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YOUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS
Thursday 31st March 2016
Mount Stuart Memorial Hall

Guest Speaker: Ryk Goddard - 7.45pm
Creating Communities

MOUNT STUART RESIDENTS INC
Notice of
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Time: To follow Ryk
Business: Election of Office Bearers
Annual Reports

MOUNT STUART HALL INC
Notice of
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Time: To follow Residents' meeting
Business: Election of Office Bearers
Annual Reports

Written nominations for the positions of:
President, Secretary, Treasurer and nine
committee members for each of the Associations
may be delivered to the Secretary by 7.30 pm on
31st March 2016. A nomination form is provided
on our website www.mountstuarttas.org.au or at
right. (In accordance with the Constitutions, all
residents of Mount Stuart over 18 years of age
are members of both Associations.)

2016 NOMINATION FORM:
ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

To: The Secretary
Mount Stuart Residents Inc#
Mount Stuart Hall Inc #
PO Box 116, North Hobart TAS 7002

We, the undersigned, nominate

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for the following position on the 2016
Committee

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Proposer:

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I accept the nomination

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(Nominee)

Delete one of these.

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.

AGM SPEAKER

For our AGMs this year we are fortunate to have Ryk Goddard as guest speaker. Ryk, who presents the top rated 936 ABC local radio Hobart

breakfast show which enjoys more than 25% of the local audience, is an actor, writer, comedian and theatre director and has also worked as a busker, cook, labourer and dishwasher – all of which proved to be good training for being dad to two children. He recently moved from Bellerive to West Hobart and now regularly runs and rides up Mount Stuart – which he notes is very steep but isn't a mountain. More a ridge maybe! He ran a state and federally funded theatre company (Is Theatre, formerly Salamanca Theatre Company) which gathered a community of around 150 theatre makers in Hobart, providing them with skills and training for professional employment.



So, come along and be entertained, given something to think about and meet other members of your community. Because of the hours he works, Ryk will be first on the programme.

CHCA

The Council of Hobart Community Associations (CHCA) held meetings in February and March to discuss issues of concern to Hobart ratepayers. The Association is particularly concerned about the recent extreme traffic events that the city has experienced. While a wide variety of solutions has been suggested, including expensive infrastructure projects that would take many years to build, it seems that a large number of the traffic issues

could be dealt with through clearways on parts of Macquarie Street, better timing of traffic lights, and better co-ordination of major road works. Residents have also expressed concern to the CHCA that new bus routes have caused commuters to return to their vehicles and this has exacerbated the situation.

Another concern is the continued situation where there are only four Hobart aldermen on the Planning Committee, instead of the required five. The Committee's workload will only increase with the anticipated roll-out of the *State-wide Planning Scheme* and the consequential reduction in time for approvals from 28 days to 21 days. Given that there are serious legal ramifications that stem from the performance of this Committee, the CHCA has called for the HCC to urgently appoint an additional member. The CHCA is also concerned that the panel conducting the *Targeted Review of the Local Government Act* only includes one elected official, Mr Doug Chipman, president of the Local Government Association of Tasmania.



Given that the *Targeted Review* is examining the functions of mayors, deputy mayors and elected members and the appointment, functions and powers of the general manager, amongst other aspects, the CHCA has stated that it would have preferred to see a diverse committee that includes representatives of the general community.



For more information on the CHCA, please like the Association's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/bettercommunitieshobart

Scott Faulkner

ROUND AND ROUND THE SUBURBS

Mount Stuart has a new bus route. Yippee!!

For some of us, there's plenty of irony and sarcasm in that statement. Especially if we live in the Summerhill Road – Hillside Crescent

– Clift Street area and now have to walk a distance up or down a steep hill to and from the bus stop. For Mount Stuart Primary School staff and families, it's a mixed blessing. Buses are now absent from the crowded streets at peak times, but quick links to other schools are now slower.



Residents who have lamented the lack of a direct link to the attractions of North Hobart now have one. Those who need to get quickly to or from the CBD are frustrated at what is sometimes a near doubling of travel time – and with a less frequent service. But it's possible to transfer to the all-stops Elizabeth Street bus route and get to town a little faster – harder to coordinate travel back to meet the bus up the hill, though.



We retirees need to learn patience – read a book, practise our use of our smart phone or treat it as a chance to get to know our neighbours better! If

our memories are not what they were, we need to carry a copy of the timetable with us. Because of the varied reactions, it has not been possible for the Mount Stuart Residents committee to take a strong position either for or against the changes.

What remains to be clarified is how much the overall changes to Metro services contribute to the newly urgent problem of traffic congestion in central Hobart. We will maintain a watching brief on that. Please send us your comments.

David Reeve

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THE POWER OF THE PEN

Good to see local resident, Linley Grant, recognised (ahead of high profile economist, Saul Eslake) in the *Mercury's* top 20 contributors for 2015. It was stated that 'Linley Grant remains a powerful and relevant voice while advocating for human rights, peace and equality.' Keep it up Linley!



Alderman Eva Ruzicka

For assistance with local government issues across our lovely city, please contact me by phone 0407 319 317 or email me eva@ruzicka.id.au.

