

Mount Stuart News

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THE SHORT CUTS AND BACK WAYS OF MOUNT STUART



The many walkways and back tracks of Mount Stuart make up a distinctive feature of our suburb, appreciated by many residents. How many have you walked?

How well do you know them?

The map enclosed with this edition of the newsletter may inspire you to take a walk – individually, as a family, or with a friend or neighbour. We hope it will also provoke some feedback – opinions or information. The Progress Association is exploring ways to focus on this feature of our suburb, and ideas are welcome. In the city of York, England, the term “snickelways” has been coined for their 50 alleyways within the walled city. A booklet is available and walking tours are a tourist attraction. In Mount Stuart, a rough count gives us about 20 such ways – not bad for a small suburban area! Can you suggest a name for them? Should we have a map and sign located at the hall? Distinctive signs for each of them? Any other ideas? Contact David Reeve: dareeve@iinet.net.au or on 6278 2282 with any feedback.

We are grateful to Owen Gervasoni, Manager Traffic Services and to Roy Langman, Geographical Information Systems Development at Hobart City Council, for their assistance in producing the base map, which we have modified by hand to include in this newsletter.

Rob Valentine MLC

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NEW TOWN

OPPOSITE BLUE GUM SERVICE STATION

TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Mount Stuart Residents' Traffic Association met recently to discuss traffic issues in the area. An annual count of traffic through Gordon Avenue is proposed and this year's should be undertaken shortly. The HCC is also planning to create a crossing point for pedestrians across Byard Street at its junction with Mount Stuart Road. The speed limit in Weerona Avenue will be reviewed, in light of the amount of school traffic that uses the street. Don't forget – report potholes to 6238 2836.



WELL DONE

Congratulations to T'Meika Knapp, who runs karate classes in the Mount Stuart Hall, on winning a gold medal at the recent national karate championships, in the *kumite*, or sparring, discipline.



A CHAT WITH...MARJ WALL

Those who go to the well of community spirit and give, are the people we are proud to have working and living alongside us.

Although never thinking of it in those terms, Marj Wall has been a significant contributor to many aspects of community life familiar to residents whose children have passed through Mt Stuart Primary School, played badminton at the hall, followed the tracks around Mt Stuart or seen their daughters grow through participation in Brownies.



Marjorie Wall's life began in a cottage on the family orchard a mile up Tolosa St, at Glenorchy. Instead of 'building on', her parents bought a railway carriage from the recently closed Bellerive to Sorell line for her and her brother to share.



Home-schooled until she was 9, she then attended Friends and later trained as a mothercraft nurse, working at the Lady Gowrie Childcare Centre at Battery Point for five and a half years; a job she loved.

Mothercraft nursing is a role rarely heard of today. For Marj, the job involved going into a home to assist new mothers, often living in during the first few weeks of a child's life, and grew from her time working at the Lady Gowrie Childcare Centre.



Marj and Leonard Wall moved to Mount Stuart from West Hobart in 1955 to build a future, raise a family and enjoy the bush that ringed the western flanks of Hobart.

Still a youthful 88, despite some recent ailments, Marj lamented missing recent Field Naturalists' Club meetings, always stimulating as they are with guest speakers able to enlighten members with some aspect of southern Tasmania's natural environment. A field trip is a must for a field naturalist and Marj favoured Lake St Clair and Mt Field, to search for the native duck-billed orchids – her preference in orchids – for the stunning array of colours they presented.

"The bush was all around us when I was growing up and we were always going for walks, with Mum keen to point out the birds and the flowers. That's where my interest in nature began," said Marj, who has been a member of the Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club since 1946.

"It was the field naturalists who brought Leonard and me together and through the hills around West Hobart and Mount Stuart there was plenty to observe. I've had a long interest in orchids and Leonard was an expert on birds. On any outing I was looking down for the plants and Leonard was looking up for the birds!"



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WE WELCOME:

"Springtime walks in the bush from Mount Stuart to West Hobart past the frog ponds were always a delight, with lots of orchids on the way. The city St Virgil's site was home to many native orchids, especially spider and tiger orchids with their rich colours. Len and I both took photographs and slides and I still get out the projector. I've got to know Tasmania so much more by being in the club." In turn, that interest led to Marj volunteering at the Royal Botanical Gardens for the past 10 years.



