

Please note that we received notification from the Lord Mayor that he will not be attending the AGM, although he had previously confirmed that he would be attending. The Deputy Lord Mayor, Ron Christie, will be attending instead.

Unfortunately this information was received too late for the attached newsletter to be amended.



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**MOUNT STUART COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSOCIATION INC**

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Nominations for the positions of: President, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012. 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: ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES 2012**

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 2012 Committee

.....

Proposer:..... Seconder:.....

I accept the nomination ..... (Nominee)

# Delete one of these.

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**LORD MAYOR OF HOBART**  
**Alderman Damon Thomas**

## THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Welcome to the first edition of the *Mount Stuart News* for 2012 and a big welcome to new residents of Mount Stuart. You will find that it is a great part of Hobart.



### AN INVITATION...

to attend the AGMs of the Progress and the Community Service Associations and to hear Hobart's new Lord Mayor, Damon Thomas talk about his vision of Hobart into the future. He has some very interesting ideas, especially on the subject of the city's traffic problems.

He will also take your questions.

### NEIGHBOUR DAY 2012

Neighbour Day — always the last Sunday in March — is almost with us again.



For those of you who are not in the picture, Neighbour Day, with its motto: "The community you want starts at your front door", has been celebrated in many communities in all states for the best part of ten years. And it takes a variety of forms: a BBQ in a cul de sac or at a local park; a street party; a parade of organisations and their wares etc.

To the best of our knowledge, only one Neighbourhood Watch in Tasmania has so far taken up the challenge of Andrew Heslop (the founder of Neighbour Day) to celebrate the day. The problem may be that no one knows where to start. So, here's something you may wish to consider and, more importantly, do something about.

It's a 'Neighbour Introduction Card' which Kwinana NHW in Western Australia has introduced. It urges members of their community to "**Make the Connection**".

Details on the card are:

*Our names are:*.....

*We live at:*.....

*Our phone number is:* .....

*Please pass on your details and we can all be good neighbours.*

Please let the editor know if you think the Kwinana idea has merit and if you would like something similar to be introduced in Mount Stuart.

*Malcolm Grant NHW Co-ordinator*

## BBQ

Neighbour Day in Mount Stuart is being celebrated with the annual Neighbourhood Watch / Progress Association BBQ at Mount Stuart Park on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 4pm onwards. BYO. Come and meet some of your neighbours. See you there!



## HALL PLANS

It started with a simple plan for a request to the Council for a toilet downstairs, off the supper room of the Hall. However the whole project has mushroomed as the Council is required to provide an accessible toilet for the disabled, which is better placed upstairs.

HCC representatives have attended our meetings with plans for the new facilities – a smaller kitchen and one unisex toilet off the supper room; an accessible toilet, cleaning cupboard and upgraded men's and women's toilets off the entrance to the dance hall. The toilet for the disabled has to have access for the disabled from a car park; which means building a new ramp into the main hall and substantial site works. All this will make the hall more attractive to hirers and bring it up to current standards.



## NEW BLOOD REQUIRED

At last year's AGM, the president and secretary of the Progress Association both agreed to continue in their roles only until replacements were found. However, one year on, they are still in these roles. We need new members: fresh ideas, fresh insights. So...come along to the AGMs, meet other residents, give your ideas and see how you can help create the suburb you want.



*Ever wanted to read the Bible but don't know where to start? Mount Stuart Presbyterian Church are about to start reading the bible together. We plan to cover the whole Bible over the next three years. You are welcome to join us. If you check out our website ([mspc.org.au](http://mspc.org.au)) you will see that there are a number of groups you could join. The groups meet in the last week of each month. People read through a book at their own pace, jot down what they discover and share it with each other at the end of the month. It's a great way to learn together. The church meets each Sunday at the Primary school in Gillon Crescent at 10am. Everyone is welcome.*



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*My family and I live in Mellifont St and for the second time have been the victims of what we assume would be kids rolling tyres from Mount Stuart Rd down Mellifont Street. It seems to happen in the middle of the night mostly in the school holiday period. Could residents, especially those near the intersection of Mount Stuart Rd and Mellifont St, please report any suspicious behaviour? The tyres hit with such force that the first occasion resulted in over \$2,000 damage to our vehicle and on the second occasion shook our house. Imagine what would happen if they struck a person or a child!!!  
Mount Stuart Resident*



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

Contact

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## SCHOOL UPDATE



Mount Stuart Primary School has begun what promises to be another busy and productive year with 390 students and two new teachers. Preparations for the biennial school fair – always an event that attracts the whole community – are well under way. The fair is on March 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 12 noon and the theme this year is ‘Animals’.

