

Mount Stuart News

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The second annual general meetings of the renamed Mount Stuart associations, Mount Stuart Residents Inc. and Mount Stuart Hall Inc. were held on 31 March. It was good to see both familiar and new faces there and to welcome a new member, Leo Foley, to both committees.

There were two changes to our committees: the residents' association has a new president, Jennifer Dunbabin, and, as mentioned above, Leo Foley has joined both committees. Lynden Howells continues as president of the hall association and Stewart Gardner remains secretary of both associations, as does Eric Pinkard in his role as treasurer. Committee members of both associations are Scott Faulkner, Martin Gilby, Rosemary Gardner, Linley Grant, Aviva Orgad, Marilyn Pinkard, and Leo Foley.

We thank David Reeve for his wise and focused time as president. David will continue to be a committee member of the residents' association.

Our talk, *Building Communities in the 21st Century*, by Ryk Goddard, was inspiring. He encouraged us to reflect on our idea of community, asking us "what would people come here for?" He also invited us to think about what we could do for others.

All residents are welcome to attend any meetings, which are held on the 4th Thursday of each month (except December) and to submit any matters for discussion. You can read the annual reports on our website: www.mountstuarttas.org.au and also check out what's happening at the hall.

Aviva Orgad, our booking officer, is the person to contact if you wish to use one of the three halls.



Photographers – it would be wonderful if you could share your photos of Mount Stuart, and looking out from Mount Stuart, with us. We'd like to use them on our Facebook page. You can email us or send them to secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au.

RUBBISH BINS AND HIGH WINDS

A suggestion from a resident, who wonders:

With the weather being very windy lately, could residents consider not putting out bins that might blow over? This will help prevent rubbish and recycling ending up on the streets and our gardens. There has been a significant increase in rubbish, especially newspapers, in Mount Stuart streets lately.

This won't always be possible of course, but hopefully some residents may be able to wait a week or two?

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.

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TRAFFIC MATTERS

Recently Council agreed to a number of initiatives which it hopes will create the kind of Hill Street the community is looking for, such as:

- Council will push for the installation of traffic signals on the corner of Hill and Arthur Streets, and lobby the state and federal governments to provide the funds for this. This corner has been pretty chaotic for cars, bikes and pedestrians since the new Hill Street store opened, and it's felt that the lights will make this area safer. Having lights may also help to provide a break in the constant flow of traffic that continues on through the roundabout during peak hours. This break is also important so that pedestrians get a few moments to cross the road safely.
- Council will also work to see the installation of a children's crossing in Hill Street in the new 40km/h zone near Caldew Park (these are the crossings that operate around school hours).
- Council will build a number of more generous crossing points on Hill Street, to replace the little concrete refuges. It's still to be decided if these will be fitted with zebra crossings that give pedestrians right of way, and the design process for these and other measures will happen over the next 12 months.

If you would like to comment on any of the above, feel free to visit our Facebook page.

YOGA

Supper room: Mount Stuart Hall

Day classes: Tues. and Fri. mornings

Ann: 0428 842 144 www.yogainhobart.com



CARD SKIMMING

Millions of dollars are stolen each year through 'skimming' of people's bank details as they make transactions.

A recent case involved 'cash trapping', where offenders insert a tool similar to a fork into an ATM during a small withdrawal, causing the cash dispenser to jam.

The card skimming typically involves attaching a device to an ATM that can read encrypted information on the card while a small camera records the customer's PIN.

But while the recent scams are a worry for consumers, the amount of money lost to this type of fraud has been falling in recent years.

Technology is playing a key role in the banks' fight against the practice. Newer ATMs are designed to make cards unreadable to skimming devices. In ATMs with this 'jitter' technology, the card vibrates while entering and leaving the machine.

Growth in cards that use microchips and PINs instead of signatures is also helping reduce skimming at merchant terminals.

Statistics from the Australian Payments Clearing Association show \$37.8 million was lost last financial year to counterfeit and skimming fraud on all credit and debit cards issued in Australia – a fall of 29 per cent from the previous year.

