

Mount Stuart News

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



2015 has raced by and the holiday season is almost upon us. The year has produced many changes: it has been the first year of the rebadged Mount Stuart Residents Inc and several well known residents have passed away and others have moved on. With new residents moving in, the suburb is constantly changing and evolving. If you have ideas of what you would like to see in the area, let us know or come along to our meetings which are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (except December).

A warm welcome to all our new residents and we hope you enjoy your time in what is a great area to live. We wish everyone all the best for a safe and happy holiday season.

CHCA REPORT

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The Council of Hobart Community Associations recently held its AGM, with Mount Stuart Residents Inc committee members Scott Faulkner and Eric Pinkard being elected president and treasurer respectively. Local resident and ex-alderman, Leo Foley, is the vice president.

Items on the agenda of late are the proposed Statewide Planning Scheme, City of Hobart strategic planning, City of Hobart toilets strategy, community forums, the City of Hobart AGM and its Annual Report.

Issues which the CHCA has with the proposed Statewide Planning Scheme include the powers of the Minister, the virtual elimination of councils' discretionary powers, the reduction in times for decisions from 28 days to 21 days and the lack of consumer protection. On the other hand, CHCA welcomes the increased use of technology which should make it easier for users.



The four City of Hobart community forums conducted to date have been successful, despite some teething issues.

The CHCA also welcomes the increased transparency around City of Hobart aldermen's remuneration and allowances, but recognises that many aldermen devote considerable time to their local government duties and deserve to be recompensed accordingly. To keep up to date on events, please like the CHCA page at facebook.com/bettercommunitieshobart



Season's Greetings to all Mount Stuart residents. My best wishes to you for a peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year as you come together with friends and family.

I am available anytime by phone or email should there be

government issues with which I may be able to assist.

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ROSEMARY DANCE CLUB

Many of our older readers will be familiar with the Rosemary Dance Club, which conducted ballroom dances at the Mount Stuart Hall for many years. Did you know that membership was limited to 77 couples, with a ballot being conducted when any vacancies occurred? And that originally all members belonged to the Masonic Lodges? And that the death of one of a couple meant that the surviving member had to resign? In hindsight, this seems very harsh – particularly as ballroom dancing was often a big part of people's lives in those days. Our thanks to Allan Stanfield for this information.



Alderman Eva Ruzicka

Best wishes and a happy time for Christmas and the New Year 2016!

Thank you for your efforts to make Hobart a wonderful place to live.

Alderman Eva Ruzicka and family

Contact: 0407 319 317 or eva@ruzicka.id.au.

Authorised by E. Ruzicka,

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VALE MARJ WALL

Mount Stuart lost another of its long time residents with the recent passing of Marjorie Wall at the age of 89, (a week short of her ninetieth birthday). Marj was involved with so many local activities – she was still an active member of the Leonard Wall Valley Street Reserve (named after her late husband, Len) and until last year a regular badminton player at the Mount Stuart Hall – and she will be very much missed.



Marj, who had trained as a mothercraft nurse, and her husband Len moved to Mount Stuart in 1955 from West Hobart and raised their family here. Over the years she became very involved with the school and was Brown Owl for many Brownies over twelve years. She was also an active member of St James Church of England in New Town and chairman of the Anglican Board of Missions.

Marj was a keen naturalist and was particularly fond of native orchids while her husband was an expert on birds.

We offer our condolences to Marj and Len's children, Barbara, Clare, Peter and Roger and their families.

For a more detailed picture of Marj's wide involvement in the community, go to the September 2013 edition of the Mount Stuart News, which is archived on our website, <http://www.mountstuarttas.org.au>.



It was a sign of the Bushcare organisation's regard for Marj that they gave a young native tree to everyone present at Marj's very well-attended memorial service.

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.

INFILL HOUSING

There are two types of infill housing: firstly, conversion of land stock in an existing populated area to housing and secondly reworking of existing residential blocks to increase the number of residences on those blocks. Recent examples of the latter in Mount Stuart include properties at 15A Montagu Street, between 6 and 8 Byard Street, 17A Fordham St (Strathern Lane) and between 2 and 4 Raymont Terrace. Look around and you might be surprised that it is not a new phenomenon with many properties developed by subdividing, strata titling or redeveloping existing residential blocks.



We can expect to see more of this in the future because of the demand for unit type development and the advantages of living in Mount Stuart. Changes to the City of Hobart Planning Scheme General Residential Zone criteria include changes to minimum lot sizes to 325m², a reduction in the minimum boundary setback and increased building heights in residential areas. Infill housing is something that we, Mount Stuart property owners, all need to think about. What is our castle today may be adversely affected by a development on an adjoining property, possibly without any rights



of appeal. Your sunny block could be overshadowed by a building up to 8.5m high with 3m high walls a minimum of 1.5m from your boundary, or by a flat roof structure with a wall on your boundary up to 2.9m high which is compliant with the planning regulations. The changes in planning regulations which permit this are part of the standardisation of rules for General Residential Areas (virtually all of Mount Stuart) in the proposed Statewide Planning Scheme.

The information given above is of a very general nature. If you are concerned or require more information you should check with a town planner or the HCC.

Christmas Trees

Lenah Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade will be selling Christmas Trees on Sat 5th, Sun 6th, Sat 12th and Sun 13th December from 9am to 4.30pm at the station in Kalang Avenue, Lenah Valley (next to the Roy Fagan Centre). Funds raised go towards buying equipment for the brigade.



