

Mount Stuart News

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ANNIVERSARY NEWS



The school has just held the major part of its 50th birthday celebrations with a school assembly attended by the Minister for Education, Mr David Bartlett, Mr Doug Parkinson, Mr Eric Clinton, (the school's first principal), as well as other former principals. Dr Stuart Hamilton (the school's first Rhodes Scholar) and guests from many parts of Australia were also present. In the evening a well attended cocktail party at the school provided an opportunity for people to reminisce and talk about the display of photos and memorabilia.

Watch out for the official history of the school which is planned for release to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the first classes at the site in April 1957.

RHODES SCHOLARS



As Mount Stuart Primary School celebrates its fifty years and New Town High School commemorates its five Rhodes Scholars in its new Rhodes Gallery, it seems appropriate to note that two of those scholars were products of the Mount Stuart School.

Dr Stuart Hamilton was enrolment 32 in the first intake in 1957 and went from there to New Town High School. At the University of Tasmania he was awarded Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in English language and literature. At Oxford University his study focussed on theoretical linguistics. He later also acquired a Bachelor of Economics from ANU in Canberra. On his return to Australia, Dr Hamilton chose to enter administration and he has held a number of senior appointments in the Public Service.

Dr David Close was a more recent student, having started in 1984. He went on to New

Town High and Elizabeth College. At the University of Tasmania he gained an Honours degree in Geophysics and at Oxford studied global and earthquake seismology. He is now working in the oil industry in Mexico.

HOCKEY STARS

As part of the Mount Stuart Primary School anniversary assembly, Mrs Chris Bennett OAM of Hockey South presented a framed photo to Mr Bernard Gillon, a former principal of the school and long-time hockey coach. The photo featured the six ex-Mount Stuart students who are currently members of the Tassie Tigers, the state representative hockey team.



The boys are Oliver Close, Eddie Ockenden, Daniel Sproule, Trent Sproule, Paul Ancher and Ben Creese. Daniel has actually played 188 international matches, Eddie has played 3 so far and is due to go to Korea with the national development squad and Ben is currently a member of the development squad. The school has had many previous representatives but six in one year is quite an achievement. It says much for the grounding and basic skills formation they received.



Not a bad achievement for one small school!

ST JAMES & ST ANDREWS FAIR

When? Saturday October 14th, 10 am.
Where? St James Parish Hall, corner of Elizabeth St and Rupert Ave.

Why? Pick up a bargain from the many stalls available. Fun activities for the children.

Come along and enjoy a delicious morning tea, pancakes or barbecue.

WIN FOR VALLEY STREET COMMUNITY ORCHARD

In late July 2006, The Australian Open Garden Scheme was offering grants of various sums to community projects across Australia, including one grant of \$5,000 for a suitable project in Tasmania.

The recently formed Valley Street Community Orchard Group put in an application and was thrilled to find out by letter on Friday 25th August that the application was successful. The group plans to establish a small heritage apple and pear orchard with some nut trees at the Mellifont Street end of the Leonard Wall Valley Street Reserve. This grant will allow the purchase of a shed, a selection of tools and of course – the trees! Hobart City Council advises that site work should be able to commence in 2007.



If you would like to be involved, please call Simon Clarkson on **6234 5176**.

IMPROVED BUS SERVICES TO MOUNT STUART



Metro has reviewed Mount Stuart and nearby bus services and hopes, in the very near future, to implement improved services to Mount Stuart.

The proposed changes have been designed to encourage additional patronage from the area and are in response to feedback from the Mount Stuart Progress Association. The problems with current services that have been identified included:

- Services are infrequent, particularly during evening periods.
- Bus routes to and from Mount Stuart “follow an indirect and meandering course”.
- People were dissatisfied with weekend services. (One solitary service on Saturday afternoons).

In order to improve Mount Stuart services and make them easier to use, Metro is proposing one easy-to-understand route which will travel to Mount Stuart through West Hobart. The proposed service will operate Monday to Friday until 6 pm.

After that time, during evenings and weekends, the same route is proposed to be

extended to travel through to Lenah Valley via Toorak Ave.

The new service will have many benefits:

- Peak time services will increase considerably. There will be a 15 minute service between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.
- Before 9:00 am services will increase by 200%.
- Between 9:00 am and 4 pm there will be a half hour service, despite current low patronage in Mount Stuart.
- Hourly services are planned for most times during later evenings and weekends.

The new route will provide access to additional shopping and recreational activities, e.g. Salamanca Market, West Hobart shops and cafés on weekdays and weekends.

There has been strong support for the proposed new services from passengers of the existing services. Metro is happy to answer any questions about the proposed changes. Please contact Peter Kruup on **6233 4243**. Peter has already spoken to many people in Mount Stuart and is keen to hear from you.

Metro encourages you to use the new services when they begin and will closely monitor their performance. The changes will be introduced as a trial for six months.

You can view the maps of the routes on the Mount Stuart Progress Association website: <http://www.mtstuart.hobartcommunity.homelinux.net/>

The above changes have been made based on customer requests and Metro’s aim to continually improve services.

