

Mount Stuart News

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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, Senior Vice President, Junior 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 29th March 2006. 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 2006

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 2006 Executive Committee.

Proposer: Seconder:

I accept nomination (Nominee)

Delete one of these



Guest Speaker
Dr Heidi Auman
"Midway Island"



MOUNT STUART PRIMARY SCHOOL AWARDS 2005



Citizenship: For outstanding and consistent demonstration of responsibility, consideration, tolerance, leadership, initiative and excellent personal behaviour: *Alex Brooks*

Principal's Award: For outstanding personal effort to make a difference in the student's life and work at school: *Andrew Barclay and William Perry*

School Spirit: For participation in all school programs, and showing the best of what it means to be a student at Mount Stuart: *Georgia Eade*

Sporting Award: For the boy and girl who show outstanding achievement in carnivals and sporting events, and always model excellent sportsmanship: *Laura Nichols and Damien Oliver-Black*

Dux of the School: Academic excellence across the curriculum: *Andrew Gardner and Emily Stone*

Parents and Friends Award: For outstanding citizenship and contributions to the wider school community: *Rowan Sainsbury*

Mount Stuart Award: *Oliver Fenton*

Arts Awards: For excellence in the arts: *Guy Swan and Isabel Sykes*

Congratulations to all the Award winners.

METRO SERVICES

Metro is considering running weekend buses on a route which will include West Hobart, Mount Stuart and Lenah Valley. If you have any ideas on a route, please contact Linley Grant on 6234 6672.



Or, better still, come along to the AGM, as Peter Kruup from Metro will be at the meeting to speak and answer questions.

DIRECTIONAL DRILLING

People who take a keen interest in work in progress in their streets have noticed a new technology for laying gas pipes. In some instances, the traditional trench digging usually associated with laying underground pipes or cables has been replaced by using new machinery capable of drilling horizontal holes, and pulling the new gas pipes through the new holes. Even more remarkable, as the drill progresses like some giant mechanical

earthworm, it can veer to left or right, and up or down, popping out of the road surface at the exact spot required. How is this done?

This remarkable new technology is called Directional Drilling. It is being used in many drilling activities, from drilling oil wells to laying gas mains in Mount Stuart. Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) is now a key technology for infrastructure installation. It makes it possible to take a pipeline or utility conduit directly below virtually any obstacle with only an entry and an exit hole and a very high degree of accuracy. The HDD in our streets is one of the simplest applications.

To steer a drill in the desired direction requires two things:

- A drilling machine which can steer the drill bit to order.
- A knowledge of the position of the drill bit at all times.



The first is generally achieved by using a drill bit which has a larger diameter than the drill stem, and by having some mechanism of wedging the drill stem away from the centre of the drill hole, causing the drill bit to 'run off'. A simpler method used on the machine in Mount Stuart is to use a drill bit with teeth on one side only, and to put pressure on the drill when the teeth are at the side to which the hole is to be steered.

The techniques for knowing the position of the drill bit depend on the latest electronic equipment for detecting underground pipes and cables.

On Mount Stuart, the underground position of the drill bit is followed by an operator carrying electronic detection equipment. This operator directs the drilling machine operator using radio contact. On completion of a hole, the drill bit is directed to the surface, usually to a small hole dug for the purpose. The drill bit is removed from the end of the drill stem, and a length of gas pipe is attached. The drill stem is then withdrawn to the drilling machine, pulling the gas pipe through the hole in the process. Finally, the position and depth of the gas pipe is marked at intervals on the road surface in white paint, to be entered on record drawings so that the position of the pipe can be found at a later date when customers request connections.



THE NEW YEAR FIREWORKS YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE

Mount Stuart residents, Phil and Robyn Geason and their five children, had a bad start to the New Year when their house was virtually destroyed by fire on New Year's Day.

Community Service Association Secretary Linley Grant organised a collection point at the Mount Stuart Hall to receive donations of furniture and household items for the Geasons.

