

Mount Stuart News

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

At the Annual General Meetings in March, Deputy Lord Mayor, Helen Burnett, took the chair to conduct the annual election of office bearers. Once more Malcolm Grant was elected President of the Progress Association, with Linley Grant as Secretary and Eric Pinkard as Treasurer and Public Officer. Other committee members are: Brett Hansson, Heather Henderson, David Metcalfe, Lois Allison, Lynden Howells, Marilyn Pinkard and Margaret Payne. For the Community Service Association, Lynden Howells was re-elected as President. Committee members, including Malcolm Grant, are as for the Progress Association.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Malcolm Grant, the President of the Progress Association, was unable to attend the meeting but his report on the year's activities was circulated.

Tribute was paid to Jeff Ransley who passed away in November. Jeff made a significant contribution to many aspects of the Progress Association over several years.

Regret was expressed at the lack of a focal meeting point for the area – there is no place for residents to gather casually.

The school provides a focus for one section of the community while the hall provides another. It is hoped to acquire the old kindergarten in Raymont Terrace to establish a community coffee shop and thereby to establish a meeting place in the area.

Two public meetings were held during the year – one on the water and sewerage reforms and the other, sponsored by the HCC, on the Draft Planning Scheme for the City of Hobart.

The Traffic Committee met twice with relevant officers of the HCC. The volume of through traffic in Mount Stuart continues to be a concern. The improved Metro bus service has been appreciated by the small percentage of 'locals' who use the service.

For the Community Service Association, President Lynden Howells reported on a successful year. The MSCSA manages and maintains the hall, which is proving a popular venue for many activities. Scouts have been there since it opened; there are several types of dancing and various sporting activities. The Cornerstone Presbyterian Church also conducts services there each Sunday and these are well attended.

It is hoped that the toilet facilities with disabled access, planned for the Supper Room area, will be installed this year. The Association acknowledged the ongoing support of the Hobart City Council in the maintenance of the hall and the tireless work of Lois Allison as caretaker and booking officer.

CARETAKER NEEDED

The Community Service Association is seeking a temporary caretaker for the hall. Our long serving caretaker, Lois Allison, has had a spell in hospital after breaking a hip. For more information, contact Eric Pinkard on 6228 5743.

We all wish Lois a speedy recovery.

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AU REVOIR

In 1955, as newlyweds, Peter and Margaret Rodman moved into their new home in Esk Avenue. Recently they sold their house to a young family and moved to Kington.

They take our very best wishes with them.





Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

Contact

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Those attending the AGMs were treated to a very entertaining and informative presentation from marine scientist, Dr Gretta Pecl. Gretta, who is a Fulbright scholar, author of many published articles and holder of many awards, spoke about the Redmap Project which she has established.



The Redmap Project, a joint project between scientists and people who fish, recreationally and commercially, aims to discover which species are moving where. Fishers are asked to take digital photos of species they see or catch and note the date, location and time. They send their photos to Redmap where specialist scientists identify and validate the species. In this way, scientists can map the changes in fish distribution and determine how warming waters may be affecting our marine environments.

Numbers of fish previously only found around Sydney have been sighted in Tasmanian waters. The fishers can also take photos of any other creatures they spot, including turtles and birds. These photos are sent to museums where experts correctly identify the species, giving valuable data on many animals and birds.

Gretta stated that the East Australian Current, a warm sub-tropical current flowing down the east coast of Australia, was pushing further down the Tasmanian coast and staying longer throughout the year. The rise in water temperature off the east coast of Tasmania has been 3.8 times the global average of water temperature rise.



Added to this, our oceans are now 30% more acidic than they were at the time of the industrial revolution. Warm water is less oxygenated and contains fewer nutrients than cold water, so there is a significant shift in the marine species as they move to find food and their preferred temperature range.

