

Mount Stuart News

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RAYMONT TERRACE KINDER


 The old kindergarten is currently sitting idle and there is much discussion about its future. Originally, in the 1950s, the residents of Mount ran a preschool in a private home in Strathern Street and the salary for the teacher, Hilary Lake, was paid by the parents. When land was donated for a community centre for Mount Stuart, the Mount Stuart Hall was built. The site of the preschool was part of this parcel of land and residents raised well over half the funds for this building by holding the annual fair, cake stalls, dances, card nights, film evenings etc. every week for years. After the building was opened in 1952, the Education Department funded the rest of the building cost and the parents continued to pay off the debt.

In the 1960s fundraising continued after the debt was paid off. While the Department paid the teacher's salary and major maintenance, the community bought and installed all the equipment and paid for the cleaning. Residents were justly proud of what they had achieved.

In 1974 the Education Department took total control of all community built and operated pre-schools and renamed them kindergartens to signify the change in status.

You can see that there is a strong case for keeping the building as part of the community centre envisaged back in the fifties when there was so much community effort put into its development.

FIRIES' AWARDS


 The Lenah Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade, which has members from West Hobart, Lenah Valley, New Town and Mount Stuart, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary and several members received Service Awards from the Tasmania Fire Service.

Congratulations to local resident, Eric Percival, a founding member of the brigade, who received a service award in recognition of 45 years with the TFS, both as a career and a volunteer fire-fighter.

The other founding members to receive their 25 year service awards were Kevin Donovan, John Wilson, Colin Quon, and Dave Devereux. Lenah Valley brigade, which is a totally volunteer brigade, is a station of the main Hobart Fire Brigade and its primary responsibility is bushfire control on the urban fringe of Hobart, covering the foothills of Mount Wellington, including Knocklofty. It is also often called on to assist in major bushfires anywhere in Tasmania. We thank them for their efforts.

With the fire season approaching, if you have any queries about preparing your property against the threat of bushfires, please contact the Tasmania Fire Service on 6230 8600, or go to the website, www.fire.tas.gov.au for further information.

SING, SING, SING

 Local girl Katherine Hewitt, the daughter of Peter and Di Hewitt, has found that travel certainly offers lots of unexpected opportunities. Katherine, who attended Mount Stuart Primary, Ogilvie High and Elizabeth College, is a graduate of Tasmanian Conservatorium of Music and is currently teaching music in London. She is one of 1000 members of the Rock Choir which holds the Guinness World record for the largest signed music act to record an album. The choir, which was established in 2005, has over 4500 members throughout Britain and their album, *Rock Choir Volume*, debuted on the British charts at number 8. Katherine has previously made recordings as a cellist, including playing cello for a backing track for Joni Mitchell's *Both Sides Now*.

MOVING ON

A large number of residents turned out to farewell BP, Hill & Arthur Streets, service station proprietor, Bill Bostock. Bill provided cheerful service to thousands of motorists at his site over a period of 38 years. We wish him well. (It is interesting to note that the bottle shop that was planned for the site was rejected by the Licensing Board – the power of public protest!)





LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Two years ago Cornerstone Presbyterian Church began holding services in the Community Hall. What began as a service from Cornerstone has now become Mount Stuart Presbyterian Church and on Tuesday June 22nd Rev David Jones was inducted as minister of Mount Stuart Presbyterian Church (MSPC) They are delighted to be a church situated in Mount Stuart and extend a warm invitation to Mount Stuart residents to join with them on a Sunday morning for worship. They meet at 10 am and during the service there is a crèche and a Sunday school for primary school children. The minister can be contacted on 0400 134 701 or at dnjtas@gmail.com Soon you will be able to drop in via the website (currently under construction) www.mspc.org.au. The church also runs a playgroup in association with Playgroup Tasmania every Friday morning (10 - 11.30) at the old kinder, for parents/carers and children under 5. For more info about the Pebbles Playgroup contact Naomi on 0432 080 639.

Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

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TRAFFIC ISSUES



Dear Editor and Progress Association,

My family and I have recently moved into Byard St and are loving Mount Stuart and all it has to offer. We read your newsletter every month with interest. My husband and I have 3 young children and we enjoy the views, the people, the school and the natural areas, together with the lovely homes and gardens we walk past daily.

My husband and I knew that Byard Street was a busy thoroughfare before we bought into it; however, we have been a little shocked by the impatience and dangerous speeds of the drivers passing through it. The first day we arrived, my 4 yr old son was simply hopping out of the car on the street and was nearly taken out by a fast car driving close by (if cars are parked there is little room for a person and cars to pass



each other). Moving in with trailer and truck was a mission and not once did anyone stop to allow us to back and fill - they just skidded around our vehicles and kept going, as if it were a highway! Getting out of our driveway during peak times can take 5 minutes of waiting - no cars ever stop or slow down. The cars pour out onto Mount Stuart road with barely a thought to "Give Way". The blind hill makes it dangerous on another level. We are so surprised the council allows such a small suburban street to carry the same traffic or more than some of the major, wide roads. Perhaps they fear the "arterial roads" becoming more blocked without this "back way" to the city - but this still doesn't provide a solution to the residents. We realise that Byard St has been used like this for many years, but we question if that justifies it. The width and aspect of the street just don't seem to match the fast and constant flow of traffic.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

At the recent meeting of the Mount Stuart Residents' Traffic Committee the letter above stimulated considerable discussion. At the moment the fact that Byard Street does not have priority is the only calming measure. One committee member even suggested closing Byard Street to all except residents. That really would create an uproar! Do you see any solutions? Counters are to be placed in Gordon Avenue before the October meeting to assess the volume of through traffic.



