

# Mount Stuart News

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 Venue: Mount Stuart Memorial Hall  
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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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011. 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: ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES 2011

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 2011 Committee

Proposer: ..... Seconder: .....

I accept the nomination ..... (Nominee)

# Delete one of these.

**GUEST SPEAKER – MIKE PAINE**  
**C.E.O. OF SOUTHERN WATER**  
**TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS**



Greetings to all our readers for 2011 the Year of the Rabbit, usually somewhat calmer after the Year of the Tiger. It is the

International Year of Forests and the International Year of Chemistry, which commemorates, among other things, the centenary of the Marie Curie Nobel Prize.

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

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**AN INVITATION**

to attend the AGMs of the Progress and the Community Service Associations and to hear Mike Paine, C.E.O. of Southern Water, speak about the changes that are happening with your water systems and answer your questions.



**SAY G'DAY – ON SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Breaking down community barriers by getting to know the people next door and across the street is the aim of the annual Neighbour Day.

This year it will become a global event with the support of the United Nations and with the very best wishes of Prince Charles and former President Bill Clinton.

“It’s a concept all Australians can easily embrace – whether they live in an urban area or on a farm,” said Neighbour Day founder, Andrew Heslop. Held on the last Sunday in March each year, Neighbour Day was founded in 2003 after the remains of an elderly woman were found in her suburban Melbourne home. She had been dead for two years, forgotten and alone.



To celebrate the day, the annual Neighbourhood Watch/Progress Association Neighbour Day BYO BBQ will be held on Sunday, 27 March, from 4.00 pm onwards in Mount Stuart Park. It will be one of hundreds of functions all over the country to celebrate neighbourhoods and the many ways that people can connect locally, so come along and meet some neighbours.

**MOUNT STUART MEMORIES**

Eric Freer, who spent the years 1930 to 1940 as a boy in Mount Stuart, has sent us some memories of the area. He remembers coming to Hobart in 1930 for a holiday – the ‘holiday’ was actually a

necessary move to Hobart from their farm in Burnie, for the sake of his father’s health.



The journey from Burnie to Hobart was made in the family car – a 1924 Dodge. (“If you can’t afford a Dodge, dodge a Ford.”) The house they bought at 17 Mount Stuart Road, which had been owned by Mr Tabart, had no electricity, a shingle roof and rocked in the wind. The demolition of the Hobart gaol at the time meant that recyclable material was available and the house was upgraded. The shingles were replaced with corrugated iron, electricity was connected, the house was restumped and a brick wall was built on the property’s dividing line.

Although the children left to pursue their own lives and careers, the house was occupied by the Freers until 1962. Mr Freer died in 1953 but his wife stayed there until ill-health caused her to go to live with her son. Eric remembers some of the neighbours of the period. Senator Reg Wright lived further up the street while opposite number 17 lived Mr and Mrs Webb. He was English and his wife was Australian and on one occasion when the English were beating Australia badly in the cricket, she locked him in the chookhouse. The chooks made such a racket that all the neighbours came to see what was going on.

The Dunlop family lived at No.19, the Hulls at No. 15 and Mr Davidson, secretary of the Tasmanian Cricket Association, at No.13.

Eric’s brother Tom still lives in Mount Stuart – he moved to Doyle Avenue in Lenah Valley but the change to the boundaries put him back in Mount Stuart. Thank you, Eric, for the memories.

**BUSHCARE**

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.



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.

*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.*



Mount Stuart Primary School has begun a new year bigger and better than ever. There are now just under 390 students who will soon have all their new facilities completed. The new toilet block will be finished within a couple of weeks and the new classroom building is expected to be ready after Easter.

**The award winners for 2010 were:**

**Academic Award:** *Mae Cockerill*



**Sporting Award:** for outstanding achievement in carnivals and sporting events, and excellent sportsmanship: *Zac Duretto* and *Emily Hniat*

**Parents and Friends Award:** for outstanding citizenship and contributions to the wider school community: *Alex Beswick*

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

**Arts Awards:** for excellence in the arts: *Oskar Milojevic* and *Elise Sweeney*

**Principal's Award:** for outstanding personal effort to make a difference in student life and work at school: *Dion Pavlides*

**School Spirit:** for participation in all school programmes and showing the best of what it means to be a student at Mount Stuart: *Campbell Dickens*

**Environment Award:** *Eva Schroter*  
**The Austin Family Award:** *Georgia McCrossen*

**The Mount Stuart Award:** *Amelia Natoli*  
**Congratulations to all the Award winners.**

**WHITHER SOUTHERN WATER?**

Southern Water is in the middle of a process which has a beginning, middle, and an end.

The beginning has been forgotten already. We were promised that first priority would be given to providing clean drinking water to rural households outside the present area of reticulated water supply. This priority seems to have been downgraded, with first priority now being given to the introduction of a metering and billing bureaucracy.

