

Mount Stuart News

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BUSY COUNCIL

Thanks to Hobart City Council for all their efforts around the suburb in the past few months. The new footpath in Ogilvie Street has made the walk down the street much safer and, if you have been in the Mount Stuart Hall annexe lately, you will have noticed the new flooring – a much safer surface for the many activities happening there. The Summit Track on Knocklofty is being upgraded and the traffic calming measures in Montagu Street are under construction.



In its budget the HCC has set aside \$25000 for the disabled toilet downstairs at the Hall and the Community Service Association will be making a co-contribution. All these things are much appreciated.

DID YOU KNOW?

Recently a sign was attached to the wire fence around the reservoir above Mount Stuart Park, officially declaring it to be the Newlands Reservoir. Many residents of Mount Stuart and employees of HCC and Hobart Water would know that it has always had that name.

After the First World War, large parts of Mount Stuart were subdivided. On the northern face of Mount Stuart, above Montagu Street, was the **Newlands Model Survey Garden Suburb** subdivided out of land that was previously part of the Newlands Estate. This bordered onto Augusta Road and even included a nine hole golf course.

In "A History of Mount Stuart" by local historian, David Metcalfe, there is a photo of part of the subdivision above Montagu Street, with the name set out in white rocks. This was between the present Benjafield Terrace and Darling Parade. The subdivision spread around the hillside to the west as far as, and including, the reservoir site.

Before the reservoir was built, this was the site of a small quarry where sandstone was obtained for use in the area. On the western side it was flanked by a property, between Benjafield Terrace and Giblin Street, which was owned by a Mr John

Howard. He used the land for a large vegetable garden with English style glasshouses and lived in the house built by Sir John Franklin. This house was destroyed in the 1967 bushfires.

The purpose of the reservoir was to supply water into the newly subdivided area and was part of the Lake Fenton scheme. It was constructed before World War Two, in about 1936. Local resident, Mr Peter Forrest, can remember the quarry being cleared and levelled for construction to begin.

St James & St Andrews Parish Fair

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FROM THE SCHOOL

Term 3 sees the major part of the rebuilding programme completed. Prep classes are back in their own rooms and the Kindergarten is now on the Gillon Crescent site. The school has a bright new library, a new music room suitable for all sorts of events, while all classrooms contain ceiling mounted data projectors and screens. All the courts are now resurfaced and newly marked. A great environment for learning!

The sealing of the car park will help alleviate the traffic congestion around the school at drop-off and pick-up times. It should be noted that this car park is for staff only, except in cases of illness or disability.



Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

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SCOUTING AT MOUNT STUART

While the centenary of Scouting in Australia is being celebrated this year, its centenary in Tasmania will really be next year. Closer to home, Mount Stuart Scouts will be celebrating their half century. Thanks to the painstaking work of Assistant Cub Leader, Chris Ballard, the minutes of almost all of the meetings of the Group Committee and all of the AGMs over that 50 year period have been transcribed onto disk.



The story of scouting at Mount Stuart had its humble beginnings at a meeting at the hall on 6 July 1959. Chaired by the school principal, Mr Eric Clinton, the meeting resolved to form a 'Cub Group' with Mrs Polly Cutcliffe as its leader. It would meet at the hall on Friday nights from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, for a fee of five shillings paid for hall rental.

Provided that they were at least eight years old, the first boys to be enrolled came from the families of those represented at the meeting or of those who had tendered apologies. A committee was formed under the chairmanship of Mr D. Edwards, and each family was asked for a donation of one pound to get the Group going. Weekly subs were set at a shilling, and the first four meetings were held at Mrs Cutcliffe's home. She was allocated a pound as petty cash and authorised to buy a totem pole and a flag.



At its August 1959 meeting, the Committee decided to use the medium of the Mount Stuart News to advertise its readiness to 'undertake jobs for a reasonable price and to request donations'. Decisions were made, too, about Cub uniforms: jumpers would be green, scarves red and white, and sock tops red.

