

# Mount Stuart News

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

It's that time of the year again. 2010 has flashed past and once again we prepare for the holiday season. We hope that the year has been good to you and extend a special welcome to all new residents of Hobart's best suburb. To all our readers, wherever you are, we wish you a safe and enjoyable time over the Christmas – New Year period.

## SCHOOL NEWS

The school building program continues unabated, to keep pace with the school's growing population of 380 students.

Some students now have access to the two new classrooms on Gillon Crescent. These will be in full operation at the beginning of the New Year, along with the refurbished General Purpose Room, which will be equipped with brand new toilet facilities.

A terrapin building has been transported off site, and in its place, two new permanent classrooms will be erected. Excavations for the foundations have already begun and work is due for completion in March, 2011.



Photo courtesy Heather Henderson

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## MOUNT STUART CHURCH

*By Rev David Jones*

Mount Stuart has a new Presbyterian church. Over the last two years we have been in the process of gathering a congregation on Mount Stuart. Earlier this year the Presbyterian Church of Tasmania inducted me as Mount Stuart Church's first minister. My wife Ruth and I came to Hobart from London 19 years ago with our three children. As well as being the minister of the Mount Stuart Church, I am also currently the Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

We are keen to be a church that serves the local community and we have been encouraged by the number of local people who have connected with us since we have begun meeting. There is plenty of room for more. Our main meeting is on Sunday mornings at 10am in the Mount Stuart Memorial Hall. There is a crèche and a Sunday School that run at the same time.

The church hosts a playgroup on Friday mornings at the old Kindergarten. There are smaller groups that meet informally throughout the week to study the bible.

On December 17th we are joining with other churches to host a large event at the Odeon, 167 Liverpool Street. It promises to be a great way to check out the core message of the Christian Faith. The speaker is Pete Woodcock from London. His theme will be "the Cross of Christ." To find out more visit the website [www.crossofchrist.com.au](http://www.crossofchrist.com.au). Pete will also speak at a combined Christmas Day service (9.30am) at the Philip Smith Centre on the Glebe. Everyone welcome.

Contact me for more information on 0400134701.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

At the Mount Stuart Progress Association general meeting in the Mount Stuart Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> September, attended by 41 people, six resolutions were passed –

1. That this meeting supports the establishment of a community centre for Mount Stuart in the former Raymont Terrace, Mount Stuart Kindergarten.
2. That this meeting requests the Government not to sell the property currently situated at 11 Raymont Terrace, Mount Stuart, but to transfer it to the Hobart City Council, for the establishment of a Community Centre for Mount Stuart.
3. That the Secretary writes to the Manager of the Hobart City Council requesting that the Hobart City Council take over the property situated at 11 Raymont Terrace, Mount Stuart.
4. That the Hobart City Council be requested to arrange a lease with a new incorporated body on similar terms to those pertaining to the Mount Stuart Memorial Hall.
5. That a separate committee be established to manage the establishment of the Mount Stuart Community Centre.
6. That the current lessee of the former Raymont Terrace Kindergarten be permitted to continue to lease the premises.

An interim committee was established, consisting of Sylvia Sherriff, Aviva Orgad, Lynden Howells, Maria Pinferi, Malcolm and Linley Grant. The committee has yet to meet and would welcome more members.

Several of those present took petitions prepared for the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, which have been presented with about 100 signatures.

A report of the meeting has been forwarded to the Minister for Education, Lyn Thorp. A response has been received re-iterating the previous advice that the property is to be sold.

A letter from the Progress Association was published in *The Mercury* on 2/11/10, following one concerning the similar needs of South Hobart, and there have been several published letters of support. Claremont is also seeking to establish a community centre.

We thank all members of the community who have supported our endeavours. With your help we will do our best to establish a community centre for the future.

## MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT

September – November 2010

**Auvergne Avenue:** 29/9/10 The window of a locked vehicle parked in a driveway was broken and property was stolen. (404559)

**Waverley Avenue:** 30/9/10. The window of a locked vehicle parked in a driveway was broken and property was stolen. (404562)

**Ogilvie Street:** 29/9/10. A locked car and caravan at the rear of a house were broken into and property was stolen. (404581)

**Mount Stuart Road:** 29/9/10 A vehicle parked in a driveway was vandalised. (404585)

**Toorak Ave:** 08/09/10 A house was entered but nothing was stolen. (404582)

**Toorak Avenue:** 03/10/10 Window of securely locked vehicle broken, but nothing stolen.

**Mount Stuart Road:** 23/9/10 Attempted stealing of vehicle parked outside residence (403665)

**Darling Pde:** 27/9/10 Window at rear of house broken to gain entry and house ransacked. Nothing stolen. (404411)

**Mortimer Ave:** 25/9/10 House entered, probably through an open window, house ransacked and property stolen. (404182)

**Elphinstone Rd:** 25/9/10 Locked vehicle broken into and property stolen. (404249)

**Montagu St:** 13/10/10 Securely locked vehicle stolen; later recovered at Bridgewater with no damage. (405625)

**Gillon Crs:** 21/9/10 Attempted stealing of locked vehicle. Found nearby. (403952)

**Raymont Tce:** 12/10/10 Attempted burglary of residence by jemmying side door. (405943)

**Clift St:** 29/10/10 Locked motor vehicle stolen and later recovered in Bridgewater. (406792)

**Darling Pde:** 30/10/10 Male acting suspiciously around unlocked motor vehicle reported to Police and arrested. To appear in Court. (406662)

**Una St:** 10/11/10 Burglar broke into residence through bathroom window and stole property. Male arrested and charged. (407702)

**Waverley Ave:** 11/11/10 Utility cab broken into and property stolen. Toolboxes on tray also broken into and more property stolen.

**Warning:** No areas in our suburb are immune to illegal activity. Be on the alert and report any suspicious activity to Tasmania Police.

Emergency **000**

Non urgent **131 444**

Crime Stoppers **1 800 333 000**



## "TONY HAIGH" ROUNDABOUT

The Council is upgrading the roundabout, removing the old road base and building a new base and changing the road design. Much of the work was done one weekend, with 7.00am starts (we hope nearby residents did not have a hangover!), but work seems to have slowed down since then. Rest assured, the roses will be restored.



## MOUNT STUART HALL

The Community Service Association has ordered 100 new Postura chairs for the Hall at a cost of \$3,410.

The Hall continues to be very popular, in use for Scouts, Cubs and Joeys, dancing, zumba, martial arts, church, badminton, tai chi etc.

## Christmas Trees



**Lenah Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade will be selling Christmas Trees on Sat 11<sup>th</sup>, Sun 12<sup>th</sup>, Sat 18<sup>th</sup> and Sun 19<sup>th</sup>**

**December from 9 am to 5pm from the fire station in Kalang Avenue, Lenah Valley (next to the Roy Fagan Centre). Funds raised go towards buying equipment for the brigade.**

## VALLEY STREET BUSHCARE

*By Vicki Martin, Convenor*



During the year, the small band of volunteers and Joey Scouts has weeded and planted out another patch of grasses and shrubs at the north eastern side of Zone 1 (just below Mt Stuart Rd entrance). HCC Bushcare Group has planted out another patch at the south eastern corner. It is looking good under those beautiful gum trees. Our next meeting is on the 4th Sunday in February 2011. Come and join us. My thanks to all volunteers.

Special thanks to Vicki for her work - Ed

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## HALL for HIRE

**Suitable areas for children's parties, dancing, martial arts, badminton, dancing classes, tai chi, etc**

**Reasonable rates**

**Contact Lois Allison for bookings**

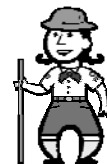
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## GIRL GUIDE CENTENARY 2011

Tasmania was the first State to establish Girl Guides in 1911, followed by South Australia and the other States.