Drainage at the roundabout above the school is being improved and at the same time the entrances to Gillon Crescent and Darling Parade will be narrowed and the roundabout itself will be widened. This should prevent some of the hooning that neighbours have complained about. The new solar flashing school signs are still to be installed.

Notice was given that an application has been made by the primary school for funding to turn the oval at Mount Stuart Park into two football fields for school matches.

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.

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MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT

June/ August 2010



Darling Parade: 12/06/10 A vehicle parked, locked and secure, in a driveway was stolen after a door lock was forced. It was recovered at Clarendon Vale. (396425)

27/07/10: Offender/s forced entry to a residence by using an implement to damage a side door and property was stolen. A male has been charged. (399155)

30/07/10: A house was entered and property stolen. A male has been charged (400046)

12/08/10: A vehicle parked on a lawn, locked and secure, was stolen after the driver's door was forced. It was recovered at Claremont with minor damage. (400892)

Elphinstone Road: 23/07/10 Property was stolen when a house was entered by smashing a rear window. (399542)

30/07/10: Entry was forced into a house through a kitchen window. A male has been charged. (400045)

Strathern Street: 23/07/10 Property was stolen when entry was gained by damaging a rear sliding glass door. A male has been charged. (399540)

Benjafield Terrace: 03/08/10. A residence was entered by damaging two doors at the rear of the premises. Property was stolen; a male has been charged. (400293)

Gordon Avenue: 03/08/10. Entry was forced to a residence; a male has been charged. (400301)

Police phone numbers

Non urgent **131 444**

Crime Stoppers **1 800 333 000**

VALLEY STREET BUSHCARE



The small team of volunteers and HCC Bushcare crew working in the Valley Road Bushcare area of the Leonard Wall Reserve have accomplished removal of quite a lot of gorse, blackberry and other weeds (prunus, cotoneaster, and hawthorn) on the eastern side of the lovely gums.

Planting has been done of native grasses and shrubs that will grow into great cover areas for the native animals and birds of the area. Joey Scouts did a wonderful job of planting in August — it was lovely to see the care and interest they gave to the planting and mulching. Plant Giveaway will be in September. Come along and help restore this beautiful area. 2- 4pm, 4th Sunday of the month followed by afternoon tea/coffee/cake.



Vicki Martin Convenor - 6228 3228

Sunday Sept 26:14.00 – 16.30

Follow up weeding in Zone 1 and Plant Giveaway 16.00-16.30

Sunday Oct 24: 14.00 –16.30

Planting maintenance.

Sunday Nov 28: BUSHCARE BARBECUE

From 12 noon at the Fern Tree Community Hall

MT STUART SCOUT GROUP

The Mount Stuart Scout Group has had a busy term with the joeys, cubs and scouts all enjoying overnight camps, a Winter Fun Night and a visit to Mt Field. The term activities have also included finding out more about the wider community, including the SES, Loui's Van, the Synagogue, Baha'i centre, Bushcare and the Antarctic Division. Service activities have included National Tree Planting Day and a cake drive for Loui's Van.



The group plans to hold a garage sale on Saturday the 2nd October 2010 at the Mount Stuart Hall from 8am. Donations of goods for the garage sale are more than welcome.

They are also seeking donations of bushwalking gear; packs, gaiters, coats, waterproof pants, warm clothing, etc, for use by the scouts on overnight hikes.



There are openings for term 3 in the Joey (aged 6) and Cubs (aged 7½ to 9) sections and the group is also keen to meet any potential new leaders.

For all enquiries, contact Suze on 0439 362 644 or email gl@mtstuartscouts.org. To keep up to date, have a look at the website:

www.mtstuartscouts.org

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**COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR MOUNT STUART
RAYMONT TERRACE KINDERGARTEN
WE WANT YOUR SUPPORT**

On Sunday 26th September at 4.00 pm a short meeting will be held in the supper room at the Mount Stuart Hall to gauge support and share ideas about turning the former kindergarten into a community centre for Mount Stuart residents.

WHY?

- It is central for everyone, immediately adjacent to the hall.
- It could provide a comfortable meeting room for smaller groups.
- It could display old maps and historical photos of Mount Stuart.
- It could contain a 'drop-in' centre and perhaps a coffee shop to help make our community even more inclusive.

Since the Education Department announced the transfer of the kindergarten to Gillon Crescent, the Progress Association has been trying, without success, to ascertain the future of the building. The objective has been to endeavour to ensure that the building can be used by the community.

We believe there is a strong case for the kindergarten to be returned to the community. However, this will not happen without your support, so come along and give your ideas.

Tear off slip – for those who are unable to attend on the 26th September but support the proposal of a Community Centre for Mount Stuart.

I (full name).....

Address.....

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fully support the need for the development of a community centre for Mount Stuart in the former Raymont Terrace Kindergarten.

Signed.....Date.....

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WE THANK YOU FOR THIS SUPPORT