

Mount Stuart News

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CHANGES AT THE HALL

We are endeavouring to bring some aspects of the Hall management into the 21st century and have made the following changes:

- The Booking Officer and Caretaker roles are now separate.
- Lois Allison, who has given such great service over the past 15 years, is to remain as caretaker.
- We are pleased to announce the appointment of Aviva Orgad as our new Hall Booking Officer. Thank you Aviva for taking on this important role.
- We have purchased a mobile phone (0478 983 624) and set up an email address specifically for the Hall Booking Officer. These are on the sign on the front of the Hall and on our website.
- We are using calendar software to maintain and track bookings.
- Payments for rent, bonds etc, can be credited direct to our bank account.

LOIS ALLISON

Lois took over as Hall caretaker and booking officer from Keith White and his wife Ivy about 15 years ago and she has carried out these jobs tirelessly, going out of her way to check on the Hall and ensure that our tenants were well looked after, even walking up to the Hall at night, rain, hail or shine, to make sure that everything is okay. In 2010, Lois had a fall at home, which resulted in a spell in hospital, but as soon as she was home again, she was hobbling up to the hall to make sure that everything was okay. In addition to this, she was caring for her husband Ron, who is blind. We wish to

publicly express our deep appreciation of Lois's dedication to the job. She has made herself available for tenants with problems or queries and ensured that the hall is always clean and tidy and well maintained. It should be noted that Lois is continuing as caretaker, so you will still see her around.

Thank you Lois.



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COMMUNITY FAIR

10am - 1pm
SATURDAY
13 OCTOBER



JUMPING CASTLE ♦ FACE PAINTING
KIDS' ACTIVITIES ♦ COFFEE & TEA
HOME-MADE CAKES ♦ PRESERVES ♦ CRAFT
♦ BOOKS ♦ OP-SHOP ♦ PLANTS

ST JAMES CHURCH

NEW TOWN

OPPOSITE THE BLUE GUM SERVICE STATION

MOUNT STUART GROWERS

Grow food, share your excess produce, learn about gardening and living sustainably from your neighbours and help build the Mount Stuart community!



Go to <http://www.mountstuartgrowers.org/> for more information and to receive the newsletter or phone Tamsin on 0438 427 456.

This newsletter has been printed as a community service by the office of the Hon. Rob Valentine MLC. Our thanks to Rob for organising this.



VALE ROBIN HOOD

A long time resident in Elphinstone Road, Robin Hood, O.A., died on August 8th.

He was well known for his involvement in a range of activities over a long period of time and St David's Cathedral was filled for his valedictory service.

Robin came from a family property, The Braes, in the northern Midlands and, at the tender age of nine, began life as a boarder at Launceston Church Grammar School. Despite the fact that both of his parents died while he was still at school, he continued and finished his education at Grammar, being, among other things, captain of the school cricket, football and athletic teams and joint head prefect.

Following matriculation he attended Melbourne University on a scholarship, sitting at the feet of Dr Frank Duras, the most influential figure in the development of physical education in Australia's history.

On returning to Tasmania he began his long career as a Physical Education teacher with the Education Department; initially in Burnie, but much of it in schools in the south of the state; more particularly at Cosgrove High School and Hobart Matriculation College.



Good at football, tennis and, later, at bowls, it was his extracurricular contribution to and involvement in the organisation and administration of light athletics, both in Tasmania and at the national level over some 40 years from the late 1950s to the early 1990s, that was little short of outstanding.



As President, Vice President and/or Life Member of the Sandy Bay Harriers, Athletics South, the Tasmanian and Australian Amateur Athletics Associations, he also officiated as starter (assisted for many years locally by Mr Littlejohn) at countless events on multiple occasions both here and interstate.



Robin Hood, 'Hoodie' to countless friends and acquaintances, was a member of the Rotary Club of Hobart for more than 30 years. No mere card carrying member, 'service above self', Rotary's guiding principle, was said to be 'part of his DNA'. An impeccable attendance record, involvement in all aspects

of his club's life, support for a wide range of club functions and a list of roles undertaken, saw him acknowledged as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1994 and with the club's highest award, 'Honorary Membership', in 2012.

