

Mount Stuart News

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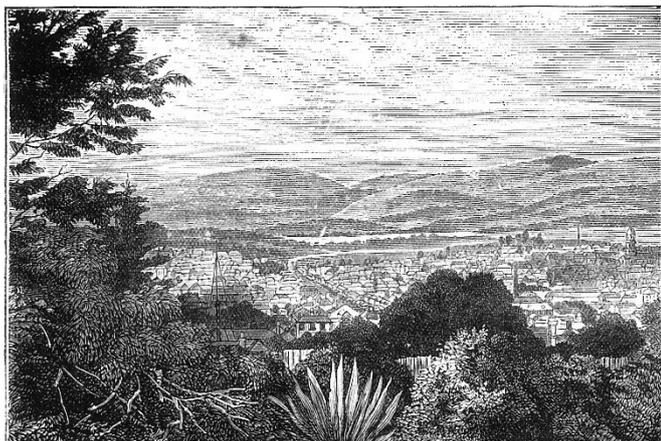
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish all the residents of Mount Stuart, both old and new, all the best for a safe and happy holiday season. A special thank- you to all who have contributed to this newsletter in any way and, above all, to our very reliable deliverers.



WHERE WAS THIS TAKEN?



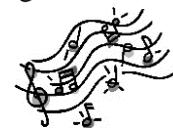
Do you recognise this view of Hobart? It was taken from around our area, but where? Local resident, Don Taylor, found the print in an old English geography text book (*Geography Reading Books: Standard 6, India and the Colonies*) from the 1890s, where it was simply labelled *Hobart*. We would like to know where it was taken, so if you have any ideas, email editor@mountstuarttas.org.au (Our guess is Muir Court.)

It is worth remembering that at that time Mount Stuart Town was separate from Hobart and included parts of what is now West Hobart. It only became part of the city of Hobart around 1908.

P.S. You can access the image on our Facebook page or our website to enlarge the view.

NEW COMMUNITY GROUP FOR MOUNT STUART

On 5 February 2017, the Open Door program starts at the Hall. Every Monday from 9.30 to 12.30 the Residents' Association will offer a variety of activities including: exercise, dance, talks, games, listening to music and meeting the musicians.



We invite you to contribute the program: if you would like something to be offered, or would like to run an activity, please contact Aviva Orgad, Program Manager, 0478 983 624 or 6278 8526 or email: hallbookings@mountstuarttas.org.au.



Follow our Facebook page ([mountstuarttas](https://www.facebook.com/mountstuarttas)) for updates and watch your letterbox early in January for the program.

Rob Valentine MLC
Independent Member for Hobart
A hearty Season's Greetings to all in Mount Stuart and perhaps we can each spare a thought over the break for someone who is without family or friends and help them know they are not forgotten.



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BUSHCARE

The new year begins for the Valley Street Reserve Bushcare group (a very small group) on February 26th at 2 pm until 4.30 pm and they would love to see more community members helping keep the open/bush spaces clear of weeds! Come and join in for a companionable two hours with a cuppa at the end. For more information, contact Vicki Martin on 6228 3228.



YOGA 2017

Supper Room: Mount Stuart Hall

OPEN MIXED LEVEL

Tuesday 11-12.30

Beginner & experienced

EXPERIENCED LEVEL

Friday: 9.30-11

Self-regulated poses; breath work;
restorative relaxation; meditation.

Yoga for changing pace and letting go.

Ann Sparks: 0428 842 144

www.yogainhobart.com



CHCA REPORT

The Council of Hobart Community Associations continues to promote the activities



of our member associations, including Mount Stuart Residents Inc.