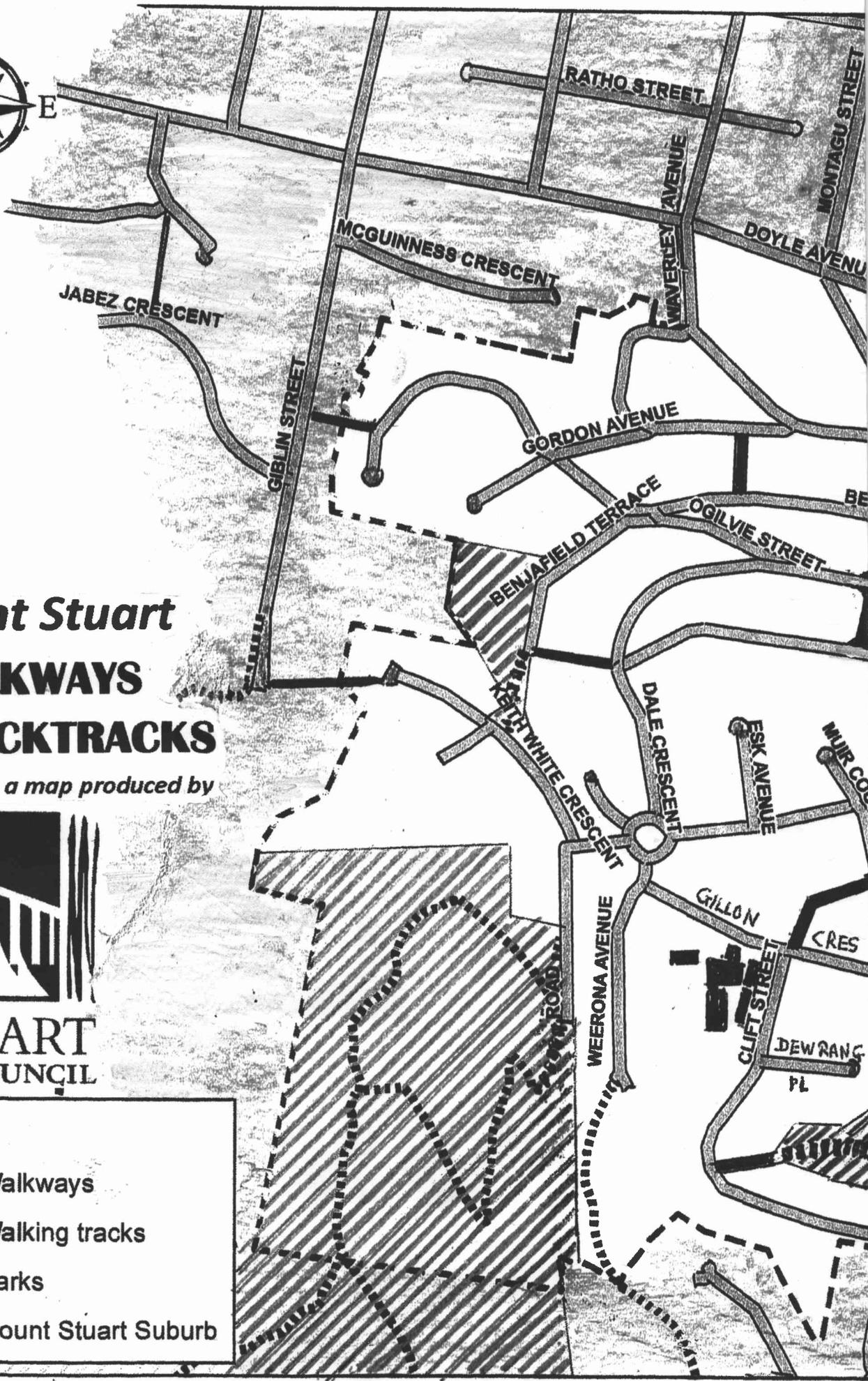
This newsletter has been printed by the office of the Hon. Rob Valentine MLC as a community service. Our thanks to Rob for organising and sponsoring this.