St. John's Park Bowls Club

NOVICE DAY



If you would like to try your hand at the great game of lawn bowls, come along at 10.30 am on Show Day, October 26th

*Friendly free tuition and sausage sizzle
Everybody welcome; flat shoes please
Enquiries 6228 7021*



FOOTPATHS

Finding it difficult to use some of the foot-paths and walkways in the area? On our rambles, we have noticed overhanging trees and encroaching greenery.

Property owners and occupiers have a responsibility to look after the footpaths adjacent to their houses.

If there are areas where there are persistent problems with overgrowing vegetation, contact Civic Solutions on **6238 0200** or **6238 2129** giving the address.

Council officers will inspect the site and, if appropriate, forward an abatement notice to the owners and/or occupiers of the property.



Whilst Mount Stuart footpaths are generally fairly free of dreaded doggy droppings, if you have a persistent problem contact Civic Solutions as above.

Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

Contact

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THE COUNCIL OF HOBART PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS

The Mount Stuart Progress Association has been a member of the Council of Hobart Progress Associations (CHPA) for many years. The CHPA has always had a close association with the Hobart City Council, who make a meeting room in the Town Hall available for monthly meetings.

CHPA has acted as an umbrella organisation covering the Hobart Progress Associations, but lately several organisations with similar objectives, such as The Friends of the Sandy Bay Rivulet, have become members. This has prompted a review of the objectives of CHPA and a revised constitution is presently being discussed.

Many of the issues facing Hobart Progress Associations, such as traffic problems on Mount Stuart or in the Davey/Macquarie Streets couplet, involve neighbouring municipalities.

These issues led to discussion as to whether CHPA should broaden membership to organisations outside the City of Hobart, but the majority decision of members was that it should not. It was noted, however, that approaches regarding membership had been made by groups with objectives somewhat different from those of CHPA. It was decided to accommodate such groups through the creation of a new category of member; that of Associate Member. Associate Members will be entitled to attend meetings and to raise matters for discussion, but will not have voting rights. The constitution provides for the creation of Life Members for individuals, and it has been decided that full members, such as Progress Associations, should each carry three votes, Life Members one vote, (and Associate Members none).

The members of CHPA have also decided to change the name to 'The Council of Hobart Community Associations', to reflect a gradual move among members to favour *Community* rather than *Progress*.

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TOILETS

It is pleasing to note that a start has been made on the long-awaited toilet block next to the Mount Stuart Park. Hopefully we won't have to wait much longer!

The Community Service Association is investigating installing a toilet in the downstairs area of the Hall.



MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT

In the period 19th June until 27th August, there were 26 instances of crime reported in the Mount Stuart area. Of these, 23 involved motor vehicles, the remainder were thefts from residences. There were only three actual vehicle thefts; the rest involved the removal of property from the vehicles, so make sure that you do not leave valuables in view in your car.

One theft actually occurred while the owner was paying for petrol at a service-station!



A house was entered using keys left in the door lock. Let's not make it too easy for thieves!

For more information about these crimes, please phone the NHW Area Co-ordinator for Mount Stuart, Malcolm Grant on 6234 6672.

If you see anything suspicious, call the police. There is now a nationwide police phone number for non-urgent calls: **13 1444**. Police greatly appreciate any information received.

FURTHER CRIME REPORT

Has anybody noticed a man carrying a red motorcar steering wheel with a red immobilising locking bar on it?

A resident of Mount Stuart reports that he became aware of suspicious noises in the middle of the night and discovered activity around his car, an early model Holden Commodore, which was parked in the street.

His car was immobilised with a good quality steering wheel locking bar, so he felt reasonably confident that his car could not be readily stolen. Being uncertain of the number of people involved, he decided to phone the police rather than confront them, but in doing so he had to switch on a light to use his phone.



This evidently alerted the people involved, and although police arrived with commendable promptness, the offenders had fled – taking with them, the steering wheel with the immobilising locking bar presumably still in place! Fortunately (one of the advantages of owning a popular make of car,) the owner was able to purchase a replacement steering wheel, (although not the correct colour), from a wrecking yard and move his

car to a safer location while researching alternative immobilising systems.

PS: Wanted to purchase: One steering wheel to suit early model Holden Commodore; must be red in colour. Apply to the editors for details.

FRIENDS OF KNOCKLOFTY

This group meets on the first Thursday morning of each month, from 9.00 am until 11.30 am. Tools are provided but bring your own gloves.



October 5: Plant maintenance and weeding. Meet at the car park at the top of Forest Rd.

November 2: Birdwatch with Peter Marmion or weeding with Bruce. Meet at the main lookout near the main car park at the top of Forest Rd.

December 7: Weeding at various sites. Meet at the car park at the top of Forest Rd.

ENDURING GUARDIANSHIPS

If you ever become seriously ill or unable to make your own decisions, what sort of medical and personal care would you want?

You may already have an Enduring Power of Attorney in place, but this only covers your real, financial and business property arrangements.

To cover the medical and personal side, you need to appoint an Enduring Guardian who can carry out your wishes or make your personal or medical decisions for you if you are unable to decide for yourself because of an accident or illness. Similar to a Power of Attorney and a Will, the document must be completed while you are of 'sound mind.'

The Enduring Guardianship infosheet and appointment form are available from The Guardianship and Administration Board 99 Bathurst St Hobart 7000 or from <http://www.guardianship.tas.gov.au/>

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