But the amount lost to skimming alone in Australia rose 4 per cent to \$24.3 million and an increase in ATM skimming was the main cause. The Australian Bankers Association last year said the incidence of credit card skimming had halved since 2011, while skimming of debit cards had fallen by two-thirds since a spike in 2009. If consumers have been skimmed, their banks are required to refund the money

Next newsletter: card proximity scanning



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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GREEN BINS – GREEN WASTE Green bins come to Mount Stuart



Mount Stuart residents would be pleasantly surprised by the recent rollout of green waste bins to our community – something Mount Stuart Residents Inc. has been recommending for a number of years.

A fortnightly kerbside green waste service using wheelie bins commenced on 2 May 2016 for most residential properties greater than 400m² and less than 4000m². It is collected in the week that the yellow recycling bin is not collected.

It is possible to opt in to the new service if you do not automatically receive it. This service must be requested by the property owner, and a form is available on the City of Hobart website at <http://www.hobartcity.com.au>.

Property owners can also request multiple bins to service their property if they need extra green waste removed. This will attract a service fee in the order of \$50 each year and requires the owner to make an application for the extra bins.

The bins will be collected each fortnight for twelve months and the service fee will be

confirmed once the 2016/2017 rates are approved by Council later this financial year.

If you have any questions about the service please call Council on 03 6278 0273 or email coh@hobartcity.com.au



The Art Society of Tasmania

July artworks “Inspired by Words”

Ends Sunday 31st July

August Solo artist Robert Sargent

You love boats and bay scenes? You’ll love this! Ends Sun 28th August

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FACEBOOK



More and more people are checking with the Mount Stuart Facebook page. Its benefit was really highlighted during recent proposed traffic arrangements for the Mount Stuart end of Hill Street, where it received many comments. Seeing that our newsletter only appears four times a year, Facebook offers the opportunity to share information straightaway. 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 check in and see what's happening.

RIO BOUND

Congratulations to local rower, Kerry Hore, on qualifying for her fourth Olympics. An awesome achievement! We wish her and her team every success.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Crime Report

26-27/02	Elphinstone Rd: car scratched
29/02-1/03	Mt Stuart Rd: car stolen
06/04	Elphinstone Rd: motorcycle stolen
12/04	Mt Stuart Rd: car stolen
11-12/04	Mt Stuart Rd: car entered
11-12/04	Byard St: items stolen from car
11-12/04	Byard St: car entered
17 -19/05	Auvergne Ave: house entered
15-19/05	Fordham St: house entered

Don't leave property in unattended vehicles (especially personal papers & credit cards)
Secure keys and keep them safely when not in use. Don't leave them lying around.
Police contacts: 131444 – non urgent
1800 330 000 Crime Stoppers

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 23 June

Residents are invited to our next meeting which starts at 7.45 pm in the Supper Room.

Anne Harrison, a member of the Tasmanian Planning Information Network, will talk about TPIN's concerns with the proposed statewide planning scheme.

Please join us to find out more, and how these changes could affect the neighbourhood and your enjoyment of the home you live in.

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WANT TO HELP WITH PROBLEMS AFFECTING WOMEN AND FAMILIES?

If you have concerns about problems that affect women and their families, you might wish to send an email to the National Council of Women of Tasmania.

This council has existed for 117 years to help organisations work together to improve life for women and their families.

Last year it worked on problems such as:

- the reduction in school children's health checks;
- the cost of food for sufferers of PKU;
- the number of children playing truant from school each day;
- the huge fish catches by the super trawler *Geelong Star*;
- the loss of the organisation, Women Tasmania; and
- delays in the rebuilding of the Royal Hobart Hospital.

If you think that there is a problems NCWT should be addressing, please email – mgr70303@bigpond.net.au

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HIROSHIMA DAY

On 6 August this year, there will be another worldwide commemoration of the dropping of nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II.

There has been a remembrance vigil in Hobart every year since. This year it will take place on Parliament House Lawns from 11 am to 12 noon on Saturday 6 August.