

Mount Stuart News

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VALE MALCOLM

Mount Stuart recently lost one of its most active residents with the death of Malcolm Grant, OAM. Malcolm was involved with so many community activities, he will be sorely missed.

Malcolm was born in Ulverstone in 1924 and grew up on a farm just outside the town. On leaving Devonport High School he taught at King Island, but in 1942, as soon as he turned 18, he joined the Royal Australian Navy as a telegraphist. He said he spent the rest of the war on *Fairmiles* "bobbing around the Timor Sea in a little boat."

In 1946 he completed a BA at the University of Tasmania, taught at Mole Creek then spent eight years in Europe where he met Linley Barnett. Apparently they had been seeing each other for 16 months before they discovered they were both from Tasmania and had both gone to Devonport High School. They returned to Burnie in 1958 and married in 1959. Malcolm taught in several schools in Tasmania before finally settling in Mount Stuart in 1974 and becoming secretary of the Schools Board of Tasmania. He also became involved in many community activities, too many to name, but it was a very varied list.



He became involved with the Mount Stuart Scout Group, becoming a leader and going on to become District Commissioner and State Commissioner. He was a life member of the Scouting movement as well as a life member of Rostrum, where he was active for more than fifty years and held every leadership role including National President. He was also a life member of Neighbourhood Watch where there is a volunteers' award named after him.

Malcolm was president of the Mount Stuart Progress Association for six years and has been involved in several other capacities, especially connected with the newsletter. In 2014 he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Linley and their family, Rohan and Meg, Rosemary and Alister.

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'THEY LIVE WITH MOUNT WELLINGTON'

Do you recognise this house in Ogilvie Street, which featured as a house of the month in *Home Beautiful* magazine in October 1949?



It is described as having the latest labour-saving built-in fittings, innovative use of colour in the kitchen instead of the traditional cream and green and ample light from the large windows in the multiple living areas.

The house has recently had a complete makeover after Craig Pitt and his wife bought it from the original owner. You can read the full article on our Facebook page (see elsewhere in the newsletter).

Thanks to Craig Pitt (the current owner) for this magazine article.



NBN MATTERS

As you will know the NBN is being 'rolled out' in the Mount Stuart area and while exact completion dates are quite vague, here is some information to digest. There

will be a variety of in-ground and pole based connections. Work has 'commenced' to repair damaged footpaths and walkways.

What is the NBN?

The National Broadband Network (NBN) is a major project being built by NBN Co. on behalf of the Federal Government. The NBN will gradually replace the old copper network currently used for most phone and broadband services.

Do I need to connect to the NBN?

When the NBN has been rolled out to your address, you will need to switch to NBN to keep your phone and internet services, as after approximately 18 months the old copper infrastructure will be disconnected! You will be notified, by mail, by NBN Co. when the new network is ready and when the old network will be switched off.

When will it be here?

You can check out your address at: <http://www.nbnco.com.au> . Once you have checked your address you will be able to review the 94 service providers to our area! I would suggest checking out your current provider and then the big ones... Telstra, Optus, TPG or Dodo. There are links to each provider's website. It is worth checking out as there is a variety of contract/non contract NBN options as well as contract/non contract/pay as you go landline options.

Speed?

Just as in the current system there are varieties of plans suiting *Light*, *Medium*, and *Heavy* and *Unlimited* users of Data. Also, there is a choice of speeds, be it 12/1 Mbps, 25/5 Mbps, 50/20 Mbps or 100/40 Mbps.

(Up/Down speed). Obviously the faster the speed the more it costs! So it is important to consider your usage and speed requirements.

Summary

The important outcome of NBN is that the existing networks will eventually be switched off! Once it is available, it's important to move to an NBN provider. Affected services include landline phones, landline internet, fax machines & teletype writer (TTY), medical alarms & emergency call systems and monitored security alarm systems.

It is recommended that, when the NBN is installed at your home, you ensure that all pre-existing services, such as phone, internet, etc work properly before the installers leave.

Thanks to Martin Gilby for this article

FACEBOOK PAGE

There may be a focus on the past in this issue but we also acknowledge the 21st century. NBN is changing our communications and Mount Stuart now has its own Facebook page:



https://www.facebook.com/mountstuartas?ref=aymt_homepage_panel. A place for people who live in, have lived in, or just like Mount Stuart.

It is another way to build our community. Started and maintained by Mount Stuart Residents Inc. (our community association), this is for everyone in Mount Stuart, for groups and individuals to share information about events, themselves, interesting history, and whatever else evolves. So check it out.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

Following the successful trial of Community Forums in April 2015, HCC formally approved these as a permanent addition to its existing community engagement mechanisms. Council has resolved to hold a series of four Community Engagement Forums annually – three to be held in alternating neighbourhood areas and one to be held at the Hobart Town Hall as part of the Council's Annual General Meeting.



The next forum is scheduled for Tuesday 22 September 2015 in Sandy Bay at the Derwent Sailing Squadron at 6.30 pm for 7 pm.

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BUSHCARE

Valley Street Reserve Bushcare volunteers meet on the fourth Sunday of the month, 2 pm – 4.30 pm with afternoon coffee/tea/biscuits/ cake provided for all willing volunteers! The group is saddened by the loss of Malcolm Grant – a very regular and committed member of the group. In September members are invited to join with Cornelian Bay group in the morning at 10 am.

