

Mount Stuart News

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MOUNT STUART COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION INC

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 Time: 8.00pm
 Venue: Mount Stuart Memorial Hall
 Business: Election of Office Bearers
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Nominations for the positions of: President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Solicitor, Public Officer, Auditor and seven committee members for each of the Associations shall be in writing and delivered to the Secretary by 8pm on 27th March 2008. A nomination form is provided below. (In accordance with the Constitutions, all residents of Mount Stuart over 18 years of age are members of both Associations.)

NOMINATION FORM: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 2008

To: The Secretary
 Mount Stuart Progress Association Inc / Mount Stuart Community Service Association Inc #
 PO Box 116, North Hobart TAS 7002

We, the undersigned, nominate
 for the following position on the 2008 Executive Committee.

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Proposer: Second:

I accept nomination (Nominee)

Delete one of these.



GUEST SPEAKER — MIKE STREET

HOBART EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN - HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU?



Happy New Year

We wish our readers all the best for 2008 – the International Year of Languages, of Planet Earth and of the Potato. As well it is the Year of the Scout in Australia. We offer a special welcome to any new residents and hope you enjoy your time in Mount Stuart.

You're Invited

AN INVITATION

All residents are cordially invited to attend the AGMs and to hear Mike Street, manager of the HCC's Emergency Management Plan, present *Hobart Management Plan - the Council's and the Community's Role*. He will speak particularly about issues that might concern Mount Stuart residents. Tsunamis may not be a problem here but there are different types of critical events.

He will also answer questions from the audience; so come along, find out all about it and put your views. It is also a chance to air any other matters which affect the suburb. Supper will be served after the meeting, giving you the chance to chat with other residents and councillors.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The HCC has developed this as the key strategic plan for managing the risks associated with any disaster or emergency situation.

Its aims are to detail treatment strategies and to reduce emergency related risks to the community.

The objectives of the plan are to:



- ◆ bring about a reduction of risks to Hobart and improve community resilience to all hazards.
- ◆ increase community awareness and involvement in risk and emergency management.
- ◆ minimise the consequences of emergency events on the Hobart community.

MOUNT STUART PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS 2007

Duces of the School: *Mimi Birch, Thomas Panckridge.*

Sporting Award: for outstanding achievement in carnivals and sporting events, and excellent sportsmanship: *Joshua Hniat, Rebecca Wells*

Parents and Friends Award: for outstanding citizenship and contributions to the wider school community: *Lauren Jaensch*

Citizenship: for outstanding and consistent demonstration of responsibility, consideration, tolerance, leadership, initiative and excellent personal behaviour: *Caleb Smith*

Arts Awards: for excellence in the arts: *Olivia Walter, Lauren Archer*



Principal's Award: for outstanding personal effort to make a difference in the students' life and work at school: *Grace Bunton*

School Spirit: for participation in all school programmes and showing the best of what it means to be a student at Mount Stuart: *Cassie Henderson, Eleanor Austin*

Award from the Minister for Education (The Mount Stuart Award): *Daniel Herbert*
Congratulations to all the Award winners.

SCHOOL NEWS

Well done to those responsible for the school history published last year. It was a very interesting and professional publication.

The School Association's main project for the year is the resurfacing of the netball court to provide a safe and attractive playing area. As its major fundraising undertaking for the year, the School Fair is being held at the school on Saturday, April 12. So keep that date free.



Road safety is always a big issue, so please take care around the school zones and observe all parking signs, especially near the crossing. Because of the ongoing building programme, there are many trucks as well as cars around. To help alleviate the parking problem, the school is setting up a "walking bus" programme.

WHAT IS THE WALKING BUS?

The Walking School Bus™ – a concept presented to a forum on sustainable transport in Hobart in 2003 – is a school bus powered, not by an engine, but by legs. Children don't sit inside this bus – they walk in a group to school, with an adult driver in the front and an adult 'conductor' at the rear. The 'bus' travels along a set route to school, picking up children along the way at designated 'bus stops'. These can be meeting points along the route or each child's front gate.



The bus can go as seldom or as often as volunteers want to 'drive' it and parents and children want to use it. The service is free and all children are welcome to join it, even if their parents aren't able to be drivers. You can see the advantages of this for everyone – fitness, traffic and the environment.

**Need help with any local government concerns
or issues? Contact**

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GOOD NEWS

The Hobart City Council has announced that it will re-surface the wooden floor in the annexe of the community hall. Over the years this has deteriorated considerably and is almost unsafe for some activities. The wood surface will be covered with durable vinyl flooring that will stand up to the hard workout that it gets from scouts, highland dancers, badminton players and other users.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



I am writing on behalf of residents of Weerona Avenue who are both alarmed and concerned by the unsafe parking practices of many of the people who are ferrying their children to and from Mt Stuart Primary School, which has Clift Street, Gillon Crescent and Weerona Avenue as its surrounding streets.