The Mount Stuart Community Service Association thanks the many Mount Stuart residents and others who gave so generously. These included the five different members of the Anon family, (we were unaware they lived in Mount Stuart!), *Shandy, Igy, Gypsy and Rufus* (generous cats and dogs?) and the following donors:

Ms. Liu; Jenny Barclay; Elaine & Ian Chaplain; Krystyna Szukioldje; Jill Terry; Sue Moya; Avice Terry; Ian McDonald ;Marj Wall; Cynthia Lynch; Susan Harvey; Mahin Fazli; Joan Holder; Lyn Cave; Kath Venn; D & W Perry; Marg. Gangell; Trish Abel; D & S. Metcalfe; M&L Grant; Heather Henderson; Irene Sawford; Michael Fracalossi; Katrina Sage; Debra McAlister; Dr. Taranto; Cheryl Lynch; Sandi Wittison; Dawn Chandler; Gail Read; Walker family; Allan Holding; Cathy Adin-James; Easton Jacobs; Pat Hood; Cameron Bell; Caroline Allen; Margaret Sprague; Michelle Callisaya; Gail Vardy; St. James Church.

Thanks also to Sandi Wittison and the School community for organising the successful letter-drop; the Commonwealth Bank for providing an account to accept cash donations; Cheryl Lynch for her suggestions; Mathers Furniture Removals for so generously



donating their van and removalists to go to six addresses and collect furniture and to Gowans (Auctioneers) for agreeing to auction anything the Geasons could not use and donating the profits to the Geasons.

This event has proven once again that Mount Stuart still has that old-fashioned community spirit. The Community Service Association commends Linley on her initiative and thanks those who gave so freely for their generosity.

LETTER FROM THE GEASONS

On 1st Jan our lives were changed by our house fire. The upheaval, worry and stress are all very hard to cope with at times. We have had all the emotions from crying our eyes out to laughter. But with a strong community like Mount Stuart behind us, with support from family and friends and an overwhelming show of generosity and kindness, we have been able to get back on our feet and return to some sort of normality.

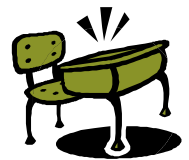
A big thankyou from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who has helped in our time of need.

All our love and thanks,

Phillip, Robyn, Nathan, Jareth, Braden, Liam and Lachlan Geason

MOUNT STUART SCHOOL NEWS 2006

The School has started the new year with several new staff members and two new demountable classrooms to ease the pressure on existing ones because of the increase in numbers. There are currently 360 pupils enrolled, including 43 in the Kindergarten.



The year promises to be busy, with the school fair approaching on April 8th and the 50th anniversary celebrations later in the year. If anyone has any school memorabilia to lend, the organisers would love to hear from you. To find out more about celebrations, check out the school website or contact the School Office.

Traffic near the School continues to be a problem. Drivers are reminded to obey the parking signs on the road outside the School and to be especially vigilant in the area. We did hear that a Metro bus could not get through one day, due to a car driver not doing the right thing.



NERIDA GOES WILD

Former Mount Stuart Primary School student Nerida Manson made the news recently when the Mercury reported that Nerida had given up her desk job in Hobart to become a wilderness photographer. Nerida won the 2005 Dombrovkis Award and had a successful photographic exhibition at Salamanca's Sidespace Gallery recently. Congratulations and well done, Nerida! We look forward to seeing your photos on your website.



NEED FOR GUIDE LEADERS

Mount Stuart boys and girls have Scouts, Cubs and Joeys. But the Guide unit has had to close due to lack of leaders. Is there not a willing parent or ex Guide who will give the Mount Stuart girls the same opportunities to gain leadership and other important life skills? In doing so, you will gain leadership skills. You will receive solid, dependable help if you want it. Please contact 6234 6672 if you can help.

CHRISTINE BENNETT OAM

Congratulations to Mount Stuart resident, Christine Bennett, on being awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her community service. Christine is well known for her dedication to hockey, being involved as a player, coach and administrator for many years.

Christine is also the co-ordinator of the Cancer Council's Look Good, Feel Better programme and a member of the Refugee and Support Group in Hobart.