### The award winners for 2011 were:

**Academic Award:** *Henry Ellingsen and Maddie Gowans*

**Sporting Award:** for outstanding achievement in carnivals and sporting events, and excellent sportsmanship: *Ashley Probert Hill and Blair Woolley*

**Parents and Friends Award:** for outstanding citizenship and contributions to the wider school community: *Taylor Mole*

**Citizenship Award:** for outstanding and consistent demonstration of responsibility, consideration, tolerance, leadership, initiative and excellent personal behaviour: *Catherine Morgan*

**Arts Awards:** for excellence in the arts: *Meg Crombie and Damian MacDonald*

**Principal’s Award:** for outstanding personal effort to make a difference in student life and work at school: *Bonnie Semmens*

**School Spirit Award:** for participation in all school programmes and showing the best of what it means to be a student at Mount Stuart: *Margot Johnson*

**Environmental Award:** *Cavan Clark*

**The Austin Family Award:** *Regan Napthali*

**Sports Participation Award:** *Florence Tshoji*

**The Mount Stuart Award:** *Matthew Payne*

**Social Justice Award:** *Elise Sigrist*

Well done to all award winners!

## 2012: NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

To celebrate the National Year of Reading 2012, Future Leaders (an organisation that recognises and rewards young Australians who have shown strong leadership and potential) is conducting the Questions Writing Prize 2012. Young Australians (under 23 years) are invited to submit 1,500 to 2,000 words. The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic. The prize for the best writing submitted is \$2,000 and the winner of the Questions Writing Prize will have their work published. For more information about this and other National Year of Reading events go to [www.love2read.org.au](http://www.love2read.org.au)



## KINDER

It is pleasing to see that the future of the former kindergarten in Raymont Terrace has finally been settled. The building has been bought by the Islamic Alawi Centre of Tasmania Inc. who plan to use it for social and cultural purposes and educational gatherings such as language and culture classes. We welcome them and wish them well with their venture.

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## PEBBLES PLAYGROUP



For children under 6  
meets every Friday morning  
10am – 11.30

At the Mount Stuart Memorial Hall  
Byard Street, Mount Stuart

Come join us for painting, craft activities,  
playdough, bikes, puzzles, a cuppa etc

For more information call Naomi on  
0478 228 095

All welcome

## AUTUMN BUSH ADVENTURES

This Hobart City Council programme offers environmentally focused activities and adventures in the local bushland reserves. Activities are designed for specific age groups from 2 yrs to adult and include a range of intriguing walks, creative activities, team games and specialised workshops. Activity schedules are produced each season and can be accessed via the HCC website.

This season you can explore the tales of famous early botanists, discover exactly how you can help injured wildlife, unravel more fascinating chapters from Hobart's River of Stories and learn some handy tricks in native plant propagation.



Little Bush Kids get back into the swing with the return of the Caterpillar Club, while the bigger ones explore the mystery of flight, the powerful hunting skills of our outstanding owls and the secret life of Tassie bats!

Autumn is full of exciting adventures! Come and enjoy them! Contact 6238 2886 or see [hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures](http://hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures) for more information.

## BUSHCARE

Valley Street Reserve Bushcare volunteers meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, 2pm - 4pm with afternoon coffee/tea/biscuit/cake provided for all willing volunteers! Come along and join the group for a relaxing/social/caring time in the reserve. Meet at the entrance to the reserve at the end of Byard Street. Gloves and tools are supplied, but you need to have strong boots,



warm waterproof clothing, a hat and a drink. For more information contact Vicki Martin on 6228 3228.

Friends of Knocklofty meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 9am until 11.30 and the third Sunday afternoon from 2 until 4.30pm. Contact Astrid Wright on 6234 1580 for more information on this group.

## MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012



**Gordon Ave:** On 1/11/11 a vehicle was stolen from outside the owner's residence. Nothing was seen or heard and it has not been recovered. (431872)

**Benjafield Terrace:** On 16/11/11 a locked car was stolen and later recovered on the Eastern Shore with such extensive damage that it was written off. (432889)

**Mount Stuart Road:** On 17/11/11 a locked car was stolen from the street outside the owner's residence. The vehicle was recovered on the Eastern Shore with moderate damage. Four males were seen running into bushland but it was not possible to apprehend them. (432988)

**Toorak Ave:** On 18/01/12 a securely locked vehicle was stolen and was later located in the Glenorchy area, in a driveable condition. (436906)

**Rupert Ave:** On 5/02/12 a vehicle parked outside a residence was entered. Nothing was stolen although property was moved around.

*Police are anxious to hear from anyone who may have witnessed any of these incidents or noticed any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood. You are also reminded not to leave valuables in your vehicles when they are unattended!*

Police phone numbers: Non urgent **131444**

Crime Stoppers **1 800 333 000**

## BURGLARS' TRICKS & TRAPS

Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.

Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.



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