The Group clearly needed money, among other things, to purchase the materials for a cupboard for equipment and for framing a doorway. Waste paper collections, rag and bottle drives – the Progress Association also held these at that time – and dances were all on the agenda. Among others, the ladies of the Mount Stuart Liberal Party Committee made a donation of 17 shillings.

Two months after its formation, the numbers in the Cub Pack were limited to 15. Those 'originals' were: Greg Allender, Paul Arnott, Jim Holmes, Glendon and Robert Edwards, Alan Caldwell, Paul Stuart, Phillip Minett, Dennis Mead, Stuart Hamilton, John Alexander, Ken Holmes, Peter Scandrett. On the waiting list, pending the appointment of an Assistant Lady Cub Master, were Craig Ellis, Michael Benton, Adrian Nicholas, Tony Little, Gregory Miller, Brian Johnson, David Heerey, Mark Shiel, Neil Wilkinson, Peter Christie, Christopher Hannigan and John Ashton.



Mrs Lynch took up the position of Assistant LCM and Jan Maher was appointed Cub Instructor for a short time. This enabled the pack to hold its first major hike, (to Lenah Valley,) which was hailed as a great success.

At the end of that year the first moves were made to secure the services of a Scout Master, and the search for an Assistant Cub Master continued.

For the younger readers, 5 shillings is 50c and a pound is \$2.00. Adjusted for inflation, 5 shillings would be about \$6 today and a pound about \$24.

(To be continued in the next issue)



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POSITION VACANT

You may have noticed that the Mount Stuart website is currently not up-to-date. The site has not been maintained since Lyn Cave's departure from the area. Consequently, we need a new webmaster. So, if you have the necessary skills and can give a little time, contact us at malingrant@bigpond.com



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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SPORTS STARS

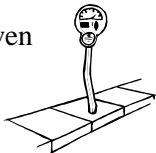
Congratulations to the Olympians from the area; Kerry Hore and Eddie Ockenden. Kerry has represented Australia many times, including winning a bronze medal at the 2004 Olympics while Eddie, who started his hockey career at Mount Stuart Primary, won bronze at these Games. We are certain to see a lot more of him in the future!



Rowan Henderson, the son of past Community Service Association president, Heather, and John Henderson, has just added another state badminton trophy to his collection – his fourth consecutive title, and sixth in seven years. A short time later, he teamed with his brother Grant to win the men's doubles title.

A FINE AFFAIR

If you have a tendency to forget fines, even those pesky parking tickets, be warned; penalties have become much more severe. You now have 28 days to respond to these; either by paying in full, applying for a variation of payment, seeking to have the notice withdrawn or electing to have the alleged offence tried in court. You cannot ignore them or you will be deemed to be guilty of the offence.



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So, don't forget them – pay up on time. Or take the bus to town to avoid the tickets!

MOUNT STUART SCOUT GROUP



Volunteers Needed!

Want to be involved in your community and help young people grow?

The Mount Stuart Scout Group is a vibrant and thriving scout group – so much so that we have children waiting to get in! We are currently seeking volunteers to fill various positions in the group – perhaps one of these positions would suit you, or someone you know?

Group Leader

The group leader is a management position that requires the oversight of the Mount Stuart Scout Group, its leaders, committee, policies and programs. This position does not require hands on work with children, however an enthusiasm for scouting is important, as well as good management and leadership skills.

Warranted Leaders and Uniformed Adult Helpers

The Joey, Cub and Scout sections of the Mount Stuart Scout Group are also seeking new leaders. Section leaders and helpers need to communicate well with young people and be enthusiastic in the role. They must also be committed to the running of the group, and may need to share the responsibility and organisation of their section.

These positions involve an on-the-job training requirement which is provided by the Scout Association. As well as this, the usual police checks are required. For more information or to express your interest, please call Jenni on 6228 6184.