Recently, CHCA members have been involved with TasPIN – an organisation dedicated to providing information about the proposed Statewide Planning Scheme. Large sections of the community have expressed concerns about some of the features of the planning scheme, including that, within the General Residential zone, dwellings and units up to twice the height and density of surrounding buildings can be classified as *no permit required*. More information on TasPIN is available here: <http://www.taspin.net/>

CHCA members attended the recent Hobart City Council AGM Forum. Attendees asked questions on a variety of issues, including the Hobart Interim Planning Scheme, the Statewide Planning Scheme, proposals to build large hotels in downtown Hobart, and aspects of the annual report, which can be found on the City of Hobart website at:

http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Publications/Council_Reports/Annual_Report



More information on the activities of the CHCA can be found on our Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/bettercommunitieshobart

MOUNT STUART STUDENTS WINNERS IN PEACE BUILDING COMPETITION

On 21st September, the UN's World Day of Peace, four Mount Stuart students, Harry Hilton, Ol Jones, Benjamin George and Joshua Avery, were invited to Government House to receive their prize and their certificates as state winners of the poster section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, (WILPF) Tasmanian Branch's Peace Building

competition, which was conducted throughout the state during preceding months. A group of four students from The Friends' School, some of whom also reside in Mount Stuart, won the poetry section of the same competition.

Her Excellency the Hon. Professor Kate Warner AM, who welcomed the students with their parents and teachers, plus members of WILPF, gave a stirring speech. Linley Grant OAM, President of WILPF Tasmania, reminded students that WILPF was established in 1915 to try to prevent war and the loss of life in war.



The Mount Stuart students said they thoroughly enjoyed visiting Government House and the opportunity extended to them, and hope to enter the competition again next year.

Alderman Eva Ruzicka

I wish you all a Peaceful and Happy Christmas with family, friends and neighbours, and the best of good wishes for the New Year.

phone 0407 391 317 or email eva@ruzicka.id.au.

Want to know more about local government?

Go to www.evaruzicka.blogspot.com.au

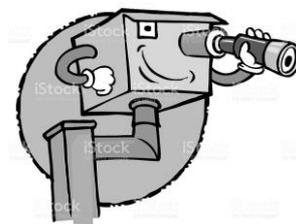
& occasionally on Facebook

Authorised by E. Ruzicka,

1/6 Blackwood Ave. West Hobart.

SCAM UPDATE

Tasmania Police has informed us that an email scam is currently circulating advising people that they have received a fine and should pay



online. Police do not issue fines by email. Please contact Tasmania Police on 131444 if you have received such an email. Also, if you are notified of a speed

camera photographic fine, the photo is available to be viewed at Hobart Police Station in Liverpool Street during normal office hours.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In the past few months there have been many more instances of home invasion than car thefts and burglaries. As you prepare for the holiday season, ensure that your property is secure and that there are no indications that your house is empty. Arrange for someone to collect mail, discontinue newspaper deliveries and leave a light on a timer.

Police Contact Numbers

Phone 131444 – Non-urgent matters

Phone 1 800 333 000 – Crime Stoppers

Holiday Pet Care

• Pet Minding • Pet Feeding
• House Sitting • Dog Walking
• Pet Taxi

Home stay dog boarding

*For all your holiday pet care needs
call the Pet Care Specialists*

Kimberly's Pet Taxi & Pet Services

0428 568 852

www.pettaxi.net.

CITY OF HOBART TRANSPORT STRATEGY



The City of Hobart is developing a Transport Strategy and over the next year, they will be seeking community comment on four areas – Freight, Private Transport, Public Transport and Local Area Traffic Management. After comment has been received on these topics, a draft Transport Strategy will be prepared for further comment. Information is available on the City's website: hobartcity.com.au/Transport/Transport/Strategy



The Freight topic is now closed and the Private Transport topic is open for comment from November to March. You will have the

opportunity to provide feedback through the City of Hobart's 'Your Say Hobart' website, meetings and public forums. Notification of the community engagement will be through the City's website, social media, information in City of Hobart buildings and facilities and public notices in the *Mercury*.

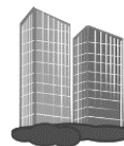
When the four community engagement modules have been completed the feedback will be brought together with further technical research to form the draft Transport Strategy for the City of Hobart 2018–30. There will be another opportunity for the community to comment on the draft Transport Strategy before it is

finalised. The target date for releasing the final Transport Strategy is the beginning of 2018. For more information contact the City's Transport Engineer, Stuart Baird via email to coh@hobartcity.com.au

SAVE OUR SUBURBS (SOS)

The draft State Planning Provisions (SPPs) will negatively affect the amenity, heritage and regional character which makes Tasmania unique. In General Residential zones (most of Mount Stuart is zoned General Residential) it is proposed that the following be automatically approved – i.e. councils will not be able to refuse a development application which satisfies these listed criteria:

- smaller single house block sizes (down to 450m²)
- units with minimum block sizes of 325 m²
- taller buildings (up to 8.5m – a three-storey residence is possible)
- minimal boundary setbacks (a building wall on or within 1.5m of the boundary can be 3m to 4.5m high and up to 1/3 of the length of the block to a maximum of 9m)
- site coverage of less than 50%.



