

Mount Stuart News

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

It was good to see new faces at this year's AGMs which were held on March 21st. In the absence of the president, David Reeve, the Progress Association meeting was chaired by Malcolm Grant, who reported on the year's activities. The Association has spent time at meetings brainstorming ways to make the association more relevant to the wider community. Questions debated included:



- what we value about Mt Stuart;
- what would enrich the area;
- what we would like to change.

(If you have ideas, we would love to have them.) Mr Grant commented specifically on the progress of the Mount Stuart Growers' Group, the Leonard Wall/Valley Street Bushcare Group and the involvement of the Progress Association with local resident, Bill Godfrey, in his successful campaign to modify the use of a flashing neon sign which was causing a nuisance to local residents.

David Reeve was re-elected president, with Jenny Dunbabin as vice-president, Stewart Gardner secretary and Eric Pinkard treasurer and public officer. The committee consists of Rosemary Gardner, Malcolm and Linley Grant, Lynden Howells, Aviva Orgad and Marilyn Pinkard.

The Community Services Association meeting was chaired by the president, Lynden Howells, who reported on a very active year. There are many new activities at the Mount Stuart hall, ably managed by our new bookings officer, Aviva Orgad, but graffiti and vandalism have been occasional problems. There have also been working bees to clean up the space in preparation for the forthcoming major works. Lynden paid

tribute to the previous booking officer, Lois Allison, for her sterling work over many years.

At the conclusion of the meetings, Alderman Leo Foley spoke and answered questions about issues such as council amalgamations and inter-council sharing of resources, the HCC planning scheme, transport, the Taste, cable car and city development. Lastly he suggested that local organisations such as Progress Associations could be asked more often for their opinions about issues affecting their communities earlier in the council process, rather than after all decisions are made.



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WANTED!



Ladies of any age are invited to come and share a game of badminton on Tuesday mornings, 10.00 am until about 11.30 am. Come and keep fit in a great complex. Don't be shy!

Phone Vicki Martin, 6228 3228 or Betty Hinton, 6228 1000 for further information.

SCHOOL NEWS

A warm welcome and congratulations to the new principal of Mount Stuart Primary School, Shaun Pearce. We hope that he enjoys his time as part of the Mount Stuart community.



A CHAT WITH...

In this edition, our roving reporter, Craig Macaulay, interviews long-time resident of Mount Stuart, Jim Poynter.

A pharmacist by training and from a family counting eight pharmacists through three generations, Jim's medical experience proved more than useful on Morotai in the Dutch East Indies during WW2 at a time when penicillin, which was only just becoming



commercially available, would save many lives in a tropical environment where wounds and injuries would quickly infect.

Originally in the Signals Corp, he was soon involved with distributing medical supplies for the Australian forces. A photograph in the collection of the Australian War Memorial shows Jim opening the first consignment of Australian manufactured penicillin to be used during the war.

Out of uniform and back in Australia, Jim recalls taking a case to the Arbitration Commission of the day in Melbourne in a very early fight to achieve pay equality for female pharmacists. "They did the same training and the same work but only received 66% of the pay. We managed to get that up to 92%".



Born and raised in Morwell, Victoria, Jim arrived in Tasmania in 1949 to become chief pharmacist at the Royal Hobart Hospital, having worked for several years at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. "I was coming for a job interview and remember driving in over the hills from Mount Rumney, looking down on Hobart and thinking, I don't care if I don't get the job, I'm staying anyway." He won that job, and remained as chief pharmacist for 15 years when making up medications was still very much a hands-on affair. At this time the medical needs of rural districts were served by District Medical Officers and it was the hospital's task to supply the medications. Jim remembers the huge storage baskets in the basement, emblazoned with broad arrows and used by the first Medical Officers at Port Arthur, containing some of the original medical and pharmaceutical supplies. With some of the young resident doctors from the Royal, Jim helped blast rocks to form ski slopes at Mount Field (his wartime experience with explosives helped!) Jim has had a lifelong love of

Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

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photography and many of his photographs, developed in his darkroom, have featured in books and publications.