Leonard was particularly active in the Mount Stuart Progress Association and Marj in the parents & friends, and mothers' club, with the children all going to Mount Stuart Primary School. If things weren't happening at the school, they certainly were at the Mount Stuart Hall.

The hall, in Byard St, has been a centrepiece of life on the hill since 1950. The hall, with Mount Wellington and foothills as a back-

HALL HAPPENINGS

<i>Ballroom Dancing</i>	<i>Mon 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm; Thurs 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm</i>	<i>Sherry Lendrum</i>	<i>6225 5095</i>
<i>Fitness</i>	<i>Mon, Wed & Fri 6:00 am to 7:00 am</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>0407 915 602</i>
<i>Ballroom Dancing</i>	<i>Sun 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm</i>	<i>Wally Nicholson</i>	<i>6228 3498</i>
<i>Badminton Ladies</i>	<i>Tues 10:00 am to 11:30 am</i>	<i>Vicki Martin</i>	<i>6228 3228</i>
<i>Tai Chi</i>	<i>Mon 10:30 am to 11:30 am</i>	<i>Sue Naden</i>	<i>6228 2435</i>
<i>All Style Dancing</i>	<i>Mon 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; Wed 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm</i>	<i>Reny</i>	<i>0405 438 856</i>
<i>Karate</i>	<i>Tues 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm; Fri 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm</i>	<i>T'Meika</i>	<i>0497 069 949</i>
<i>Belly Dancing</i>	<i>Tues 10:00 am to 11:00 am Tues 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm; Wed 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm; Wed 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm</i>	<i>Ruth</i>	<i>0437 998 405</i>
<i>Zumba</i>	<i>Wed 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm</i>	<i>Rhonda</i>	<i>0409 973 653</i>
<i>Dance for Fitness</i>	<i>Thurs 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm</i>	<i>Reny</i>	<i>0405 438 856</i>
<i>Yoga Bugs</i>	<i>Fri 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</i>	<i>Carinda</i>	<i>0438 611 240</i>
<i>Tango Social Dance</i>	<i>Fri 8:00 pm till late. ALL WELCOME</i>	<i>Tess</i>	<i>0429 684 101</i>
<i>Crohns/Colitis Association of Aus</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Miki</i>	<i>0401 747 463</i>
<i>The Coaching Space</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Greg</i>	<i>0400 882 323</i>
<i>NEW Miniature Enthusiasts of Tasmania</i>	<i>Monthly (Saturdays) 12:30pm to 4:30 pm</i>	<i>Kaye Smith</i>	<i>6272 9852</i>
SPECIAL EVENTS			
<i>TasMBA</i>	<i>Tues, Sept 24 6:30pm to 9:30 pm</i>	<i>Anita Manners</i>	<i>0418 493 287</i>
<i>Le Bop Dance Tas</i>	<i>Sat, 19 October 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm</i>	<i>Kim Ryan</i>	<i>0419 123 115</i>
<i>Bellydance & choir concert</i>	<i>Sat, 7 December 7:30 pm onwards</i>	<i>Ruth</i>	<i>0437 998 405</i>