As it is vital to have the correct data to manage Tasmanian fish stocks into the future and there are

not enough scientists to collect the needed data, this co-management by the fishing public and the scientists is an important way to increase the data base. Since there are over 120,000 recreational fishers in Tasmania, that means there are 120,000 people who can add to this database. Interest in the site has been huge; Redmap has received over 10,000 visits to the website with over 46,000 pages downloaded from the website, from 96 different countries. Several other countries are now considering developing a Redmap project of their own!

For more information, go to www.redmap.org.au

FROM THE SCHOOL

The recent fair was a great success, raising approximately \$15,000. The event was enjoyed by the whole community, not just those from the school. So far, trestle tables, gazebos and a giant chess set have been purchased with the proceeds.



The first phase of the building programme has begun – two classrooms will be built, the General Purpose hall and adjoining toilets will be refurbished and remodelled, the Grade 1/2 classrooms will be remodelled and the cottage will be replaced by two colourful classrooms like those above the netball court. This means that traffic and parking will again be an issue, so everyone is urged to take care at all times.

The school has adopted James Semmens as part of the Adopt-a-Cop programme. This aims to provide schools with a Police Officer who becomes a role model and an avenue for children to get to know and trust police as friends. James is also a parent at the school. (He's also our webmaster, so he's a pretty busy man.)

HOBART CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Council is currently developing a Community Consultation Policy which would use associations like the Progress Association as a medium for issues which merit community consultation.

The City Council is fully in favour of compulsory voting for all ratepayers, by ballot box, rather than by mail, at local government elections.

Professor Jan Gehl, internationally acclaimed urban designer, is expected back in Hobart in August with a preliminary draft of his Inner City Development Plan "A City with People in Mind". He will present his final report in December. Don't miss his public lectures.



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.

COMMUNITY ASSET MAPPING



As part of its programme to build strength, resilience and diversity, the Hobart City Council is involved in building a database of organisations, activities and their locations in the Hobart area that residents may wish to be involved in.

The Progress Association has been invited to promote this project. The information collected will be available to the community through the Council's website (www.hobartcity.com.au) and will be updated on a regular basis.

The following organisations and businesses have been listed on the first draft of the 'Mount Stuart Map': *Aces Hair Studio; Balloon Magic; Christine Farmer Calligraphy; Luttrell Pyefinch Architects; Mount Stuart Primary School; Newlands Reception Centre; Purple Fish Pre-School; Telephone & Communication Service; The Job Winners; and Werndee Cottage Accommodation.*

If you want your organisation or activity in Mount Stuart to be added to the 'Map', please contact the Council, which will provide you with its data template.



THE YEAR OF THE GIRL GUIDE

2010 was designated the national year of the Girl Guide to commemorate the centenary of the movement. The Scouts celebrated their centenary in 2008 and now it is the turn of the Guides.

The movement was the result of the efforts of several small groups of girls who turned up at the Scouts' first rally at the Crystal Palace in 1909 and insisted that they wanted to be scouts too.

In an age when skirts were ankle length and young ladies never ran, the idea of girls being involved in camping, hiking and similar activities received a mixed response. Angry critics denounced 'girl scouting' as a 'mischievous new development', a 'foolish and pernicious movement' and an 'idiotic sport'.

However Baden Powell's letters from the time indicated that he had in mind a scheme for girls.

He decided that there should be a different identity for the girls so that they could work for self development separately and not in competition with their brothers. He recalled being impressed by the resilience and leadership skills of the Ghurkha Guides he had encountered in India on the north-west frontier. His sister Agnes was charged with looking after the new movement and a few years later his wife, Olave, became involved and in 1918 was appointed Chief Guide.

There are numerous events to commemorate the centenary – *Campfires around the Nation*, including one in St David's Park, will take place on June 19th and on October 10th reunions are planned around the country.