If a development satisfies these criteria, there may be no advertising and no necessity to advise owners of adjoining or affected land. We might never be told what will be altered or built next door, or given the opportunity to comment or appeal. The first we might know is when the backhoe appears next door. Approvals could lead to bigger buildings (of a form and scale not seen before in our towns and cities) and a proliferation of units with serious impacts on views, privacy, winter sun and quality of life.



If a development cannot satisfy the automatic approval criteria, approval can still be gained using performance criteria (often described as loopholes). For more information go to taspin.net.

Christmas Trees

Lenah Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade will be selling Christmas Trees on Sat 10th, Sun 11th, Sat 17th and Sun 18th 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.



FREE ENTRY WEEKENDS

The HCC provides various waste minimisation and management services to the community. It is worth noting these dates for upcoming **free entry weekends** to the McRobies Gully Waste Management Centre, between 10am and 4pm.

Free General Mixed Waste (includes Green Waste)

21 & 22 January 2017

Free Green Waste Only

10 & 11 December 2016

25 & 26 February 2017



This is for City of Hobart residents only and only domestic quantities, such as a standard ute or box trailer of waste materials will be accepted. To gain free entry, simply show your driver's licence to the tollbooth operator to verify that you are a resident of the City of Hobart. Please note that this free entry period does not apply to wastes such as tyres, paints, chemicals, asbestos, other hazardous wastes or any other commercial wastes. For any further information relating to these services please contact the City on (03) 6278 0200.



The Art Society of Tasmania
What's On

New exhibition every month

December & January: In the Box and off the wall – *small artworks, jewellery, cards etc.*

Ideal gifts for visitors and family.

February: Solo artist Roger Imms

The last exhibition was a sell-out, so be quick.

February 10th – 19th: Salamanca Long Gallery

We will be running the major exhibition of the Wooden Boat Festival.

100s of fine Tasmanian works for sale.

Membership open to practising artists.

LADY FRANKLIN GALLERY

Open 11am - 4pm Saturdays & Sundays

268 Lenah Valley Rd. www.artstas.com.au

Ph 6278 2702, when open, for information.

RUE DE WALLABIES



We are all accustomed to seeing Bennett's wallabies in the front garden or in the vegetable patch.

They are also at home in the village of Emance, south west of Paris. It seems that in the 70s a few escaped through holes in the fence from a zoological reserve in the village and adapted so well to the conditions, very similar to Tasmania, that there are now over 100 of them living in the wild. Apparently,

it is very difficult to convince French insurance companies of the cause of damage to cars – there are 30 to 40 collisions a year – so that the local mayor must provide certificates to say they are in the area. As well, they cannot be hunted because they do not come into the categories of game, pests, protected species or pets.



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.

DOS AND DON'TS FOR TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS

- MONITOR Total Fire Ban warnings through daily newspapers, television, radio and the TFS website (fire.tas.gov.au).
- BE aware that a Total Fire Ban usually lasts for 24 hours.
- DON'T use tools and equipment in the open air that generate sparks, such as for grinding, welding and cutting metal, or that use a naked flame.
- DON'T operate barbecues that use wood, charcoal or other solid fuel (these are all banned during Total Fire Bans).
- ONLY use gas and electric barbecues and follow the strict conditions set out on the TFS website.
- If bushwalking or camping, ONLY use gas-fuelled cooking appliances, providing they are clear of any flammable material for at least one metre.
- MINIMISE non-essential water use including garden-watering or lawn sprinklers. This will help ensure that firefighters and residents who may be facing a bushfire have water for fighting the fire.



To learn more about Bushfire

Ready Neighbourhoods, go to

<http://www.bushfirereadyneighbourhoods.tas.gov.au/bushfire-ready-neighbourhoods>



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WATCH OUT FOR THE SNAKES ON KNOCKLOFTY!

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