achiever Sportsperson of the Year and a UTAS Full Blue. This year she has been asked to be an Olympic Council Youth Ambassador.

This is an impressive career to date and we wish Kerry well as she continues to compete.

### **BUSHCARE ADVENTURES**

*In Glover's Shoes – Tue 5 Jul, 10-12.30pm*

Follow the footsteps of John Glover and discover how this 64 year old energetic, observant and skilled artist, ventured to the other side of the Earth with a sketchbook under his arm and a verve for new life. As we stroll through Knocklofty Reserve, learn how his drawings came to form a valuable record of colonial life and how his paintings with their rich combination of ideas, conveyed to those back in England a positive and promising existence in Van Diemen's Land. After the walk we'll reconvene at TMAG for a guided tour of Glover's works!

Cost: \$14 per person Meet: Knocklofty Reserve, at the top of Poets Rd.

This is just one of the environmentally focused activities and adventures offered by the HCC in our local bushland reserves. Activities are designed for specific age groups from 2yrs to adult and include a range of intriguing walks, creative activities, team games and specialised workshops. Activity schedules are produced each season and can be accessed via the website [hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures](http://hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures) or by phoning 6238 2886.

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## WELL DONE

Congratulations to Vivien Ride on winning the prestigious national award, the Australian Careers Service Judith Leeson Award sponsored by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.



Viv, who is Academic Dean at St Michael's Collegiate, received the award in Cairns in April.

## HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Hall users will be pleased to know that the doorway between the annexe (used by the Scouts, Cubs and Joeys, badminton ladies etc) and the dance hall has been sealed off and soundproofed. This will enable both facilities to be used at the same time without disruption.

We have also had screens installed on some of the windows at the rear of the Hall in an endeavour to prevent them being broken by vandals.

The Council has promised to install a toilet which will cater for disabled people in the supper room underneath the dance hall. (At our AGM, Lord Mayor Valentine correctly pointed out that it is not a "disabled toilet"!)

Access for people with disabilities will also be provided. Hopefully, this will happen in the near future.

### Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

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## WATER ISSUES

Mike Paine, CEO of Southern Water faced some He outlined the reasons for the reforms and the need for metering as well as answering questions from the floor.



### Questions included –

How fair is the payment system? Could not the payment be based on land value rather than the Assessed Annual Value system?

Why are there four Authorities? This unnecessarily increases the number of bureaucrats.

What about those with stratum titles? How are they to work out their payments?

Why do we need water meters? Hobart has plenty of water; most of the fresh water in the Derwent goes out to sea.

Is the money raised from the water meters going to be used where it is raised?

*To these questions no satisfactory answer was available.*

Why was the first priority to provide upgraded water to outlying municipalities downgraded to second and water meters made a priority? *Southern Water has made upgrading supplies its first priority.*

Will those who are being newly connected to Southern Water, like Lauderdale, pay an infrastructure fee – or will we have to support this?

*New connections will pay a component of the infrastructure fee.*

Is it true that those in assisted housing will be exempt from water meters?

*No. Housing Tasmania is Southern Water's biggest customer. The cost of water will be included in the rent of those in assisted housing.*

There were three questions re the positioning of water meters on particular boundaries requiring individual answers.

Who pays for the water used by residents to care for their HCC owned nature strips? *Unknown*

How large is a water meter? *Not very large.*  
Can householders read a meter themselves? *Yes.*

How accurate are water meters? *They are accurate to within plus or minus 2 litres in 100 litres.*

How long do water meters last before they need replacing? *Until 2600 litres have passed through them; then they underestimate the amount of water used.*

Can they be vandalized? *Yes*

Who will pay for water meters when they need replacing? *Southern Water*

Who pays for replacement of meters installed in units at the owner's cost? *Southern Water*

Who ensures that the water meters read accurately? *The meters are tested prior to leaving the factory*

