

Mount Stuart News

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WELCOME

To all our readers and a special welcome to all new residents of Hobart's premier suburb.



According to The Mercury, Mount Stuart was No 9 in Tassie's Top Ten Suburbs, with a top sale price of \$1,330,000 and an average sale price of \$420,000.

WEB ADDRESS

We finally have it right – see above. 

VALE GILBERT CHALK

The Mount Stuart Community recently lost one of its long time residents of some 46 years when Gilbert Chalk passed away peacefully on 19 May 2005 at the age of 74 years, after a battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Gil, or Bill as many knew him, moved to Tasmania from Queensland in 1955. He married Elizabeth and they settled in Mt Stuart in 1958. Two of the five Chalk children still live at Mount Stuart.



For many years Bill was involved in Scouting, both at Mount Stuart, where he was a member and President of the Group Committee, and later as President of the Southern Regional Council.

Gil was also a strong supporter and member of the Progress Association for some 20 years and served on the Traffic Committee for many years.



When Bill first came to Tasmania he worked for EH Burgess & Co as a lift installer and technician, following which he joined the Department of Labour & Industry as a lift and crane inspector, where he worked for 25 years until his retirement in 1995.

A memorial service for Bill will be held at 11.30 am on Friday 22 July 2005 at St James Church, New Town. All are welcome.

PARKS REPORT

The Council has prepared plans for toilets for the Mount Stuart Park and sought advice about siting. The Progress Association has recommended they be situated on the bank to the south of the barbecue area.

The Progress Association has asked the Council to provide additional play equipment for the Mount Stuart Park. A range of equipment, which will be more challenging for older children than the current equipment, has been selected and recommended to Council.

ROSTRUM VOICE OF YOUTH NATIONAL FINALS

Saturday 30 July 2005 at 6.00 pm in the
Collegiate Performing Arts Centre
(RSVP 6234 6672 or 6223 3576)

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA

In March, the Progress Association held a working bee to clean up the Providence Valley Park, which extends from Clift St to Valley St. Several bags of rubbish were removed.

Some potentially invasive plants, such as banana passion fruit, were noticed. We have asked the Council to remove these.



Special thanks to Heather Henderson for her initiative in organising the clean up and to Mr & Mrs Lakin for their participation.

** LANSDOWNE POOL **

(OPPOSITE HILL ST GROCER)

PRIVATE, INDOOR, 30°, SALT

OPEN 6AM - 10PM

TO BOOK PHONE 6234 1503

(Learn to swim from August)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Now in its 15th year, Mount Stuart Neighbourhood Watch is about to trial a new time slot. Originally meetings were held monthly at 7.30 pm in the school. In time these gave way to 5.00 pm meetings in the Supper Room. With a view to fostering a sense of neighbourhood, a trial of mid morning meetings is about to begin.

The first of these will be held on Tuesday, 19th July, at 10.30am in the Supper Room at the Hall. There will be the usual crime report given by Sen. Const Russell Barratt, with the opportunity for residents to voice their concerns about crime prevention and community safety matters.



This will be followed by a guest speaker, Rebecca Chard-Snaith, who is a Mount Stuart resident and Director of Nursing at Sandown Park. Her presentation on Aged Care will cover such matters as the process of admission into an aged-care facility, including ACAT assessment, financial implications, government support and the range of care available. Rebecca will be available to answer any questions during morning tea.

All Mount Stuart residents are welcome to attend.

WOOD HEATERS

With winter well and truly here, those of us with wood heaters have had them going, but are they working efficiently?



Smoky fires are always a problem in winter, especially on calm days. To reduce emissions it is vital to use dry, seasoned wood – green wood is harder to burn, produces far more smoke and does not provide as much useable heat.

When starting a fire, use small, dry kindling and small logs, burning on high airflow for 30 minutes after lighting. Once the fire is burning well, place wood end-on into the



firebox rather than sideways, with at least a 2cm gap between pieces of wood to allow adequate airflow – a brightly burning fire is better than a smouldering one! It is a good idea to occasionally go outside and look to check if your fire is producing any emissions, and, if so, adjust your fire for better burning.

Further information can be found on the DPIWE website, or by calling the air specialist at 134 Macquarie Street, telephone 6233 3373.

CRIME REPORT 16 MAY - 19 JUNE 2005

Lower Mount Stuart Road 26-27/5/05. A shed at the rear of a property was entered by damaging a door lock. (242275)

Elphinstone Road, 31/5-1/6/05. The rear quarter vent window of a parked blue Commodore s/wagon was smashed. (242667)

Weerona Avenue, 27/5/05 @ 10.20 pm. A window on a parked white Commodore sedan was smashed. The car alarm went off and a red station wagon with tinted windows was seen leaving the scene (242276).

Hurst/Mount Stuart Road, 11/6/05. A white Commodore sedan was stolen. (243566).

Mid Mount Stuart Road, 19-20/5/05. A red Toyota Crown stolen from a drive. (241573)

Doyle Avenue, 23/5/05 am. A residence was entered by smashing a rear window. (241859)

If you have information on these, or any other crimes, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 005 555. You can remain anonymous, and you may be eligible for a reward. (The offence reporting number should be quoted)

IF YOU HAVE DEADLOCKS AND WINDOW LOCKS FITTED, PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE USED CORRECTLY. MAKE SURE THEY ARE LOCKED PRIOR TO LEAVING YOUR HOME. PREVENT CRIME BY TAKING PRECAUTIONS



PLAN FOR POSITIVE AGEING

As a delegate from the Association of Independent Retirees, Jeff Ransley attended the recent launching of this Plan by the Department of Premier & Cabinet – a project which should engage the attention of all sections of the community.

