

# Mount Stuart News

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS



These meetings, held on March 24<sup>th</sup>, provided a lively and interesting evening. The formal business was concluded quickly and the floor then given over to the invited panellists.

Residents Association president, Jennifer Dunbabin presented a comprehensive report covering a busy year. She mentioned particularly our booking officer, Aviva Orgad, who has devised and implemented, with the assistance of HCC, the Open Door program to bring residents together. The Hall committee president, Lynden Howells, reported on the gratifying ever-increasing use of the hall as well as the issue of maintenance for such a building. He also paid tribute to Aviva for her work in making the hall such a popular venue.

The elections saw very minor changes to committees. For the Residents Association Jen Dunbabin was again elected president, Stewart Gardner secretary and Eric Pinkard treasurer and Public Officer. Committee members are David Reeve, Linley Grant, Rosemary Gardner, Leo Foley, Martin Gilby, Lynden Howells, Scott Faulkner and Marilyn Pinkard. Hall Association president is again Lynden Howells and other officer bearers the same. Committee members are Aviva Orgad, Jen Dunbabin, Linley Grant, Rosemary Gardner, Leo Foley, Martin Gilby, Scott Faulkner and Marilyn Pinkard. Committee meetings are held at 7.45 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, except December, and any resident is welcome to attend.

The topic of the evening was *What will the new Statewide Planning Scheme mean for you?* and the panellists, Robert Vincent, heritage architect; Claire Hynes, Senior Planning Advisor, from the Planning Policy



Unit, Tasmanian Department of Justice; and Jess Feehely, principal lawyer from the Environmental Defenders Office, each presented their focus on the question. The forum also attracted interested people from other areas around Hobart, who had the opportunity to question the panellists after they had made their presentations.

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## LONG SERVICE

The group of badminton ladies who have met at the hall each week over many years were saved from disbanding by the arrival of a new player and they would love to see more join them – Tuesday mornings at 10.00 in the hall (until about 11.30).



The ladies recently held a morning tea to farewell one of the original players, Betty Hinton, who has now moved into Freemasons Home, Lindisfarne. The group, which included Betty and the late Marj Wall, started playing on the Tuesday before the February 1967 bushfires when their children had just started either kindergarten, Prep or Grade 1 and has continued over the decades. Until shortly before her death, Marj could be seen walking up to the hall, racquet in one hand and walking stick in the other.

## VALE

We were saddened to note the passing of David Jones, long term resident of Weerona Ave, unofficial local historian and a fount of local knowledge. We offer our condolences to his wife, Judith and their family.

## CHCA UPDATE

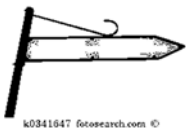
The Council of Hobart Community Associations (CHCA) recently held its quarterly meeting with the general manager of the Hobart City Council and other council officers. The Council committed to making council officers with planning expertise available to CHCA delegates to discuss concerns that their communities might have with the Statewide Planning Scheme in the Hobart City Local Government Area.

The CHCA expressed its extreme concern over the destruction of 55 Mount Stuart Road, but has been assured by Council that this is an isolated incident and that illegal demolition is not a developing pattern. Members of Council have expressed concern that current penalties for illegal demolitions aren't strong enough. As has been reported in the *Mercury*, the Council's external legal team is preparing a case for prosecution over the destruction of 55 Mount Stuart Road.

Other issues raised by the CHCA at the meeting included community grants; improving communication between the Council and Community Associations; the City of Hobart planning website; and progress towards goals in the Inner-City Action Plan.

In other news, the CHCA welcomes the re-formation of the New Town Community Association and is keen to see it working with nearby associations towards common goals. More information on the activities of the CHCA can be found on its Facebook page at: [facebook.com/bettercommunitieshobart/](https://facebook.com/bettercommunitieshobart/)

Scott Faulkner



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### WHY IS IT SO?

Why is the first house in Gillon Crescent number 87? When the street name was changed from Upper Jordan Hill Road just over 20 years ago, residents were surveyed regarding whether to change the street numbers (no reply to the survey was taken as a vote of NO). Lower Jordan Hill Road was originally meant to join up with Upper Jordan Hill Road.

The street was named after Bernard Gillon, long-time principal of Mount Stuart Primary School.

*(Thanks to Heather Henderson for providing this snippet of local history.)*

## YOGA 2017

Supper Room: Mount Stuart Hall

OPEN MIXED LEVEL

Tuesday 11-12.

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**

## OPEN DOOR

The Monday morning Open Door program at Mount Stuart Hall has continued to be popular, with recent sessions involving Tai Chi, no-dig gardening, Pilates, children's play and art activities and making rugs from rags and rubbish.



*Participants in Helen Swain's 'Tart Words' presentation.*

The next series is not yet finalised, but details can soon be found on the Mount Stuart Facebook page, by contacting Aviva Orgad on 0478 983 624 or by checking the hall notice board.

If you have ideas for sessions, suggestions are always welcome. All these sessions are free, so if you have some time, drop in during the mornings and see what is going on.

Thanks are very much due to our Booking Officer, Aviva Orgad and to the HCC Mathers House team for their continued support.