In 1955, Jim purchased the Battery Point Pharmacy, installed a manager and became an agent for Leica cameras. He helped establish the Central Medical Store for the Tasmanian Government (Supply and Tender Dept.). This came about through



a meeting he had with Tasmanian Premier Robert Cosgrove, who granted him 25,000 pounds to establish and renovate the Mews, (part of Capt. Swanston's historic property in Tower Rd, New Town). At the CMS Jim headed a team of pharmacists, (including a young Jerry Hampton) supplying and making medications to all government hospitals state-wide, Parks and Wildlife Service, lighthouses and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. A number of Colombo Plan pharmacists were trained and welcomed into the team over the years before they returned to many Asian countries to work.

The Mount Stuart connection began not long after Jim's arrival in Hobart and, apart from a short time in West Hobart, it has been maintained ever since. Living first in

Paraclete Avenue in a house owned by the RHH, he applied for a war service loan and in 1952 built his first house at 66 Mount Stuart Rd, just above Mellifont St, which at that time was little better than a treacherous dirt track (on which he still vividly recalls coming off his motor bike!) He well remembers fighting fires in 1967 and watching with other residents in Weerona Ave as homes were lost.



During this time, Jim developed a love of the Tasmanian bush. While fire watching in the Port Davey area in the 1960s, he built lifelong friendships with the King and Clayton families. Returning with Robbie years later, they were to explore Bathurst



Harbour, the Davey River and the south coast in a 12 ft. dinghy, taken down by a fisherman and left with Deny for repeat visits.

Jim married Robbie, who was raised from an early age in Toorak Avenue and they have lived in Elphinstone Rd for 35 years. Jim's elder son, Tony and his wife Jennifer are teachers, and many happy hours are spent with his granddaughters – Kate and Anne. He has passed on his love of classic cars to



younger son Sam, an analytical chemist. Life has also brought much travel, here and overseas – from riding bikes in northern China, island-sitting on Tin Kettle Island to fend off poachers, travelling north across the Arctic Circle and northern Europe to revisiting the Alice and Darwin on the Ghan to retrace some of Jim's wartime experiences. At 95, Jim has a substantial story to reflect on.

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MOUNT STUART SCOUT GROUP NEWS

The year has kicked off as lively as ever, with around 70 young people enjoying all the Scouting activities our group provides. We've farewelled a couple of long serving leaders and welcomed some new ones. All our volunteers, past and present, do a fabulous job for the group and can testify that it's never dull in Scouts!



In January, 14 of our Scouts and leaders went to the national jamboree in Maryborough, Qld, where they enjoyed an amazing array of events and activities. February saw some of us take part in the world record kayak launch at the Hobart Regatta, as well as taking out some trophies in the District Swimming Carnival for Founders Day. In March our Cubs, Scouts and Venturers enjoyed the 50th Annual Scout Guide Regatta at Snug where they tried an array of water and land activities. Our group triathlon was a bit of fun in the lead up to that wonderful annual event.



In April, we had a strong contingent at the Lenah Valley Anzac Day parade where we laid a wreath to honour those who serve our country in war and crises around the world.

We've done a whole heap more, but that's a quick snapshot. For more news and photos, go to our website: www.mtstuartscouts.org

Newsflash: We currently have some space for 6- year- olds to join our Joeys. If you are interested, please give us a call.



For all enquiries please contact the Group Leader, Suze on gl@mtstuartscouts.org or phone 6278 7289.

MOUNT STUART GROWERS' NEWS



There are three gloriously ripe lemons on our tree right now and even more to follow. Perhaps it's not much to excite most people but they are the first lemons to ripen in our windy Mount Stuart garden for three years. Those lovely yellow fruit finally got there thanks to the advice and encouragement from other gardeners at Mount Stuart Growers.

For our last Growers' Gathering we asked Christina from FIMBY (Food in My Back Yard) www.fimby.com.au to provide us with a pruning demonstration and an opportunity to ask questions about our own trees. As we moved from tree to tree in a Mount Stuart garden, we looked at a range of topics from espaliering, how and when to prune a variety of trees, and tool care. Christina had a great down-to-earth approach, extensive knowledge and a sense of humour that made for an entertaining as well as informative morning in the chilly autumn sunshine.



If you are trying to get the most out of your Mount Stuart fruit or veggie garden and would like to get to know your neighbours, please join us! We usually meet the first Saturday of each month at 10 am. And if you've got an amazing lemon recipe, bring it with you next time – I'm thinking of lemon curd, lemon cake or maybe just maybe just a couple of slices into a Friday night G&T? What do you think?