This will allow water prices in Southern Tasmania to be directly compared with those in Melbourne, Sydney or Adelaide. A direct comparison of Southern Water domestic water prices with those in mainland cities is certain to show that Southern Water prices are much cheaper. This is because, on the mainland, water supply authorities have to cover the costs of building, owning and operating



their dams and water storage lakes. In Tasmania, it happens by lucky chance that these works have already been established by the Hydro-Electric Commission. Prior to that it is recorded that in times of low summer rainfall, flow in the River Derwent was so low that it was possible above the tidal reaches to walk across the river bed without getting one's feet wet. That is to say, there would not be enough flow for Southern Water to extract water at Bryn Estyn. Today, the sizeable summer flow is maintained by the Hydro-Electric Commission as it generates power from water stored in Lake King William. If the HEC had not built Butlers Gorge dam, then Southern Water would probably have to do it now.

What will the end game look like? It may be pertinent to remember that the process was invented by State Treasury, and that State Treasury maintains an influence on the overall policies of Southern Water. Gazing into a crystal ball, could it be that the long term end play is a gradual increase of water costs towards mainland levels, with the consequential Southern Water profits going to State Treasury? (as has happened over the years to the hapless domestic electricity consumer, where a significant proportion of each electricity account now goes to State Treasury).



**OVERFLOW**



Onstream is the overarching organisation for the three regional water corporations, Southern Water, Cradle Mountain Water and Ben Lomond Water and is responsible for their billing, receipting and debt collection. However, when Southern Water's billing goes awry, there is no mention of Onstream.

Despite Southern Water having been in existence for over 20 months, it has not yet set fees (known as community asset or headworks charges) for connection to water and sewerage infrastructure. Property owners wishing to connect are forced to provide a security bond.

Southern Water has also failed to advise property owners in areas without water and/or sewerage infrastructure whether a capital contribution will be required when services are made available and, if so, how much it will be. (Older residents may remember the controversy when Midway Point properties were charged a levy for water, sewerage and streets infrastructure.)

**FOUND  
NEAR THE MOUNT STUART HALL  
NAVY SKIRT  
CONTACT 0419 787 965**

## HALL VANDALISM

On the evening of Wednesday, January 2, four windows on the side of the Annexe adjacent to the old kindergarten were broken. The windows were replaced, but on Thursday evening next week, another three windows were broken. These windows have been boarded up pending a decision on how they will be replaced. If anybody saw suspicious activity, please contact Tasmania Police.



## BUSHCARE ADVENTURES

***Find the program that is right for you.***

The new autumn program has just been released and you can find details of all the activities on the Hobart City Council website [hobartcity.com.au](http://hobartcity.com.au) — there is something for everyone.

### **Just For Adults**

Designed for people with a thirst for local knowledge, intriguing experiences and rewarding, social recreation.

### **For the Whole Family**

Gentle adventures with some bushland magic for all ages, run on weekends so all family members can join in together.

### **Bush Kids**

Creative bushland exploration and play for kids 2-10 (and their parents), There's way too much fun to be had!

### **Go Wild, Go Solo**

Action, adventure, challenge and creativity for kids ready to go wild and go solo.

### **School Holiday Programs**

Include both Bush Kids Activities and Go Wild, Go Solo Programs.

Bookings are essential for all activities.

## CONSULTATION

Hobart City Council is seeking your feedback about the recommendations of the Gehl Report which was commissioned with a view to improving how people move around and enjoy the inner city and its links to outer areas. You can download a copy of the report from the [hobartcity.com.au](http://hobartcity.com.au) website and in early April you will be sent a feedback form.

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## MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Elphinstone Road:** On 1/1/11 entry was gained to a house by forcing a rear door lock. A wallet and credit cards were stolen. **(411175)**

**Toorak Avenue:** On 1/1/11 a house and shed were entered. Nothing was stolen from the house but power tools and rucksacks were taken from the shed. **(411194)**

**Hurst Road:** On 9/1/11 a house was entered and cameras, computers, backpacks and jewellery were stolen. **(411832)**

**Gordon Avenue:** On 19/1/11 an entry was forced into a house where computer gear, cameras and jewellery were stolen. **(412580)**

**Dale Crescent:** On 21/1/11 premises were entered but nothing was stolen. **(412387)**

**Raymont Terrace:** Between 21/1/11 and 22/1/11 entry was forced to a car and a wallet, cash and backpack were stolen. **(412856)**

**Darling Parade:** Between 21/1/11 and 22/1/11 a house was forcibly entered and a TV and Nintendo were stolen. **(412754)**

**Darling Parade:** Between 22/1/11 and 24/1/11 a house was entered and cash and jewellery were stolen **(412922)**

**Keith White Crescent:** Between 23/1/11 and 24/1/11 a car was stolen from a residence. It was located down the street where attempts had been made to burn it. **(412877)**

**Elphinstone Road:** Between 26/1/11 and 27/1/11 the window of a parked car was smashed. Nothing was stolen. **(412827)**

**Mount Stuart Road:** Between 13/2/11 and 14/2/11 the window of a vehicle was smashed and Rayban sunglasses stolen. **(414261)**

*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!*

Police phone numbers: Non urgent **131444**

Crime Stoppers **1 800 333 000**

## DON'T FORGET...

The AGM, 8 pm on Thursday Mar 24<sup>th</sup> in the supper room at the Mount Stuart Memorial Hall. Find out what's happening, meet other residents and chat after the meeting. See the enclosed flyer for more details. Supper will be served.

**Neighbourhood Watch Neighbour Day** barbecue on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Mount Stuart Park from 4pm onwards. BYO.

See you there!