Mount Stuart WALKWAYS AND BACKTRACKS

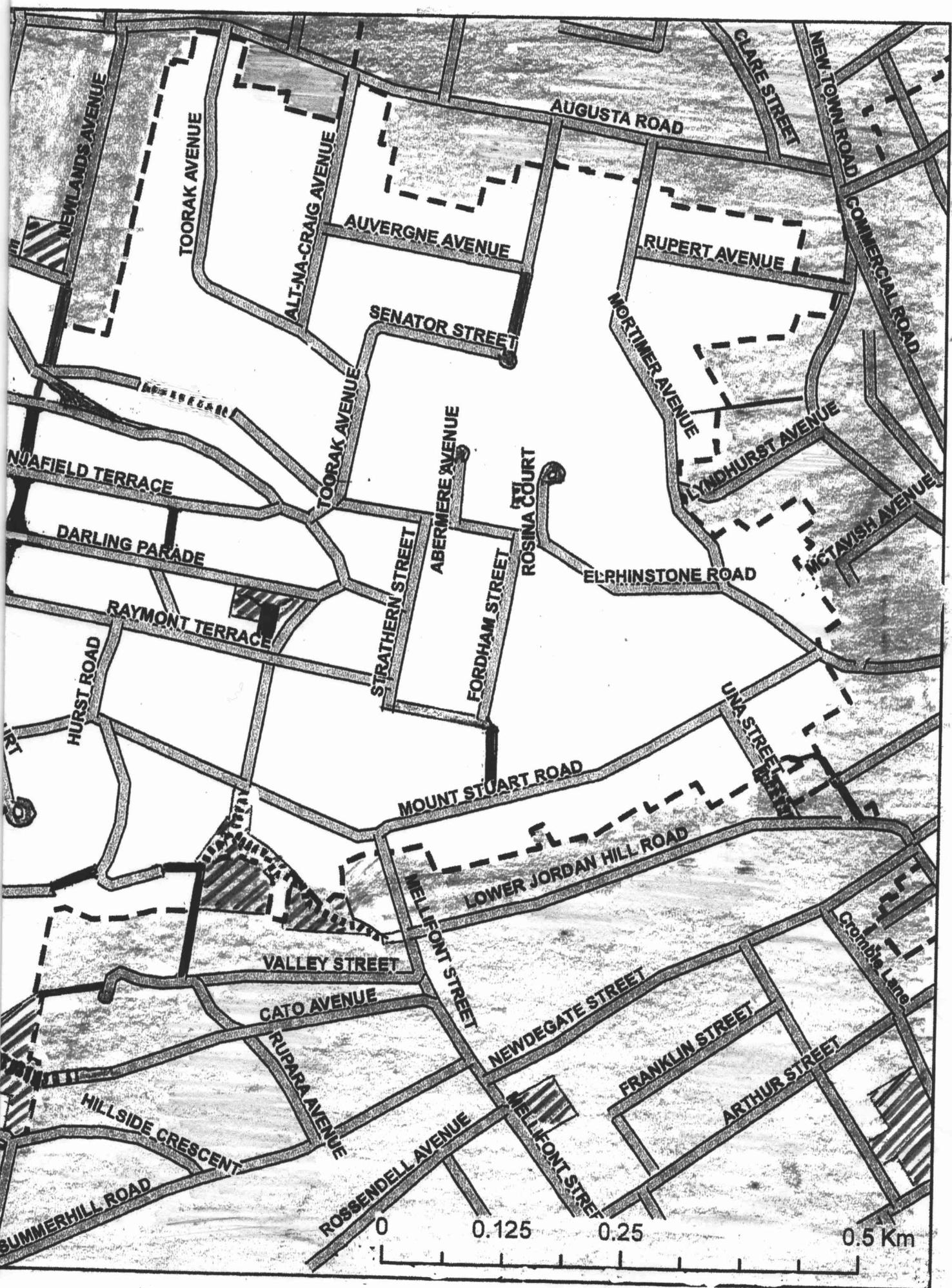
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-  Walking tracks
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drop, is part of Marj's view from her home. As her children grew, the hall became a focus for Marj in her expanding community engagement. As well as the school activities, Marj has been playing badminton in the hall since 1967 and was still very active as a player until a year ago. Then there were the local Brownies.

Need help with any local government concerns or issues?

Contact

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Authorised by E. Ruzicka,

699 Huon Rd. Fern Tree

"I joined as a helper and had to learn what it was all about. I hadn't expected that I would be Brown Owl to the Brownies for 12 years. At times it seemed like I was a babysitter but mostly it was a very rewarding time contributing to the growth of the girls."



St James Church of England in New Town continues to be important for Marj. She is President of the Anglican Board of Missions which supports projects each year, either in Australia or overseas. Marj is also a Life Member of Anglicare and she goes to church each Sunday. Funds raised at the coming St James Church Fair in October will support Anglicare.

Three years ago Marj moved to a unit she had built next door to the family home, still with views of the mountain, and of the hall where she has contributed so much to her Mount Stuart community.

Footnote: For recent residents of Mount Stuart, the parkland west of Mellifont St and bordered by Valley St and Mount Stuart Rd was named the Leonard Wall Valley St

Reserve, for the contribution to the community made by Leonard, a long-serving president of the Mount Stuart Progress Association. For many years Leonard, as *Peregrine*, wrote Nature Notes for the *Mercury*.