SPEAKING OUT

We would like to commend local resident and domestic violence victim, Suzie Jacobson, for having the courage to speak out about this issue. This would have been extremely difficult to do, particularly after her traumatic experience and the trial of her abuser.

We like to think it doesn't happen here, but it can occur in any suburb and does not have to be endured. Help is available from the Family Violence Referral Line: **1800 633 937** or go to the website www.women.tas.gov.au and follow the *Family and community violence* links.



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Mount Stuart Neighbourhood Watch Crime report

01/06/08 – 10/08/08

Mount Stuart Road: about 01/06/08, a locked blue Hyundai Excel was stolen from outside a home. (337495)



Benjafield Terrace: on 24/07/08 an attempt was made to steal a gold Subaru sedan. Whilst entry was forced, the offender was unable to start the car. (341889)

Raymont Terrace: about 02/07/08, a white BMW sedan, parked on the street, was damaged. The offenders jumped onto the bonnet and kicked the windscreen. (340068)



About 28/06/08, the rear window of a Hyundai Lantra station wagon was damaged. (339789)

Muir Court: about 30/07/08, a Holden Commodore utility was stolen. Entry was gained by smashing a window. Although the vehicle was recovered, the damage was extensive. (342315)

Gillon Crescent: on 31/07/08, a resident observed offenders attempting to force entry to his home. When they were spoken to, they stated they were looking for someone and mentioned a different address in Gillon Crescent. They left when asked and the resident contacted the Police and provided a description, which led to the offenders being charged. (338319)



Canning Court: on 9/06/08, a white 1998 Proton was stolen from the street. The vehicle, which had been locked, was subsequently recovered. (339035)

Police are anxious to hear from any member of the public who may have witnessed any of the above incidents or indeed observed or heard any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood. You may have overheard some suspicious information whilst travelling on the bus or whilst out walking. Although the information may seem trivial, it may just be the clue to solve or prevent a crime.

Crime Stoppers 1 800 333 000: Police 131 444

SOLAR HOT WATER

A goodly sample of residents turned out for the meeting at the Hall on Sunday, 6 July, to hear Mark Rickards of Ecotasia speak about Solar Hot Water systems, in particular, the 'evacuated tube' system: installation details, costs, options available, rebates and the like. A number of those who attended the meeting are in the process of taking the next step.



Bulk purchase of the systems reduces the cost to individual householders: a 5% discount, if there are 5 or more interested households; 10%, if 25+ are interested. Are you? For an 'Expression of Interest' and a 'My Home Assessment' form, contact: Malcolm Grant, 79 Mount Stuart Road, ph. 6234 6672, or email, malingrant@bigpond.com

BUSHCARE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIENDS OF KNOCKLOFTY

Thurs Oct 2nd: 9.30 – 11.30, 14.00 – 16.00

Gorse weeding near the Poets Road entrance. Meet at the Poets Road entrance.

Sunday Oct 12th: 14.00 – 16.00.

Weeding at Forest Road car park and plant give-away.

Thursday Oct 23rd: 9.30 – 11.30, 14.00 – 16.00. Wayleave weeding.

Thursday Nov 6th: 9.30 – 11.30, 14.00 – 16.00.

Fence removal and resiting. Meet at site 35 or at the Fielding Drive entrance.

Sunday Nov 16th: 14.00 – 16.00

Reflecting Pond maintenance. Meet at the Forest Road car park or at the Reflecting Pond.

Thursday Nov 20th: 9.30 – 11.30, 14.00 – 16.00. Wayleave weeding.

Sunday Nov 30th: Bushcare barbecue.

VALLEY STREET BUSHCARE

Meet at the Reserve entrance, opposite the corner of Mount Stuart Road and Byard Street.

Sunday Sept 28th: 14.00 – 16.30

General maintenance.

Sunday Oct 26th: 14.00 – 16.30

General maintenance.

Sunday Nov 23rd: 14.00 – 16.30

General maintenance and plant give-away. (16.00 – 16.30)

Sunday Nov 30th: Bushcare barbecue.



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