Well done, Christine!

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AN AAMI AD?

Doug Parkinson MLC reports: *On Friday night, 3rd February at about 11.15, a car travelling down Elphinstone Road in dry conditions lost control on the corner adjacent to Rosina Court. It side-swiped a Subaru Sportswagon parked outside No 39 and then crashed into the rear of a white station sedan parked outside No 35, pushing this vehicle across the footpath and through the front*

fence of No 33 and into a BMW parked in the driveway of No 33. The offending vehicle ended up wedged across the concrete lip (and 2 guideposts) that separates the road from the gutter outside No 33.



Residents are no doubt aware that sections of Elphinstone Road are cambered the wrong way and caution needs to be exercised, especially when the road is wet.

THE GAS ROLLOUT

The gas mains are randomly extending their way across Mount Stuart. We are surprised that residents are not being given the opportunity to connect when the main is laid, particularly where there is an open trench.

Finally, some information on connecting to the gas is being provided to households. It's a pity this information was not available sooner, as it may have influenced heating, cooking and hot water system decisions made over the past 12 months or so.

AUGUSTA RD/ NEW TOWN ROAD CORNER DEVELOPMENT

Woolworths have submitted plans to the Council to redevelop the service station site on the junction of Augusta Road and New Town Road. There was some opposition to the plans, but the Progress Association is not opposed to the development, as it considers the entry and exit problems will be no worse than before and probably better. Woolworths will establish a green belt between the petrol outlet and St James Church.



THE BUSH FRIENDLY DOG

Hobart City Council and Bushcare have published a brochure with hints as to how you and your dog can enjoy the bush and the beach without endangering the wild-life and the environment.



The brochure is available from the Hobart Council Centre in Elizabeth Street.

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

Contact

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Deputy Lord Mayor**

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**MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH CRIME REPORT**

11 January to 20 February 2006

Darling Parade, evening 30/1/06:

Residence entered by smashing a glass panel in the front door. The following property was stolen: silver Panasonic DVD/CD player; Oroton leather ladies wallet; cash; personal papers; bracelet garnet; leather bag; men's pouch; magnifying round glass; puzzle box; 2 huon pine bowls; stud box; 6 brooches; 6 pairs earrings; 2 necklaces; 2 chains & pendants; earrings & pendant set; 2 pendants; pair pearl earrings; gate bracelet; necklace & earrings set; key bracelet; chain; pearl bracelet; 1 earring; rings. (265158)



Toorak Avenue, 3.30 am 14/1/06:

Two gates at a residence were damaged. (263520)

Clift Street, 13-14/1/06:

White Nissan Pulsar sedan stolen. Located in Clarendon Vale. A car CD player, CDs and cash stolen. (263473)

Mount Stuart Road 17-18/1/06:

Silver Saab stolen. Located in Pirie Street undamaged. (263888)



Mortimer Avenue, 18-19/1/06:

Nissan Maxima white sedan stolen. Located on 20/1/06 in Poets Road undamaged. (264008)

Elphinstone Road, 5-26/1/06:

Set of black and silver golf clubs and blue grey 4 man tent (still in the box) stolen from garage. No forced entry. (264746)

Auvergne Avenue 29-30/1/06:

Silver Mazda sedan stolen. Located in Browne Street West Hobart with minor damage to the ignition. (265080)

Auvergne Avenue 12-13/2/06:

Subaru Impreza sedan stolen from unlocked garage. Recovered in Clare Street minus radiator and stereo system. (266504)

Benjafield Terrace 5-6/2/06:

Red Subaru Liberty station wagon stolen. Located in Flagstaff Gully with minor damage to the undercarriage. (265807)

Weerona Avenue 4-18/2/06:

Door lock and ignition of a parked Subaru Liberty was damaged. (267036)



Mount Stuart Road 1.30 pm, 22/1/06:

Parked Honda hatchback entered. Aton CD player, speakers and clock stolen. (264338)

Mount Stuart Road 21-22/1/06:

Malibu purple and white surfboard, Faff orange surfboard, and two board bags stolen from veranda of a residence. (264463)



Mount Stuart Road 7-8/2/06:

White Ford Laser sedan, EE 2212, stolen. As of 20 February it has not been recovered. (266000)



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)

Deter thieves by parking your vehicle under a street light, installing a security alarm and/or immobiliser, attaching a steering lock and simply locking your car.