Our thanks to Craig MacAulay for this interview.

MOUNT STUART GROWERS NEWS



Gardening in Mount Stuart is certainly challenging at times and Mount Stuart Growers are an optimistic and adaptable lot. Not only do we take on the challenges of the wind and gardening on our sunny hillside, but we also have the wallabies' and possums' edible preferences to take on. Even the gardeners for Hobart City Council have given up on our glorious yellow roses that once festooned the roundabout on Mount Stuart Road; such has been the wallabies' predilection for the roses this year.



But whether it's adapting to the challenges of the changing weather patterns brought about by climate change, the furry friends who eat our gardens, or just finding ways to garden with little time or space, Mount Stuart Growers share their knowledge and experience with each other and take those challenges on with passion.

Are you interested in taking part in a Christmas market?

**Fruit, vegetables, crafts, painting etc.
For more information contact Maria on
0407 232 147 or Aviva on 0478 983 624**

If you've given up on gardening for a time because it's all got a bit difficult, come along to Mount Stuart Growers and have your enthusiasm rekindled! For our next few get-togethers we'll be gardening at the community garden at Mount Stuart Primary School, visiting a Mount Stuart resident's garden that has a beautiful native garden as well as a productive vegie garden and then have a workshop on some creative container gardening with some excellent solutions for keeping out the possums and wallabies.



If you would like to come along, visit our web-site at

<http://www.mountstuartgrowers.org/> or check for updates on Facebook. Alternatively, call me on 0438 427 456.

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"Pleased to be helping the Mount Stuart Primary School fund an all abilities playground."





The Art Society of Tasmania

What's On

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10 YEARS AGO...

130 people attended a meeting in the Mount Stuart Hall, instigated by Simon Clarkson and assisted by the Progress Association, to discuss the HCC's proposals to use an area of council-owned land, previously reserved for the extension of Lower Jordan Hill Road.

The alternatives proposed were to:

- retain it as a park; or
- use it for a nursing home; or
- subdivide it into residential land.

Fortunately 'people power' prevailed and we now have the wonderful Leonard Wall Valley Street Reserve.

VALLEY STREET BUSHCARE GROUP

There will be a plant giveaway in September after our regular monthly working bee. The small group has been busy planting in the south east corner of the Leonard Wall



Reserve and previous plantings over the past few years are doing well. Newcomers are welcome to join us on the fourth Sunday of each month from 2 pm to 4 pm.

The Bushcare BBQ will be held on November 24th at the Fern Tree Community Centre, in Stephenson's Place, and there is no gardening in December and January.

Vicki Martin – Convenor.

NEW EQUIPMENT



☀ Thanks to Scott Bacon's efforts, the school has received a very welcome grant of \$6000 from the Premier's Discretionary Fund to acquire equipment for an all abilities playground, which will be accessible to children with disabilities.

MOUNT STUART NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME REPORT

Strathern St: between 1st and 2nd June a car was stolen and later found burnt out in Bridgewater. (467123)

Una St: on 10th June a resident discovered someone tampering with the door lock of his vehicle. The door lock was damaged. (467788)

Alt-Na-Craig Ave: on 29th June a resident was woken by two male armed intruders and an altercation ensued. A significant amount of cash, a wallet and keys were stolen. (468754)

Mount Stuart Rd: between 9th and 10th July the propeller from the outboard motor on a boat was stolen from outside a residence. (469448)



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Elphinstone Rd: on 26th July a dispute occurred between several parties known to each other. During the dispute a knife was produced and the victim was assaulted by several people. A wallet and cash were stolen. (470234)

Gillon Cres: between 29th and 30th July two vehicles were broken into and a computer, mobile phone and tackle box were stolen. (470454)

Clift St: between 7th and 8th Aug a Nissan Pulsar was stolen from the owner's driveway and later recovered in Clarendon Vale. (470917)

Mortimer Ave: on 20th Aug a house was broken into and TVs, jewellery, car keys, camera and coins were stolen. (471593)

Anyone with information about any of the above incidents is asked to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Please quote the reference number.



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