Most recently the Rotary Club saw fit to acknowledge Hoodie's more-than-18-year involvement in its Art Show Committee, a major fundraiser for the club, with the decision to institute the 'Robin Hood Memorial Prize' at the club's annual art show.

We extend our sympathy to his wife, Pat, and to their children, Jenny and Stuart and their families.



PART WAY IS OK



As part of measures to limit excess traffic around the area, the school is planning to introduce the program 'Part Way is OK'.

This involves parents dropping off their children at designated spots at a distance from the school, from where they can walk safely the rest of the way. This appears to be a win-win situation.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY FAMILY CONCERT

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 1.30 – 3.30PM

This Remembrance Day, following the official ceremony, the Australian Army Band will perform live on Soldiers



Memorial Avenue in a Big Band concert for all. Bring your family, friends, a blanket and a picnic and relax on the grass for an afternoon of genre bending musical fun to celebrate the planting of nine new trees on the Soldiers Memorial Avenue and the strong local community spirit which built this very personal memorial in 1918.



The concert is free and there will be a free sausage sizzle and mini tours celebrating the significance of the Soldiers Memorial Avenue to the story of Hobart. For more information visit hobartcity.com.au/bushadventures or phone Anna Bluck on 6238 2140.



Mount Stuart Scouts Garage Sale

- TOYS, CLOTHING, BOOKS,
FURNITURE, BAKE SALE!

Saturday November 3rd at the Mount
Stuart Hall

WANTED: Your no longer needed toys,
clothing, books and furniture.

Call Suze on 6278 7289 or
email gl@mtstuartscouts.org if you
would like to donate. Storage is limited, so
no collections until November.
COME ALONG AND BUY!!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir/Madam

On 18 July a meeting of interested
residents of Mount Stuart/West
Hobart, jointly convened by the
Hobart City Council and the EPA
Division of DIPWE, was held at the
Mount Stuart School. The meeting,
under the banner of 'Burn Brighter
this winter' was scheduled to take
little more than an hour; and it didn't!

Some 500 residents of Mount Stuart/West
Hobart -- householders with wood heaters --
had, like myself, been informed of the meeting
via a letterbox drop, and invited to attend.
Light refreshments were available, too.

The meeting was addressed by some seven
specialist speakers, all but one of them with a
PowerPoint presentation, on subjects such as
Smoke Reduction Programs in Tasmania,
Health Aspects of Wood Smoke, and Why
Wood Heaters Smoke.

How many of the several hundred residents of
Mount Stuart who were informed of the
meeting availed themselves of the opportunity
to learn a little more about 'how much smoke
there is really'? Six. Less than 2% of those
informed and invited to attend; less than the
number of presenters, who had given up
more than their evening!

I find the apathy of the other 98% of invited
residents of this superb part of Hobart quite
appalling. More evidence of this apathy
needed? How many take the trouble to:

* turn up for the annual meeting of their
Progress Association? About 20!

* give up a couple of hours once a month to
serve on either of the Progress Association
or the Community Service Association

executive committees? You can count them
on two hands.

* give the Leonard Wall/Valley Street
Reserve Bushcare Group an hour or three
of their time on a Sunday afternoon once a
month? A handful at most!

*offer the Council their time and talents on
one of the many Council committees: 50 &
Better Centre; Hobart Older Persons
Reference Group? The list goes on! More
and more community organisations.
Relatively, fewer and fewer community
offers of support.

Do you have a vision for the Mount Stuart of
the future? Some kind of development plan?

How should it develop? What should be the
role of the Progress Association? How do
we attract younger members? Greater
diversity on the Executive Committee?

There is, at least, one forthcoming occasion
where you can air your views: some of
these issues are likely to be raised at a
community forum in the Town Hall on
Tuesday, 9 October 2012, sponsored by the
Hobart Council of Community Associations.
If you are interested in attending, please let
the undersigned know.