City of **HOBART**

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**The Art Society of Tasmania**

*What's On*

**New Exhibition Every Month**

**June: Shades of Clay**

*Invited ceramic artists. Curated by Dawn Oakford*

**July: Treelines**

*AST members focus on landscapes and trees.*

*Beautiful!*

**Local residents are welcome:**

To openings: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month at 6.30 pm.

To join as members: social \$40, artist \$50.

To join in workshops: beginners or experienced.  
(e.g. *Have a Go* – play with new media – pencils, acrylics, sugar!)

Open **11am – 4 pm** Saturdays & Sundays.

Ancanthe Park, 268 Lenah Valley Rd.

[www.artstas.com.au](http://www.artstas.com.au) or ph. message 6228 0076.

## MORE PLANNING INFORMATION

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, most of Mount Stuart is zoned General Residential – at least it is at present. But this could change.

Hobart City Council is considering extending the Inner Residential Zone to 800m on both sides of Elizabeth Street, which would mean that Mount Stuart from Newlands Ave and Mellifont St down to Elizabeth St would be zoned Inner Residential. We have published a map of the proposed changes on Mount Stuart website under Mount Stuart Residents Inc:

(<http://mountstuarttas.org.au/sites/default/files/files/HCCResZoneReviewCentralBus%20%283%29.pdf>). They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but we are not sure it is in this case. Look for Mount Stuart to the left of the transit corridor and below Augusta Road and see how much is within the neon green outlined area.

The implications of the re-zoning to Inner Residential are that subdivided blocks can be a minimum of 200m<sup>2</sup>; multiple dwellings should have a minimum site area of 200m<sup>2</sup>; site coverage should be a maximum of 65% (compared with 50% for the General Residential Zone); and building envelopes have a maximum height of 9.5m, all with no avenues for objection.

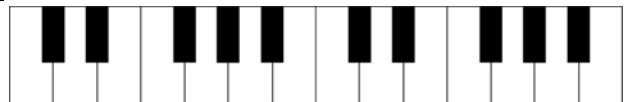
The other issue for Mount Stuart is that the new State Planning Provisions (SPPs) permit higher density multiple developments in the General Residential area for properties within 400m walking distance of a public transport stop, or within 400m walking distance of higher density zones such as Inner Residential Zones. By our reckoning, these extended zones would include all of Mount Stuart. The SPPs do not include any minimum site area for these multiple developments, which gives us cause for concern – how many units could the owners of 55 Mount Stuart Rd build on the property if it could be developed? As well as overshadowing and privacy considerations, we are concerned about traffic and parking, particularly in some of our narrow streets.



## PIANO LESSONS

*Lenah Valley. Fun, engaging environment.*

*1<sup>st</sup> lesson free*



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## TRAFFIC MATTERS

The work on Lenah Valley shopping precinct is due to start on the service station side of the road later in the year, to be completed by Christmas while the shop side changes will begin after Christmas.

An ongoing concern is access to the Hill St store when cars enter Hill St from Arthur St to turn right into the store. This can lead to cars waiting to enter the carpark blocking the southbound traffic. Parking changes outside the AA Lord Home are meant to alleviate this but traffic is still banking up. A safer option would be to turn into Hill St from Arthur St, proceed up to the Pine St roundabout and return along Hill St to enter the car park.

Mellifont St is due for resurfacing soon – you will have noted its current state – and it will be a real challenge for all concerned.

Still on traffic – a note from a resident – we know that 50 kph is the permitted speed in our streets, but some of them are just not built for these speeds, so please take care and slow down. There may be children or wildlife on the roads.



## Alderman Eva Ruzicka

For assistance with local government issues across our lovely city, please contact me by phone 0407 391 317 or email [eva@ruzicka.id.au](mailto:eva@ruzicka.id.au).

Want to know more about local government?

Go to [www.evaruzicka.blogspot.com.au](http://www.evaruzicka.blogspot.com.au)

& occasionally on Facebook

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## INJURED WILDLIFE

It is inevitable that we sometimes find an injured animal on our streets as more of them come down from the mountain in search of food. So, what is the best thing to do? Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary runs a 24-hour wildlife rescue service.



*Wildlife Rescue*

If you find injured or orphaned wildlife:

- Keep the animal WARM
- Keep the animal in the DARK
- Keep the animal QUIET
- DO NOT FEED it anything
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## SCAMS AGAIN!

### Who are the scammers?

Scammers are generally overseas and often claim to be from legitimate sources including:

- Australian Tax Office
- Supermarket chains
- PayPal
- Netflix
- Australia Post
- Microsoft
- Telstra



### Regular scams:

- Threats (for example: to arrest, to seize property, to injure a person)
- Extortion
- Unexpected winnings
- Unexpected inheritance
- Wanting access to your computer, phone, personal information or bank details
- Clicking on computer pop-ups
- Buying goods when you can't view the actual product
- Online relationships or romances where money is sought
- Fake charities where you are asked to donate money

If you receive what you feel is a scam, you can report it to your bank or financial institution, Tasmania Police, Crime Stoppers, Australian Cybercrime online reporting network (ACORN) or Scamwatch.

**In summary, be alert to scams and fraud. If it sounds too good to be true, it generally is!**

*Reference: Tasmania Police*

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