Can we challenge a reading? *The meter can be sent away for testing*

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



## LIFE SAVING TIP

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

**S:** Ask the individual to **\*SMILE.**

**T:** Ask the person to **\*TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)** (e.g. *It is sunny out today.*)

**R:** Ask him or her to **\*RAISE BOTH ARMS.**

**New Sign of a Stroke** ----- Stick **\*OUT YOUR TONGUE.**

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

**Mount Stuart Presbyterian Church now meets at the Primary School - 10am on Sundays**  
**Check out the church via the website**

[mspc.org.au](http://mspc.org.au)

**We are a family friendly church with a crèche and Sunday school.**  
**Everyone is welcome.**  
**We want to be a church for the local community.**

## BUSHCARE

Leonard Wall-Valley Street Reserve Bushcare volunteers meet on the 4th Sunday of the month, 2pm - 4pm with afternoon coffee/tea/biscuit/cake provided for all willing volunteers! Come along and join the group for a relaxing/social/caring time in the reserve. Meet at the entrance to the reserve at the end of Byard Street. Gloves and tools are supplied but you need to have strong boots, warm waterproof clothing, a hat and a drink. For more information contact Vicki Martin on 6228 3228.

**Sunday June 26: 14.00 – 16.30**

Providence Valley follow-up weed maintenance.

**Sunday July 24: 14.00 – 16.30**

Planting maintenance in Zone 1.

**Sunday August 24: 14.00 – 16.30**

Infill habitat planting under the embankment of Zone 1.

Friends of Knocklofty meet on the first and third Thursdays from 9 until 11.30 and the third Sunday afternoon from 2 until 4.30. For more information on this group, contact Astrid Wright on 6234 1580.



## MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Mount Stuart Road:** Between 23/2 and 24/2 the ignition of a ute parked outside the owner's house was damaged when attempts were made to steal it. **(414975)**

**Mount Stuart Road:** On 4/3/11 car parked on the street was set alight. **(415604)**

**Benjafield Terrace:** On 5/3/11 a car was stolen from in front of the owner's residence and later recovered in Lilydale Road. **(415616)**

**Mount Stuart Road:** On 10/3/11 offender/s entered a caravan parked on the street in front of the owners address and stole bedding and a drill. **(416001)**

**Mount Stuart Road:** Between 9/3/11 and 10/3/11 an outboard motor was stolen from a boat parked on the street in front of the owner's residence. **(416036)**

**Mount Stuart Road:** On 16/3/11 thieves entered an unlocked house and stole computers, keys and a wallet. **(416378)**

**Mount Stuart Road:** Between 21/3/11 and 22/3/11 a vehicle was stolen from in front of the owner's residence and later recovered further down the road with one burst tyre. **(416813)**

**Weerona Ave:** Between 11/3/11/ and 25/3/11 a car was stolen from in front of a friend's residence and later recovered in Collins Street. **(417053)**

**Toorak Ave:** Between 30/3/11 and 31/3/11 a car was stolen from the street and later recovered in Atherton Ave. **(417420)**

**Paraclete Ave:** On 28/4/11 offenders tried to enter a house by jemmying the back door. They were scared off by the alarm system. **(419528)**

**Rupert Ave:** Between 29/4/11 and 30/4/11 attempts were made to enter a car parked outside the owner's house. **(419665)**

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**Mortimer Ave:** On 1/5/11 attempts were made to steal a car from in front of the owner's house. The ignition was damaged. **(420430)**

**Dale Crescent:** Between 14/5/11 and 15/5/11 a garage was forcibly entered and electrical gear and jewellery were stolen. **(420732)**

**Toorak Avenue:** Between 13/5/11 and 15/5/11 attempts were made to steal a vehicle parked on the street. The ignition was damaged. **(420720)**

**Raymont Terrace:** Between 15/2/11 and 16/2/11 a vehicle was removed from the street in front of the owners' residence and later recovered in Hamilton Street **(420763)**

**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 or noticed any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood. You are also reminded not to leave valuables in your vehicles when they are unattended!*