Sept 27: Bat Time: Daytime walk and talk on the fascinating world of bats and their habitat, with local expert, Lisa Cawthen.



Meet: The Boathouse car park (Cornelian Bay).

Oct. 25: Maintaining habitat plantings and follow-up weeding (all zones).

Meet: Leonard Wall Valley Street Reserve, corner of Byard Street and Mount Stuart Road.

Nov 22: Weed Blitz (all zones).

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Nov 29: 12–3 pm. Annual barbecue at the Mount Nelson Primary School hall, 388 Nelson Road, Mount Nelson.



VALETE

Recent months have seen the passing of several widows who were a part of the Mount Stuart community over many years and made valuable contributions to the Mount Stuart story.



Mrs Athalie Jones, who previously lived in Ogilvie Street and recently died at the age of 98, was the widow of Lloyd Jones, a renowned aviator and a founder of the Hobart Bushwalking Club. A founder and initial instructor with the Southern Aero Club, he conducted mercy flights and bush searches as well as taking aerial photographs and promoting tourism in Tasmania's bush. Lloyd died in 2004.



Mrs Muriel Benson-Walker, who died recently in Melbourne, lived in Elphinstone Road with her husband, the lawyer and historian, Peter Benson-Walker, a Liberal member of the House of Assembly from 1982 until 1986. Peter died in 1987.



Mrs Pat Hood, the widow of Robin Hood, who died in 2012, was very well known in sporting circles where she had worked tirelessly. She was a life member of Hockey Tasmania and Glenorchy Tennis Club as well as being very involved with softball and youth sport.

The most recent of these deaths was that of Elizabeth Chalk, the widow of Gil, (Bill) a member of Mount Stuart Progress Association for many years. Elizabeth was also involved with the Progress Association and a supporter in many areas, including with the newsletter and Guides.



We offer condolences to the families of all these former residents.

Alderman Eva Ruzicka

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Go to www.evaruzicka.blogspot.com.au

& occasionally on Facebook

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TRAFFIC

Good to see the pedestrian refuge on Byard Street completed. It will make for easier crossing on this very busy road. HCC is monitoring traffic around the new Hill Street store as there have been some incidents. Parking around the school has created problems for buses in the area. Parking is actually illegal above the bus stop in Gillon Crescent. Our latest information is that proposed Mount Stuart bus route changes have been cancelled.



FUN ON THE MOUNTAIN

On Sunday 15 November, from 10 am until 2 pm, Bush Adventures is organising an Open Day in Knocklofty Reserve. Come along and enjoy a day full of activities for all ages and share your stories to help identify cultural values of the area. Bookings are not required and the event is free.

Meet: Knocklofty Reserve, gravel car park at the top end of Forest Road, West Hobart.



The Art Society of Tasmania *What's On*

September: 131st Annual Exhibition

Finest selected works of members.

Freedom Award, Artery prize.

October: A Family Affair

The artists are all related!

November: The Magic of Watercolour

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HALL FOR HIRE

Do you need a space for an upcoming event? The Mount Stuart Hall has three areas, all of which are available for hire and might be just what you need. (You can hire one or more.)

You can make enquiries with the booking officer, Aviva Orgad, on 0478 983 624 or email hallbookings@mountstuarttas.org.au

And don't forget to check the website:

www.mountstuarttas.org.au to see what activities are on at any time. Mount Stuart Hall Inc. has installed new heaters in the Annexe; most welcome after the recent cold weather!



BUSH ADVENTURES

This season Bush Kids of all ages will be investigating Hobart's bush and beach environments. 2-5 year olds can search for wildflowers on a mountain adventure, 5-7 year olds can try to solve the mystery crime at CSI: Nutgrove Beach and 7-10 year olds can discover what is in the water at Hobart Rivulet. Go Wild, Go Solo participants will be using tracking technology to discover some of the hidden inhabitants of Hobart's bush. Adults can join local experts for guided walks to discover the history of New Town, wildflowers of kunanyi / Mount Wellington and birdlife of Waterworks Reserve. The whole family can get up close and personal with real live reptiles, and local Bushcare groups are providing a variety of



free family activities, from an orchid walk to a community doggy day.

Bookings are essential for all Bush Adventures activities. For enquiries and bookings call the HCC on 6238 2886.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

How good is your home security? It seems that thieves are becoming more daring all the time. Neighbourhood Watch recommends that you catalogue and mark your property.



There are two very important reasons:

- Engraving or marking your property leaves no doubt as to ownership. It deters others from taking your property because of the difficulties involved in 'off loading' identifiable property and helps police to recover and return items which may have been stolen.
- It assists your insurance company to process your claim quickly if you already have a list of items of value that were stolen or damaged and the serial numbers, descriptions, and if possible, original receipts.



Remember, you don't need to be a home owner to have contents insurance or to engrave your valuables. In fact, it's recommended that people in rental properties or share accommodation take out insurance for their furniture and valuable possessions and engrave them too.

You can do your bit about neighbourhood security by being vigilant and reporting any suspicious activity.

**Police phone numbers: Non urgent 131444
Crime Stoppers 1 800 333 000**

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