For more information please visit our website: <http://www.mountstuartgrowers.org/> or call Tamsin on 0438 427 456.

HALL HAPPENINGS			
Ballroom dancing	Mon 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm; Thurs 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Sherry Lendrum	6225 5095
Fitness	Mon, Wed & Fri 6:00 am to 7:00 am	Lee	0407 915 602
Ballroom Dancing	Sun 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Wally Nicholson	6228 3498
Badminton Ladies	Tues 10:00 am to 11:30 am	Vicki Martin	6228 3228
Tai Chi	Mon 10:30 am to 11:30 am	Sue Naden	6228 2435
Pure Pilates	Mon 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thurs 9:15 am to 10:15 am;	Hazel Stacey	0402 493.807 0420 262 187
All Style Dancing	Mon 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; Wed 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Reny	0405 438 856
Karate	Tues 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm; Fri 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm	T'Meika	0412 009 395
Belly Dancing	Tues 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm; Wed 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm; Wed 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Ruth	0437 998 405
Zumba Gold Zumba 50+	Wed 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm Fri 9:30 am to 10.30am	Rhonda Janaki	0409 973 653 0437 868 445
Dance for Fitness	Thurs 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Reny	0405 438 856
Yoga Bugs	Fri 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm	Carinda	0438 611 240
Tango Club	Fri 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm	Tess	0429 684 101
Crohns/Colitis Association of Aus	Monthly	Miki	0401 747 463
The Coaching Space	Monthly	Greg	0400 882 323

MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT



Mount Stuart Rd: between 17/3 and 22/4 a large amount of jewellery was stolen from a resident who was injured and housebound and required outside assistance during this period. **(464692)**

Toorak Ave: between 22/3 and 23/3 unknown offender/s broke into a vehicle parked outside a private residence. The offender/s could obviously see a quantity of small change and assorted property in the vehicle. **(331644)**

Toorak Ave: on 25/3 a vehicle was damaged when it was broken into. Nothing was stolen as there was no property in it. **(463006)**

Elphinstone Rd: on 25/3 a car was vandalised while parked outside the owner's residence. **(462976)**

Gordon Ave: on 29/3 the back door of a private residence was kicked in. A quantity of cash and electrical items, etc, were stolen. The residence has a security alarm fitted but it was not turned on. **(332242)**

Montagu St: between 3/4 and 4/4 a handbag with sunglasses, personal papers and cash was stolen from a car which was broken into. **(463562)**

Keith White Cres: on 21/4 jewellery and cash were stolen when the building was entered by removing a flyscreen from a window. **(464594)**

Keith White Cres: on 2/5 a house was broken into but nothing was stolen, although there was considerable damage. **(465248)**

Benjafield Tce: on 3/5 computers and jewellery were stolen when a house was entered by smashing a glass door. **(465305)**

Benjafield Tce: between 12/5 and 13/5 a locked vehicle was stolen from outside the owner's residence. It has not been recovered. **(465878)**

Police advise:

1. Steering wheel locks/clamps are good deterrents; vehicle immobilisers are better.
2. A monitored alarm system not only might scare off would be offenders, it also pretty much guarantees attendance at a residence by either security staff and/or police.

Anyone with information about any of the above incidents is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Please quote the reference number.





HALL ALTERATIONS

You have most likely noticed that the hall has been a construction site for a couple of months while alterations have been carried out. The existing toilets off the dance hall and the kitchen downstairs have now been upgraded and a toilet has been installed downstairs. An accessible toilet for the disabled has been installed upstairs and parking and access provided for the disabled. We thank the owners of the building, the Hobart City Council, for funding, arranging and supervising the alterations.

The hall is available for hire for activities, meetings and celebrations. Contact Aviva on 0478 983 624 if you are interested in hiring it.

ROB TO THE RESCUE

Rob Valentine MLC was helping out in the makeshift store at Dunalley after the bushfires. Due to asbestos contamination, most of the stock had been moved to a new site. Local resident and unofficial mayor of Dunalley, John, came in looking for some underpants as he had lost all of his in the fires. Rob advised him that unfortunately the stock



had been shifted to the new site and he would. Although John understood the situation, it was obvious to Rob that he would like to have fresh underwear sooner rather than later, so Rob dashed out to his car and grabbed a pair of his own underpants, (freshly laundered, we hasten to add), and a pair of socks for good measure, and gave them to John. (Rob had the underwear in the car as he had just travelled to Dunalley from Hobart via the back roads to help out and stay at his shack.) The gesture was much appreciated by John, although he was a little disappointed that Rob did not throw in one of his trademark hats as well! Well done Rob.



