

Mount Stuart News

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

It was pleasing to see a number of new faces, as well as the regulars, at this year's Annual General Meetings held on March 22nd.



Mr David Metcalfe, a committee member and retired civil engineer spoke about the problems associated with the supply of water and the disposal of waste water.



This was followed by some very lively discussion which was enhanced by the input of Hobart's Lord Mayor, Alderman Valentine, who was able to provide many facts about issues with Hobart water.



Malcolm Grant was re-elected president of the Progress Association, with Linley Grant as secretary and Eric Pinkard as treasurer. Other committee members are: Heather Henderson, David Metcalfe, Lyn Cave, Lois Allison, Jeff Ransley, Brendan Lennard, Robbie Poynter, Lynden Howells and Marilyn Pinkard. Heather Henderson was re-elected President of the Community Service Association. Committee members are Malcolm Grant and as for the Progress Association.

SCHOOL NEWS



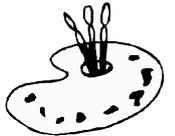
Mount Stuart Primary school continues to be a busy place, both in the classroom and in all its associated activities. The 2007 School Association was elected in April and the chairman for the coming year is Brendan Lennard. The secretary is Ros Beswick and treasurer Lyndell Williamson. Other committee members are Sandi Johnson, Penny Fried, Sandi Hniat, Chris Herbert, John Panckridge, Gay Cumming, Gimy Sweet, Kirrily Moore, Julie Doran and Sandra Pitt. Tenders were recently called for the construction of two new classrooms and the

new playground is well advanced. The "new bottom green" was officially opened on 18th April.

Work is continuing on the anniversary book, and it is hoped to have it ready towards the end of second term. The text is finished and members of the working group are finalising the selection of photographs for inclusion.

ART ON KNOCKLOFTY

Walkers on Knocklofty Reserve can now follow a track commemorating the area where John Glover painted his famous 1831 work, *The River Derwent and Hobart Town*.



The John Glover Interpretative Track, a project of the Friends of Knocklofty Bushcare Group, was launched in April by the Lord Mayor, Rob Valentine. The walk features signs describing Glover's work at the scene. Have you seen it yet?

COOL DAYS



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LAND BOUNDARIES

The Mount Stuart Progress Association has written to the Hobart City Council requesting plans and photographs which show clearly the distinction between publicly owned and privately owned land on Knocklofty.

This has been brought about by a proposed development of 20 units on land in Ross Place which may cut off access to some long established walking tracks.

IMPROVING TASMANIA'S WATER AND SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE: WHO PAYS?

The guest speaker at the annual meeting, David Metcalfe, Fellow of the Institute of Engineers, a long-time engineer with Hydro Tasmania, and Life Member of the Progress Association, gave a most thought-provoking talk initiated by a Ministerial discussion paper, 'Reform of Tasmania's Water and Sewerage Sector.'

The report aims 'to place the water and sustainable footing by considering a full range of structural, regulatory and other institutional reform options' (water used for irrigation or for electricity generation are excluded).

The paper addresses two major problems:

- The need in East Coast and other rural communities for improvements to water supply, sewerage and sewage disposal, in particular, to run-off from septic tanks into river systems;
- The means of financing such works.

The paper suggests the only way of meeting the wider needs of the whole of Tasmania's water problems appears to be the creation of a Tasmanian government business enterprise to take over responsibility for water and sewerage from local councils.

David's conclusions were:

- A new authority, set up on the lines of the opportunity to 'milk' funds into State Treasury, as has happened in the case of electricity supply.
- The introduction of uniform state-wide tariffs for the supply of water would inevitably result in increased costs in Mount Stuart and Hobart generally. Cross subsidisation is a common occurrence, and already exists, for instance, in the cost of electricity.
- The introduction of universal metering would also add considerably to the costs involved because of the number of departments created to monitor meter reading. These include the IT department; experts to purchase meters; meter installation and maintenance teams; meter readers; customer accounts department; and debt collections.

Referring to the current adequate supply of water in Hobart and to our good fortune in living here, David concluded that, apart from the costs of a new bureaucracy, metering alone would be reflected in increased overall charges to customers. He asked:

1. Where should the Progress Association stand on these issues?
2. Should we support a proposal which would result in a major increase to the cost of our water supply?

Or

3. Should we reject a proposal which offers help to rural and east coast residents who presently have a water supply little better than that of third world nations?



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FROM THE POST OFFICE

Australia Post and Tasmania Police have joined forces to urge Tasmanians to lock their letter boxes to avoid falling prey to identity fraud. If your box is too small and not secure, personal information can be stolen from documents such as bank statements or other personal papers, which you may not even realise are missing.



The best letter boxes have slots that will fit all mail, including A4 size envelopes.

DOG CONTROL

In 2006 the State Government formed a working group of government and non-government representatives to revise the Dog Control Act 2000. It has looked particularly at issues like restricting dangerous breeds, compulsory sterilisation and microchipping. The resultant Issues Paper can be viewed at www.thelaw.tas.gov.au and you can make submissions to the group before June 28th. Details are available at the website or from the Dept. of Premier and Cabinet, Local Government Office.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is a heartfelt personal thank you but said also, I believe, on behalf of those who would wish to, but are unable to express their appreciation to all those associated with the compilation and promulgation of the Mount Stuart News.



Your countless hours of time spent to bring us the very informative newsletters are much appreciated. It is people such as you who restore one's faith in human nature and make this world a far better place in which to live.