The then Governor's wife, Lady Barron, was very interested and, as small groups had already been established in several areas of the State, facilitated the first meeting to establish a State organisation at Government House with many civic leaders attending. The first State Commissioner was Mrs Emily Dobson, wife of Henry Dobson, the Premier,

There will be a series of celebrations during 2011 to mark this centenary, so if you have been involved with Guides in any way during the years and wish to renew friendships, please get in touch with Guide House in Bathurst Street, Hobart 6223 6933 or with Linley Grant OAM 6234 6672.



## LEONARD WALL VALLEY STREET RESERVE CONSULTATION

The Hobart City Council is proposing to build a shelter/lookout off the end of the native gardens opposite the end of Byard St and a seat further along the track close to Mellifont St.



Details of the proposed works will be available on the Council's website – go to [hobartcity.com.au](http://hobartcity.com.au) – Council – Community Consultations.

An officer from the Council will be available to discuss the proposed changes at the Reserve on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December between 9:00am and 10:00am.

The Reserve is growing in popularity with an average of over 50 people per day using the path down to Mellifont Street.

If you haven't had a look at the Reserve yet, why not take a stroll through there?



## HOME ENERGY TOOL KIT

By Heather & John Henderson

Kits can be reserved through the Hobart City Council to be on loan to households for a fortnight.

After about 3 months on the waiting list, we were advised that our kit was available for collection from the HCC Customer Service Centre.

Some of the items in the Kit included:

1. **Thermometer** to check temperatures in various parts of the house including fridge and freezer.
2. **Infrared radiometer** for checking hot and cold spots about the house by measuring surface temperatures.
3. **Power-mate electricity meter** to check power usage on plug in appliances.
4. Numerous **information sheets** on how best to use the kit, conserving electricity etc.

We found the **Power-mate Meter** the most useful item and fairly complicated to set up.

Once we had worked out how to use it, we



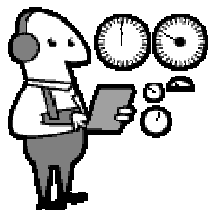
were able to test most of our appliances and able to calculate how much each costs to run.

We were able to confirm that all our small plug in electric heaters were by far the most expensive items to use.

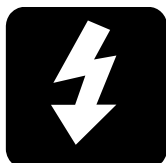
Many items like the microwave oven, electric kettle, toaster and even our washing machine used very small amounts of power.

The kit does not allow for the checking of any wired in appliances like lighting or the electric stove.

The **Infrared radiometer** would have been more useful if we had the kit during winter and could check the temperature near windows, around doors and open fireplaces



Although a fortnight is not quite long enough to test every appliance, it is an interesting exercise and gives a broad overview of how much power a household is using, how much individual appliances cost and which items are the heaviest power consumers.



## ORGANIC WASTE SERVICE

Do you know that over 30% of household waste going to landfill around Australia is organic? This material is a resource which should be separated from waste and recycled through commercial composting.

Eenee Designs is providing a new food and garden organic waste collection service for households and businesses in the greater Hobart area. Special 240L wheelie bins which are ventilated (to keep organics aerated) and have gravity locks (to keep unwanted rubbish out of the bin when at the kerbside), are available to purchase for the collection service.



For \$10 per fortnight, households can have the wheelie bin service for all their food and green garden organics (including those organics not suitable for home composting e.g. meats, bones and dairy).

The finished compost from the recycled organics is used in agriculture around Tasmania and can be purchased as bagged compost under 'The Gardeners Friend' brand from selected outlets.

To find out more, phone Eenee on 6225 3457 or visit [www.organics.recycling.eenee.com](http://www.organics.recycling.eenee.com)

### Happy times with friends and family this Christmas Season!

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### ATTENTION PARENTS: BUSH ADVENTURES SUMMER PROGRAM

Space does not permit us to give details of this, but there are activities for children 2-5 years, 5-10 years, adults and whole families, as well as *Go Wild Go Solo* activities for kids who are keen to get out on their own for some bush challenges. Programs cost \$5 per child only, except for a special event for all ages – *Real Live Remarkable Reptiles* on Sat 12 Feb – which costs \$8 per person.

For more details go to the Hobart City Council website [hobartcity.com.au](http://hobartcity.com.au)