**SOUTHERN TASMANIA COUNCILS
AUTHORITY**

The 12 Southern Tasmanian Councils are proposing to establish an authority to co-ordinate planning in Southern Tasmania. The Council of Hobart Progress Associations has made a submission to the Hobart City Council offering qualified support and recommending that provision for community involvement should be provided, and that the proposed powers of the new authority should be strengthened as a means of overcoming some of the disadvantages of having 12 separate Councils in Southern Tasmania.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish all our readers all the best for 2006.

A special welcome to any new residents – we hope you enjoy your time in Mount Stuart – Hobart's premier suburb.



PEACOCK CENTRE



The Government is considering changing the use of the Peacock Centre to solely administration, which would leave the present day care clients without a facility.

At the moment there are about 100 clients with mental health problems who use the centre regularly and rely on its services. The loss of the facility would be most upsetting for them, unless a viable alternative is provided.



Local businesses and residents know the clients and provide assistance if necessary. Many clients probably choose to live in the area so they are close to the Centre. A change to another facility, wherever that is, would be distressing for many of them.

Other refuges and shelters in the area also rely on the Centre for support in times of crisis.

Peacock was left to the people of Tasmania as a convalescent hospital; its use should not be changed to suit the political expediency of the bureaucrats.

We fail to understand the machinations of the Health Department and are seeking more information from them.

STORMWATER TRAP



Residents should be aware that if you are thinking about doing renovations you may be compelled to spend a lot of money having your stormwater drainage upgraded.

We know of one household which is up for a bill of \$16,000 to connect up the stormwater.

The problem is many houses on the bottom side of the street do not have a stormwater easement at the lower end of the property. Instead of biting the bullet and putting in an easement for all the affected properties, Council is insisting on individual connections to the stormwater drain on the street.

Do not think that because your roof gutter is above street level, you will be OK. If you have more than 30m² of concrete or bitumen, you will be forced to put in a drainage pit, which will be below street level, meaning digging a big hole for the sump, probably 12m³ or more, and installing a pump.



So think carefully before you go to Council with building plans which may trigger a change to your stormwater connections.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Are you concerned about the threat of terrorism? Should you be?



Whether you are or not, you may be interested to learn something about what Australia's response to the threat of international terrorism is likely to be.

The third in the series of morning meetings aimed at fostering a sense of neighbourhood at Mount Stuart and, incidentally, improving the occupancy rate of the Hall, will be held on Friday, 28 April, at 10.30 am, with morning tea to follow.

Guest speaker will be Commander Tony Mulder, one of Tasmania Police's most senior officers and the Director of the State Security Unit. His presentation will cover, among other things, such matters as the role of Hobart in protecting itself in the event of a terrorist attack.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING INVITATION

Our guest speaker, Dr Heidi J Auman, will give a power point presentation entitled **Midway Island: Seabirds, Research and Life in a Sub-Tropical Paradise** about her time on Midway Island.

The appropriately named Midway Island, part of the Hawaiian and Midway Island Group, is renowned for its birdlife and was of strategic importance in World War II as, despite its small size of 6.2 sq km, it has 3 airports.



Heidi has spent the last 18 years studying human impacts on seabirds over the world, including the North American Great Lakes, Midway Island, Heard Island and Tasmania. She has a Master's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife and is currently working on her PhD at the UTAS School of Zoology.



Heidi lived almost eight years on Midway Island, a tiny historic atoll in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. She will share her stories of living cheek-to-beak with millions of seabirds and shorebirds and her time on Midway Island.



The presentation comes highly recommended, so come along to the Hall on **Wed Mar 29 at 8.00pm.**

SEE YOU THERE