Some of our concerns are:

(1) there are no 40 kph signs on Weerona Avenue (nor for that matter on or before the roundabout situated at the beginning of Weerona Avenue);

(2) the 40 kph sign on Clift Street slows traffic until it turns into Gillon Crescent, but the 50 kph sign at the top of Gillon Crescent invites cars to ACCELERATE as they turn into Weerona Avenue;

(3) there are no yellow lines denoting the mandatory distance that cars should be parked from a street corner;

(4) many drivers who use Weerona Avenue and Gillon Crescent for parking while they walk their children to school pay no attention to the fact that they should neither park across someone's driveway nor should they leave their vehicles partially covering a driveway; and

(5) many drivers take no account of the fact that by parking directly opposite each other and then leaving their vehicles for 10 minutes or more they make it virtually impossible for residents to either reverse out or drive out of their own driveways.

May I ask that the relevant authorities visit the area as soon as possible and take immediate steps to rectify the situation?

It is becoming increasingly likely that there will be a serious accident unless something is done now.

Weerona Ave. Resident

BUSHCARE

Over the years many of the bushland reserves around Hobart have become degraded and native animals and plants have disappeared. The Bushcare Program aims to involve the community in the on-ground management of Hobart's Bushland Reserves, and groups meet regularly to undertake planting, weed removal, monitoring water quality and wildlife to restore the natural environment.



Mount Stuart now boasts two Bushcare groups, both of which are very active and always welcome new workers. *Friends of Knocklofty Reserve* meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 9.00 - 11.30 am, the third Thursday from 2.00 - 4.30 pm and the third Sunday from 2.00 - 4.30 pm. *Valley Street Bushcare Group* meets on the fourth Sunday afternoon, from 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Gloves and tools are supplied but you need to have strong boots, warm waterproof clothing, a hat and a drink. For more information about the *Friends of Knocklofty*, contact Tony Ault on 6234 2127 or for *Valley Street Bushcare Group*, contact Simon Clarkson on 6234 5176.

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TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

Earth Hour 2008 which has grown out of the Sydney Earth Hour, held on 31 March 2007, is happening on 29 March at 8pm. This year, it has become a global movement and so far, as well as Sydney, Chicago, Tel Aviv, Manila, Copenhagen, Melbourne, Brisbane and Toronto will all be turning off their lights for an hour in the name of fighting global warming. And I'm sure there will be more cities by March. Sign up and join the movement - sign up at

<http://www.earthhour.org/sign-up>



DON'T FORGET

Come along to the meeting at the Hall on Thursday, March 27th at 8pm and find out what's happening in your neighbourhood. Then enjoy a cup of tea or a coffee and a chat.



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EASTER FACTS

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see. Only the most elderly (95 or older) of our population have seen it this early and none of us has ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier!

Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Equinox (March 20).

This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar used by the Hebrews to identify Passover and this is why it moves around on our Roman calendar. Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is rare.



Here are the facts:

The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913, so if you're 95 or older you were around for that. The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

WEB HITCHES

Our apologies to readers who have been trying to access our new website. We were experiencing access problems but these have now been fixed and hopefully we will now stay on line.

Errands Run does your "To Do" List!

- Gets the person/price/business
- Is there for the tradesperson
- Picks up/delivers/returns (small) items
- Pays bills, prescriptions, banking
- Free up your day!
- Something else? Ring and find out.

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MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT

17 November 2007 –29 February 2008

Mount Stuart Road: on about 30/11/07, a rock was used to smash the glass panel of a house door. It is not known if entry was gained and apparently nothing was stolen. (322445)

Gordon Avenue: on about 21/11/07 a grey 1988 Saab, which was locked and parked near the residence, was stolen. It is not known how entry was gained. Some contents of the vehicle including textiles, jewellery and tools were stolen. (32517)



Mortimer Avenue: On or about 09/01/08 a locked Mitsubishi Triton utility was stolen from the street. A Panasonic CD player, fishing rod and tackle, digital camera and compact disks were stolen from the vehicle. (325568)

Raymont Terrace: On about 30/12/2007 the tail light of a vehicle parked in the street was damaged. The driver's side mirror cover was also removed but left at the scene. (324625)

Elphinstone Road: Between 2 & 3 February the front windscreen of a vehicle parked on the street was smashed. (327640)

Elphinstone Road: on 10 February, two skate boards were stolen from a private residence. (328367)

Police are anxious to hear from residents who may have observed any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood. They would also like to remind residents, when parking vehicles on the street, to ensure that they are locked and if possible parked near a street light.

Anyone with information about any of the above incidents is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Please quote the reference no.

ABATEMENT NOTICE

It turns out that the very overgrown, neglected area of land between the top of Elphinstone Road and Montagu Street cul de sac is owned by the Hobart City Council. Should we serve the Council with an abatement notice?

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