The Plan is intended to prepare for the foreseeable problems arising from the steeply increasing proportion of persons aged over 55 in our population. This is a global problem – projections show that in the next 25 years, 70 million workers will retire to be replaced by just 5 million of working age.

The project includes these general aims:

- Assisting mature-age persons to plan and mentally prepare for their retirement.

- Optimising the health of ageing persons and reducing the risks of disability.
- Supporting mature-age persons to remain in the work-force and encouraging their participation in community affairs.
 - Preventing older persons becoming socially isolated.



The Seniors Bureau in the Premier's Department is seeking input and relevant comment from all sections of the community.

Interested? Full details can be read at www.seniors.tas.gov.au and you can e-mail responses to sbadmin@dpac.tas.gov.au.

AU REVOIR DES HANLON

Those of us interested in local history will greatly miss researcher and historian Des Hanlon, who, with his wife Karen, left Tasmania on 10th May to return to his home state of Western Australia.

During his 23 years in Tasmania Des became a recognised authority on the minutiae of our local history; his comments were sought on radio stations when local issues were being discussed; he was an activist in many forums wherever questions of heritage were debated – always forthright, if not provocative, and his viewpoint was always respected. He triggered many conservation alerts in the interests of our posterity and influenced the direction of many development issues.

He will be missed in the National Trust where he was the Southern Regional Chairman, in Battery Point where his history walks were so popular and entertaining and, of course, in Mount Stuart where he focussed attention on the value of our built heritage, such as Mimosa, Lyndhurst, Beaulieu and the other architectural treasures of our area.

We thank Des and Karen for their contribution to Tasmania and wish them good fortune and health in their new life in W.A.

MOUNT STUART SCHOOL NEWS 2005

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, the School now has approximately 340 students, with 2 classes in every year from Kinder to Grade 5. This has led to accommodation problems, with the library having to be relocated to free up more space. Next year, there will be at least one more class, so a

request has been made for additional accommodation.

The School will be celebrating its 50th year next year and is planning a range of celebrations, including a Back to Mount Stuart week and a permanent commemoration.

Over the years, the School has been a focal point for the Mount Stuart community. In actual fact, the Progress Association was behind the establishment of the first kindergarten in Mount Stuart.

The School is seeking old photos and memorabilia, so if you have any please contact Brendan Lennard via the School.

FOOTPATHS

The Hobart City Council is doing a good job repairing the footpaths around Mount Stuart.

The Council will be constructing a footpath from 4 Benjafield Tce along Gordon Ave to Darling Pde in the 2005/2006 financial year.

The new footpath up Ogilvie St from Benjafield Tce to Darling Pde will not be constructed until the 2006/2007 financial year.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

Mount Stuart Rd / Mellifont St intersection is to be reconstructed in the near future.

The reconstructed Gordon Ave/ Benjafield Tce intersection appears to be working well, with no accidents reported yet.

Parking in the vicinity of the Mount Stuart School remains a problem. Various options are being considered, including a turning circle in Weerona Ave and a pedestrian refuge on Mount Stuart Road at the top of Paraclete Ave.

Some users of Clift Street have voiced their concerns about the traffic speeds and volumes in the street. Council traffic engineers are not convinced that any changes are necessary. We advise residents to drive cautiously in Clift St, particularly near the School and around the big bend.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

These will be held in October this year. Early indications are that there will be a number of candidates for Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor. Other Progress Associations are offering to support candidates with views sympathetic to their aims. It could be a very interesting election.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The Commissioner for Children, David Fanning, gave an excellent talk, telling us of his background and describing his role, which includes promoting the rights and well-being of Tasmanian children and monitoring their health, welfare, care, protection and development.

Malcolm Grant was re-elected President of the **Progress Association**. Other committee members are: Heather Henderson, David Metcalfe, Linley Grant, Eric Pinkard, Lyn Cave, Lois Allison and Jeff Ransley.

If you have any concerns about matters related to Mount Stuart as a whole; e.g. buses, roads, safety, parks, etc. please contact one of the above. Better still, how about joining our Committee.

Heather Henderson was re-elected President of the **Community Service Association**. Committee members are Malcolm Grant, David Metcalfe, Linley Grant, Eric Pinkard, Lyn Cave, Lois Allison and Jeff Ransley.

THE PARKINSONS

As we mentioned in our last Newsletter, Doug has resigned as honorary solicitor of the Progress Association and the Community Service Association. We thank Doug for his contribution over many years – he always gave us good advice we could rely on and his assistance with getting the Hobart City Council to resurface the dance floor in the Hall was invaluable.

Desley has severed her connection after many years as a member of the Community Service Association and the Progress Association, including terms as President of the Progress Association. Desley was a valuable member of the Traffic Committee, working hard behind the scenes to get things done, and always

contributing to meetings. Desley is always ready to help others – one hot day we came across her delivering catalogues to help somebody who had bitten off more than she could chew.

We salute Desley and Doug for their contributions to the Progress Association and the Community Service Association.

LEONARD WALL RESERVE

The Council has asked for input about naming the reserve off Mellifont Street above Valley Street.

The Progress Association has recommended the reserve be named after Len Wall, who was a keen field naturalist, ornithologist and wrote a nature column for *The Mercury*, as well as being actively involved in the Progress Association and Missions for Seamen.



Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

Contact

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MOUNT STUART BUS SERVICE

Are you satisfied with the Metro Bus Service to Mount Stuart? Is it frequent enough? Are there sufficient buses at the weekend? Would you use a bus if services were more frequent or at different times? Please let Linley Grant of the Progress Association have your thoughts by July 30th, by ringing 6234 6672 or by e-mailing malingrant@bigpond.com.



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