Geoff Gore & family

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BACK FROM PARIS

Local model and school teacher from Mount Stuart, Helen Quinn, is back in Hobart after years spent on the catwalks of places such as London, Beijing and Paris where she worked with designers such as Vivienne Westwood, Carla Zampatti and Liz Davenport and even scored a role in a film, *Queen of the Damned*.

Helen, who attended Mount Stuart Primary and Ogilvie High School, says that she is pleased to be home after the crowds and pollution of the big cities. She is now putting her teaching and modelling experience to use in her business, Select Academy/ She Model Management.

MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT

14 March to 21 May 2007

Altna Craig Avenue: 25/3/07 early hours- A picket fence was damaged. (301908).

Augusta Road: 26-27/4/07- An Olympus digital camera was stolen from the glove box of a white unlocked Nissan. The boot was also searched. (304442)

29/4/07, just after midnight: A side gate was damaged. (There had been a function nearby.) (304572)

Doyle Avenue: 28/3/07 – A blue hatch back was entered by damaging the door lock. A handbag and alcohol, which were clearly visible in the vehicle, were stolen. (302139)

Elphinstone Road: 1/4/07, around 11.00pm – A business was entered and a mobile phone stolen. The alarm alerted authorities. (302704)

Giblin Street: 3/5/07, 3.50 pm – A young girl snatched a mobile phone from a girl on foot. It was later recovered. (304949)

11/5/07, 12.45 pm: A copper cylinder was stolen from a back yard. (305648)

28-29/4/07 – A white Abd Mack Daddy BMX stunt bike was stolen from a garage. (304673)

Gordon Avenue: 20/4/07 early hours – A residence was entered by damaging a back door. A handbag was stolen. (303891)

4-5/4/07 – A residence was entered through an unlocked window. A Nokia mobile phone was stolen and later recovered minus sim card. (302792)

Mount Stuart Road: 15-16/3/07 – A residence was entered through an unlocked door. An Ipod, mobile phone and keys were stolen, then a white 4wd was stolen using these keys. The vehicle was later recovered in New Town with minor damage. (301061)

18-19/5/07 – A white Honda was entered by damaging the door lock. A CD wallet and CDs were stolen. (306291)

18-19/5/07 – The door lock of a utility was damaged. (306380)

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.

"MOBILES, BROADBAND and ALL THAT"

Need to know more about your mobile phone? Text messages from your home phone? Easy Pay? And what is Bigpond?

Then come to this community get-together on **Thursday, 5 July, at 10.30am in the Supper Room at the Hall**, and hear it direct from Telstra.

Morning tea will follow

WHAT A RELIEF!

The long awaited toilet block in Mount Stuart Park is now finished and operational. The HCC has also supplied plans and costing for a much needed disabled toilet facility off the supper room of the Mount Stuart Hall.



Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

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COUNCIL OF HOBART PROGRESS ASSOCIATIONS (CHPA)

The CHPA has existed for many years as a peak body for the Hobart Progress Hobart City Council, which makes available a meeting room for monthly meetings. The Council, which at present has eleven members, (including some community associations with aims similar to Progress Associations) is currently taking steps to become incorporated and, as part of a review of its aims, has decided to adopt the new name Council of Hobart Community Associations.

CHPA provides submissions on relevant matters advertised for public comment and organises speakers and special events on matters of general ratepayer interest.

100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

In July it will be exactly 100 years since Lord Robert Baden-Powell set up his first experimental camp for 22 boys – the oldest 16, the youngest, 13 – on Brownsea Island just off the coast of Dorset in the south of England.

No one at the time, Baden-Powell included, thought for one moment that Scouting would spread so far or so wide in such a short time. By 1909 there were already Scouts in Hobart and Devonport. And today, there are Scouts in 216 different countries- 28 million of them altogether.

In Mount Stuart they first appeared towards the end of the 1950s when Mrs Polly Cutcliffe set up the first Cub Pack. Scouts began two years later in 1961, with John Thorne, now of Lower Sandy Bay, as the first Scout Leader.

And in the almost 50 years since the inception of a Scout Group at Mount Stuart, hundreds

of young people have passed through the Movement. The historical records of the Group are anything but complete but the following extracts from the annual reports and newsletters of an earlier time make interesting reading:

1963 – Funds raised from the Bottle Drive were £21.19.2 and from the Apple Drive, £14.2.2. (There is no record of the amount raised by the Tooth Brush and Tooth Paste Drive).

1968 – The Group then had Cubs, Scouts, Seniors and Rovers. During the Easter period over 60 Scouts and Guides from Mount Stuart participated in camping activities- surely a wonderful example of the youth of the district.

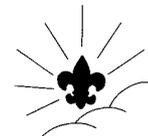


And of a Cub pack outing at the end of the Lenah Valley Road – Then the rain came down. Our plight was realised by David & Mrs Cobbin (the President's family)..... As they each had a passenger, it was quite a feat to get the 14 of us into two cars.



1970 – The Cub Pack had grown to 29 Cubs, with 10 boys on the waiting list. The Scout Troop travelled by train to Launceston, then by truck to 'Burnside' near Dilston for their Easter camp.

1985 – Extracts from a diary kept by a Scout on a week long camp on Bruny Island.



1.9.85, 9.00 pm: tea is served.

2.9.85: Dean, Bruce & I are digging the dunny. (Later) It's 9.30: I'm in bed; everyone just sang happy birthday to me.

3.9.85: Tonight we played a wide game. Me and two other boys were sent out to be found. I wasn't found!



5.9.85: It's 8.52 pm: for tea was runny stew.

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