YOGA



Supper room: Mount Stuart Hall

Day classes: Tues. and Fri.

Ann: 0428 842 144 www.yogainhobart.com

'SHARE YOUR STORY' PROJECT



You are invited to be part of a significant state-wide event. Tasmania Fire Service will be engaging with the community to collect, record and present people's 1967 bushfire stories in digital video format. In 2017 the collection will be available online, feature in a TMAG exhibition and will be part of archival collections of Tasmania, owned by the community.

There is a range of ways you can contribute your story and be part of the 50-year anniversary project:

- ◆ Record a story in the touring Black Tuesday Video Booth at statewide events.
- ◆ Contribute your story with a written story, photos and art.
- ◆ Lend photographs and artefacts of the fires and recovery to an exhibition to be held at TMAG from January to March 2017.

To register your story or for more information, please contact:

Lesley King

Community Development Officer
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lesley.king@fire.tas.gov.au

Know YOUR bushfire risk.

Make a plan.



Lenah Valley Bushfire Survival Plan Workshop

Thursday 10th December, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Lenah Valley Hall, Creek Road

Light refreshments provided

You are invited to attend a survival plan session with Lesley King of the Tasmania Fire Service Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods Program.

Topics covered for your plan include bushfire danger ratings, emergency alerts, nearby safer places and evacuation centres, property preparations and accessing information on the Tasmania Fire Service website.

The Art Society of Tasmania



What's On



December: New Members

Talented artists who have recently joined us

January: Workshopped

The best works from the many workshops held in 2015

February: Feature artist – Ruth Sharkey

Thank you for visiting our gallery and spreading the word about our exhibitions.

We wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas
Membership is open to practising artists.

LADY FRANKLIN GALLERY

Open 11am - 4pm Saturdays & Sundays

Closed between Christmas and New Year

268 Lenah Valley Rd www.artstas.com.au

Ring 6278 2702 for information

HAIGH MEMORIAL

You have probably noticed the large rock in the middle of the Mount Stuart Road roundabout

and you may have seen the plaque paying tribute to Tony Haigh. The Residents Association has replaced this plaque with a new one paying tribute to both Tony and his wife Darlene, both of whom did so much

for the City of Hobart and Mount Stuart. In a first for us, the plaque contains a QR code with links to the Mount Stuart website and relevant information.



SOUTHERNTASBADMINTON

Summer Roster Nominations Now Open

It doesn't matter if you are a state champion or a badminton beginner, nominations for our Summer Roster are now open.



Badminton is a fantastic way to stay in shape, keep fit and have fun.

For more information, visit our website and look for the **nominate** button.

Want to practice first? We run a public *come and try* session every Tuesday evening from 7:30pm. The cost is \$10 with rackets and shuttles provided.

Special Offer! Present this advert to admit 2 people for the price of 1. Valid until December 15, 2015



fb.me/southerntasbadminton



www.southerntasbadminton.com.au



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

During the past six months there have been only ten reported crimes, seven of which involved motor vehicles. The other three were burglaries – in one case an off duty police officer observed the offender leaving the premises with stolen goods. A very rapid arrest! How can you keep your house safe during the holiday season, especially if you will be absent for a time? The key to deterring burglars while you are away is to make your home look like someone's at home. Before heading off on holiday, here are some easy tips to prepare your home:



- ◆ Leave a radio on and tune it to a talkback station.
- ◆ Use a timer on lamps to make it look like someone is inside.
- ◆ Cancel deliveries, such as newspapers, or have a trusted person collect it for you.
- ◆ You should also have a trusted neighbour, relative or Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator empty your letterbox and take your bin out and in, even if empty.
- ◆ Hang some old clothes on the line and leave old shoes outside the front door.
- ◆ If you are going away for an extended period of time, consider getting a house-sitter and arrange for someone to mow your lawn.
- ◆ If you are out for the evening, leave a light on and close the curtains.



Here are some tips to manage your phone and messages before you go on holidays:

- ◆ Divert your home phone to your mobile or lower the volume on your phone.
- ◆ On your answering machine say 'We can't come to the phone right now' rather than 'I'm on holidays and will be back on...'
- ◆ If you live alone, say 'We can't come to the phone right now' rather than 'I can't come to the phone right now'.



Police phone numbers:

Non urgent 131444

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

BUSHCARE

It is with sadness that we mark the loss of another member of this group. Marj Wall was a lover of nature and will be missed very much. The very small group left will continue to weed and maintain the Leonard Wall Reserve and Providence Valley and would love some new faces to join us! Because of the small group, (with two recent deaths, there are now only two or three members), the Bushcare organisation has decided the group will only meet on the 4th Sunday of February, May, September and November at 2 pm (Byard St/Mount Stuart Rd entrance to the Reserve).

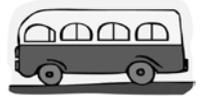


We have just heard that Mount Stuart Scouts are planning activities in the Leonard Wall Valley Street Reserve and that they will be working with volunteers for the February working bee. This could be a great collaboration!

Vicki Martin, Convenor 6228 3228

ON THE BUSES

Metro has published the results of their survey on bus routes and you can



read these on: <http://tinyurl.com/no6xx4c>

It appears that Metro is planning to go ahead with the proposed changes. A petition against the changed routes is being circulated and you can read this and sign if you wish on: <http://tinyurl.com/oaqenqa>

THANK YOU

A huge thankyou to all those associated with the production of this newsletter, in particular to our team of deliverers.

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We wish all our readers a happy and safe Christmas and all the best for 2016.