Malcolm Grant, 6234 6672

LENAH VALLEY AMCAL

106 AUGUSTA ROAD

SATURDAY 10/11/12

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

10% DISCOUNT/SPECIALS

DOOR PRIZE, GIVEAWAY AND

NIBBLES

ALL WELCOME

WELCOME HOME

Congratulations to Olympians Kerry Hore
and Eddie Ockenden on their great
performances in London. Also representing
Australia at Masters World Cup Hockey in
England were Pete Gaggin and former Mount
Stuart resident, Stuart Beltz, who came home
with bronze medals. Well done to all of you!

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**The Art Society of Tasmania
What's On!**

Oct: "On the Street Where You Live"

*Landscapes, views, perfect for hanging.
Opening Fri 5th at 6.30pm, then 6th to 28th.*

Ceramics Sale Good Xmas gifts!

19th 6-8pm, then 11am-4pm 21st & 22nd

Nov: Glass! Tasmanian Glass Artists

Artworks, sculptures, jewellery.

Mount Stuart residents are welcome:

- to openings, 1st Friday of month
- to join as members
- to join in workshops (see website)

LADY FRANKLIN GALLERY

268 Lenah Valley Rd www.artstas.com.au

Open 11am - 4pm Saturdays & Sunday

**MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH CRIME REPORT**

26th June – 27th August

Muir Court: On 6/7/12 a locked, secure vehicle was entered by forcing the door lock and ignition. Nothing was stolen. (447503)

Augusta Road: On 12/7/12 a securely locked car was stolen from outside a residence. It was discovered in Rokeby, completely destroyed by fire. (447849)

Dale Crescent: On 19/7/12 entry was forced to a house. Initially a glass panel by the front door was smashed but because of the deadlocked door, the burglars were unsuccessful. They then gained entry by smashing a side window. Property was moved but nothing appeared to be stolen. (448237)

Mount Stuart Road: On 21/7/12 entry was forced to a house through a rear sliding door. Nothing appeared to be stolen. (448328)

Gillon Crescent: On 28/7/12 an attempt was made to enter the Mount Stuart School by forcing a window. The window was damaged but entry was not gained. Nothing was seen or heard. (448678)

Mortimer Avenue: On 4/8/12 a securely locked car was entered through a window and attempts were made to steal it. Nothing was stolen but the ignition barrel was damaged. (449060)

Auvergne Avenue: On 5/8/12 attempts were made to steal a locked vehicle. It was located nearby with no damage. (449116)

Darling Parade: On 11/8/12 and 15/8/12 arson attempts were made at the Mount Stuart hall,



one involving escape doors to the hall and adjacent park equipment and the other near the supper room doorway. (449675)

Mount Stuart Road: On 13/8/12 a male intruder was disturbed in a home by the owners. He has been charged with aggravated burglary. (449470)

Mount Stuart Road: On 19/8/12 intruders forced entry to a camper and stole electrical items. They then set fire to a cushion but fortunately this extinguished itself. (449831)

Mount Stuart Road: On 19/8/12 personal cards and cash were stolen from a car parked in a driveway. (450145)

Police phone numbers: Non urgent 131444

Crime Stoppers 1 800 333 000

Police are anxious to hear from anyone who may have witnessed any of these incidents (please quote the incident number) or noticed any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood.

BUSHCARE

The Valley Street Bushcare group meets on the fourth Sunday afternoon, and is always ready to welcome new members. Contact convenor Vicki Martin on 6228 3228 for more information.



The Bushcare barbecue is to be held on Nov 25th at the Fern Tree Community Centre, Stephenson's Place. After the barbecue the group will not meet again until the 4th Sunday in February.

TRAFFIC REPORT



The recent meeting of the Mount Stuart Residents' Traffic Committee with HCC representatives had several matters to discuss, including those perennial issues like traffic volume and speed.

Traffic around the school at drop off and pick up time is still a problem, especially in Weerona Avenue. The HCC is to monitor the area and install a 40 kph sign there if a need is seen. Concern was also expressed about the intersection of Byard Street and Raymont Terrace where there are many near misses as Byard Street traffic fails to give way. A Stop sign has been suggested instead of the Give Way sign.



A pedestrian refuge, necessary to allow safer crossing of Mount Stuart Road, is planned between Mellifont and Byard Street. If there are any areas that need better illumination at night, please contact us and report potholes needing attention to HCC on 6238 2836.