CALLING ALL GUIDES

Mount Stuart Guides commenced in 1952 with Brownies starting soon after. Both groups were really active and successful for over 40 years with great leaders like Marj Wall and Lesley Hurburgh. They produced about 15 Queen's Guides. Ex Mount Stuart Guides and Brownies who would like to attend a reunion on 10th October should contact Marj Wall (ph 6228 4165) or Linley Grant (ph 6234 6672) before 10th September.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to enquire whether other people on Mount Stuart share my concern at the increasing number of house and garden alterations which are taking place without being advertised by the Hobart City Council and hence without any opportunity for input from neighbours.



While it is appreciated that such works may conform with Council's planning rules, (and objections from neighbours are therefore of little or no significance to Council), nevertheless it is considered that Mount Stuart needs special consideration because of heritage values which are not adequately incorporated in planning rules.

Hobart City Council has on its web site a copy of a Mount Stuart Heritage Review compiled by Ian Terry in 2003 for the Council, which lists some forty houses as places of State and/or National Significance, and makes recommendations for their conservation. This seems to be totally ignored by Council planners.

Inappropriate developments of adjoining properties can ruin a property. There are at least two such alterations currently taking place, destroying our heritage.

Mount Stuart Resident

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BUSHCARE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIENDS OF KNOCKLOFTY

Thursday June 17: 9.00 – 11.30,

Wayleave maintenance. (Meet at the Forest Road carpark.)

Sunday June 20: 14.00 – 16.30

Gorse and blackberry weeding.

Meet at Mount Stuart car park

Thursday July 1: 9.00 – 11.30

Fence removal and gorse weeding

Forest Road car park.

Thursday July 15: 9.30 – 11.30

Wayleave maintenance.

Sunday July 18: 14.00 – 16.30

Gorse and blackberry weeding south of the Frog Dam.

Thursday August 5: 9.00 – 11.30

Primary gorse removal – SE corner of Fielding's boundary.

Sunday August 15: 14.00 – 16.30

Gorse weeding at Fielding's western boundary.

Thursday August 19: 14.00 – 16.30

Wayleave weeding.

VALLEY STREET BUSHCARE

In April and May, the group mulched and weeded the planted out area which is looking great, and also weeded and cut/pasted young gorse in preparation for planting lower down the eastern side of the tall gums. A brief meeting is to be held on the June 27th Bushcare day to elect a convenor. Come and join us once a month on the 4th Sunday from 2-4pm followed by afternoon tea/coffee and cake. There will be a Plant Give-Away at the 26th September Bushcare Day.

Vicki Martin (Convenor)

Sunday June 27: 14.00 – 16.30

Habitat planting

Sunday July 25: 14.00 – 16.30

Planting SE corner.

Sunday August 22: 14.00 – 16.30



Continue work on gorse islands.

Meet at the entry to the reserve at the corner of Byard Street/ Mount Stuart Road.

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Planet Ark's National Tree Day will be held on Sunday 1st August, with Schools Tree Day taking place on Friday 30th July.

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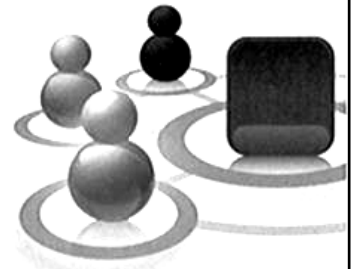
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MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT April/ May 2010

Hurst Road: 23/04/10. A vehicle parked on the street, locked and secure, was stolen. It was located outside Lenah Valley RSL. Property was stolen. (392633)

Auvergne Avenue: 24 /04/10. The rear window of a car parked on the street was smashed. The vehicle was not entered, nor property stolen. (392677)

Keith White Crescent: 05/05/10. Entry was forced by smashing glass panels in a rear door. The house was ransacked and property stolen. This is under investigation. (393589)

Byard Street: 09/05/10. Entry was gained to the rear of premises *using a key left under the doormat*. Property was stolen. (393931)

Mortimer Avenue: 21/05/10: Offenders damaged a door lock to gain entry to a vehicle which was locked and secure. Property was stolen. (394824)

Police phone numbers

Non urgent 131 444

Crime Stoppers 1 800 333 000



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