NEW TO THE HALL – FitCamp

Mon, Wed & Fri 6:00 am to 7:00 am
It's a fun social way to get fit and healthy.
 For any info visit: www.LeeFit.com.au
 or call Lee on 0407 915 602.

KNOCKLOFTY NEWS

The track up the steps commencing at the very top of Mount Stuart Road, past the reservoir has been re-routed and upgraded with some excellent stonework. The Mount Stuart Track leading south from the top of the



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Fiona Allan track has been rebuilt, widened and resurfaced and is now in very good condition. The top section of the track from the Mount Stuart Track down to the frog ponds has likewise been upgraded and is in very good condition. The bottom section of this track is also being upgraded and re-routed. If you have not been up there lately, why not take a walk and see the changes for yourself?



Congratulations to the Council on taking this initiative and making the tracks safer for all users.

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

CHCA

The Council of Hobart Community Associations, which meets monthly to consider issues affecting the wider Hobart community, has recently discussed issues such as the HCC's pulling out of the Local Government Association of Tasmania and the memorandum of understanding between Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils, which leads to the sharing of some resources. The HCC is also considering revamping its AGM to make it more attractive to ratepayers. It was suggested that more sub-committees of HCC would allow community representatives to have a greater say on more issues. (At present the traffic committee is the only functioning sub-committee.)



If any residents are interested in attending these meetings, once a month, please contact the Progress Association.

WATER NEWS

It is very pleasing to note that the four Tasmanian water entities are to be merged into the Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation, with estimated savings of around \$5 million per annum.



BUSHCARE NEWS



In June and July we will be doing plantings, preparation work having been done at the May working bee.

We would love to welcome members from the community to join us on the fourth Sunday of the month (when they can!) and share a couple of hours working to improve the Leonard Wall Reserve for bird and animal life.

Vicki Martin, Convenor – 6228 3228



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wish to voice my concerns about traffic speeds in Mount Stuart. Narrow roads in poor condition, with restricted sight distance, make it dangerous to drive at the designated speed limit of 50 km/h, let alone higher speeds, as some drivers do.

Please slow down – remember that there may be a vehicle coming in the opposite direction, cars parked on one or both sides of the road and pedestrians crossing the road, particularly around the start and finish times for the Mount Stuart Primary School.

**SLOW
DOWN!**

Eric Pinkard

DRAFT HOBART INTERIM PLANNING SCHEME 2013

The City of Hobart wants your input!

The Council is seeking community input into the preparation of the Draft Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2013, which will replace the current City of Hobart Planning Scheme 1982 and the Battery Point Planning Scheme 1979.



The Draft Hobart Interim Planning Scheme 2013 has been prepared as part of a major statewide planning reform process. The scheme and information about making submissions can be accessed on the Southern Tasmania Regional Planning Project web site.

Your feedback is encouraged, so tell us how you think the draft scheme could be improved to contribute to building a better future for the city and our community.

Submissions can be made to:

hcc@hobartcity.com.au

subject: 'Draft Hobart Interim Planning Scheme.'

Submissions must be received by close of business Friday 12 July 2013.

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What's On

June: *Rhythm & Blues*

Our members create works on the theme

July: *Solo exhibition by Ron Clark – Winner Art Society Award 2013 Wooden Boat Festival and People's Choice, Royal Hobart Show*

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Aug: *129th Annual Exhibition*

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FROGALICIOUS

Who likes slime and being soggy? Who eats flies and hides in loggies? Who's afraid of cats and doggies? Have you met our friends the froggies? Get hopping for some fabulous froggy games and learn about the intriguing lives of our Tassie

frogs.

We'll even try to catch some tadpoles!

For 4 – 7 year olds

Tue 9th & Thu 18th Jul, 10:00 - 11.30 am

Meet: Knocklofty Reserve, gravel car park, top of Forest Rd.

This is just one of the fantastic bush adventures offered for all ages by Hobart City Council as part of their Bushcare programme. The full list is available on hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures or phone 6238 2866 to join the mailing list. Bookings are essential.