Want to know more about local government? Go to www.evaruzicka.blogspot.com.au & occasionally on Facebook
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BEWARE OF SCAMS!!! *

Every year, Australians lose millions of dollars to the activities of scammers who bombard us with online, mail, door to door and telephone scams. If you want to stay on top of scams, visit the SCAMwatch website www.scamwatch.gov.au
Just remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

Lotteries, sweepstakes and competitions. Many Australians are lured by a surprise win and find themselves sending huge amounts of money overseas to claim fake prizes.

Golden investment opportunities. Have you been tempted to invest in a high risk money making scheme promising 'risk-free investment'? Often the return is nothing but misfortune!

Money transfer requests. Money transfer scams are on the rise. Be very careful when someone offers you money to help transfer their funds – they are after your bank account details so they can empty your account.

Banking, credit card and online account scams. Scammers use new technology to come up with new scams to steal your bank account information and your money. This could be by 'Phishing' or a fake fraud alert. Remember your financial institution will never ask you to confirm details via email or on the phone.

Internet scams. Many internet scams take place without the victim even noticing. Never open an

email or attachment from someone you don't know. **Mobile phone scams** can be difficult to recognise. Be wary of unknown callers or redialling a call from an unknown number; there may be hidden charges. These include 'free' ringtones, text messages or SMS competitions or trivia. You may end up with a very costly subscription which is hard to terminate!

Dating and romance scams try to lower your defences by appealing to your romantic and compassionate side.

Charity scams take advantage of your generosity and kindness by asking for donations to a fake charity or by impersonating a real charity.

Door to door scams. Door to door sales can promote home maintenance services such as pest control, home and garden maintenance and even electricity and telephone services. Many legitimate businesses sell things this way but some scammers also use this approach. Always check their ID and if in doubt ring the company. You can ask them to leave, read documentation and check cooling off periods.

Home phone scams. Many have had foreign contact centres calling with 'Microsoft windows problems' or 'free travel offers'. There are some interesting responses on YouTube – search via Microsoft Scams! The Do Not Call register (www.donotcall.gov.au) does not prevent foreign calls.

Martin Gilby

*Reference: *The little black book of scams*



The Art Society of Tasmania

What's On

April: Watercolour landscapes

Artists *Betty Debnam & Sue Fricker*

Sat 9th April – Sun 1st May

May: Bright & Beautiful

Selected artists aim for bold flamboyant colour & themes

Sat 7th – Sun 29th May

June: Feature Artist Diane Casimaty

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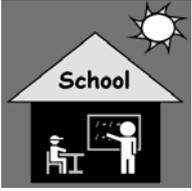
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FROM THE SCHOOL

Mount Stuart Primary School has had an exciting start to the new school year with wonderful weather and enthusiastic students, meaning that we have had a successful Athletics Carnival and Grade 6 Camp.



We have worked with our community last term and this one to develop a set of school values that highlight our aspirations and underpinning goals for all of our school community. The goals, which were developed with input from students, parents and staff, have given greater clarity and confidence for everyone about our expectations for everyone involved in our school.

The values are:

- Being Safe
- Being Respectful
- Being Resilient
- Being Creative
- Being Courageous

Term 1 has also had many highlights that included the community as a whole, with our first school fair being held on the 4th of March, the Hawthorn Football Club visiting on the 19th of February and Harmony Day highlighting our commitment to a diverse and inclusive school culture.

Mount Stuart Primary School is a co-educational public primary school that caters for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. If you would like any further information about how your child would benefit from attending our fantastic school, please contact the office on 62 341705 and 'like' our Mount Stuart Primary Facebook page.

FACEBOOK

More and more people are checking with the Mount Stuart Facebook page and its benefit was really highlighted with the information about the snakes on Knocklofty and about the tree vandalism in Mortimer Ave. Seeing that our newsletter only appears four times a year, Facebook offers the opportunity to disseminate information straight away. If you want to advertise



an event or post a photo, the address is:
<https://www.facebook.com/mountstuarttas>

Feel free to like the page and don't forget to log on and see what's happening.

RIO BOUND

Congratulations to local rower, Kerry Hore on selection for her fourth Olympics. An awesome achievement!



TRAFFIC MATTERS

Alderman Anna Reynolds chaired the year's first meeting of the Residents' Traffic Committee. A new format with the Lenah Valley and Mount Stuart communities combining produced some interesting discussion and showed that the two areas have similar problems – traffic volume and safety. Parking around both local primary schools is a big issue. A particular concern in Mount Stuart is the speed of cars as they leave Gordon Avenue onto the top section of Montagu Street – there is

limited space to cross this road safely.



HCC is considering ways to optimise the benefit of these meetings. Should they become project-based rather than issues-based? Don't forget that you can report potholes, footpath problems or poor lighting at any time by calling 6238 2836. If there are traffic concerns, you can also email HCC at the time, not wait until a meeting is due.

BUSHCARE

Valley Street Bushcare Group will meet on the 4th Sunday of May and September. As we have been reduced to a small group, more support is needed, so if you have an afternoon free to help us on one or both of the dates above, we would really love to see you. The Mount Stuart Scouts will be helping at some stage again this year. Many thanks in advance!

Meet on Sunday May 22nd at 2:00pm 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 call Vicki Martin on 6228 3228.



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