

Mount Stuart News

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OPEN DOOR RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER!

Monday 11th September –

9.30 – 10.15: TAI CHI with Vicki (\$5 to tutor)

10.30 – 12.00: STILL GARDENING with Jonah. A talk about Tasmanian native plants that will thrive in your garden with less water and less work from you.

Monday 18th September –

10.30 – 12.30: KNOCKLOFTY

Susan Smythe, Hobart historian and author will introduce us to the rich colonial history of this reserve, so popular with walkers and dogs.

Monday 25th September –

10.30 – 12.30: MOSAICS with Sue Leitch

Monday 9th October –

10.30 – 12.00: FELDENKRAIS

Wendy Leewood (Certified Feldenkrais Practitioner) will talk about how her classes can influence your movement habits, improving the way you move and calming your mind.

Monday 16th October –

10.30 – 12.00: LYMPHOEDEMA

Chris Dale (Physiotherapist; Lymphoedema Education and Management) will discuss all types of lymphoedema, including one which is often misdiagnosed as obesity.

Monday 23rd October –

10.30 – 12.30: MOSAICS with Sue Leitch.

Monday 6th November –

10.30 – 12.30: MOSAICS with Sue Leitch.

These activities are usually FREE and a cuppa and nibbles are provided.

For more information always check our Facebook page: 'Mount Stuart Tasmania' or our website: [mountstuarttas.org.au/what's on](http://mountstuarttas.org.au/what's_on)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monday mornings, the Mount Stuart Hall Open Door program offers a place to meet for a range of activities. However, we would like two or three more people to share the organising. Contact Aviva [0478 983 624] if you would like to know more about what's involved.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS

You will have heard in the media that HCC this year is distributing grants to community organisations to run local carol programs. Mount Stuart Residents Inc's application for a grant was successful and planning is already underway for the event to be held on December 17th at the Mount Stuart Hall. More details in the next edition of *Mount Stuart News*.



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KNOCKLOFTY NEWS

The track from Weerona Ave, Mount Stuart to Forest Road, West Hobart has been the subject of considerable discussion between the HCC and the two landowners whose land is traversed by the track. In both cases intended developments on this private land could have

substantial impact on the track and its users. Mount Stuart Residents Inc considered that having the track remain open to the public was very important and made representations to



Council in that vein. While negotiations are continuing, *Mount Stuart News* understands that those negotiations are well advanced and that transfers of land to the Council will soon be finalised. That will be a terrific outcome, allowing the Council to then upgrade the fire trail and track with proper drainage and re-routing in parts. Watch this space for more announcements. Mount Stuart Residents Inc looks forward to the track being fully usable by locals and visitors alike.



The Art Society of Tasmania

What's On

New Exhibition Every Month

Sept: 133rd Annual Exhibition

Members' best recent work, prizes awarded.

Oct: Awakening the Senses

Lucy Murfet's solo exhibition. Marvellous!

Local residents are welcome:

To openings: 1st Friday of month at 6.30 pm.

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

To join in workshops: beginners or experienced.

Open 11am – 4 pm Saturdays & Sundays.

Ancanthe Park, 268 Lenah Valley Rd.

www.artstas.com.au

HALL REPAIRS

You may have noticed local building firm, Tascon Constructions Pty Ltd working at Mount Stuart Hall over approximately six weeks after it had been engaged by Hobart City Council to replace the flight of stairs from the dance hall down to the supper room. During the renovations it was revealed that, when the hall was built, approximately four tonnes of soil were put under the floor of the supper room and this acted as a dam, resulting in the stairs and floor rotting. This soil has now been removed. HCC has also arranged for installation of an additional ceiling with soundproofing in the supper room to reduce noise carrying from the floor of the dance hall to the supper room.



Before the tenants came back into the supper room, the Hall Association arranged for the supper room walls to be repainted and the floor to be recoated. We also arranged with the council and shared the cost of installing dimmable LED lights in the new ceiling.

We thank our Hall Booking Officer, Aviva, for liaising with the tenants to ensure that bookings have been maintained as far as possible by moving tenants to other areas and organising new storage arrangements, and the tenants for their forbearance during this time.

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.

PIANO LESSONS

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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

HCC recently held three community consultation sessions to gather input for Stage 4 of its Traffic Strategy – Local Area Traffic Management. This affects the safety, the liveability and the walkability of your area. It can mean having streets that are not just conduits, but which can also be destinations in themselves – as is the case with North Hobart. Consultation Paper 4 is available on the HCC website <https://www.hobartcity.com.au/> and provides interesting reading.



What do you think are the critical issues regarding Local Area Traffic Management in Hobart, now and into the future?

- Taking a holistic view in creating streets for people, not just car movements
- Slowing traffic in local residential areas
- More education programs for all road users
- More enforcement directed at dangerous behaviour (e.g. mobile phone use in vehicles by drivers)
- More street trees
- More space for cars
- Higher speed limits in residential areas
- Continuing development of safe routes to schools
- Developing a trial program with the Department of State Growth (Transport Commission) for the installation of emerging traffic management devices in local areas (e.g. Zebra and Wombat crossings)
- Continuing the use of residential parking schemes to ensure balance between residential and commuter parking
- Making local streets more enjoyable for walking, cycling and outdoor activity

Go to *Your Say Hobart* yoursayhobart.com.au to give your opinion. You can also find the collated results from the previous consultation stages there.



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- * leave immediately and not return for 30 days.

Door to door agents cannot visit you:

- * on Sundays or public holidays
- * before 9 am or after 6 pm weekdays
- * before 9 am or after 5 pm Saturdays.

Check the sales agent's (and any unknown tradesperson's) identity card. By law they must tell you:

- * their name
- * contact details of the business they represent
- * why they are at your door.

If you do not want sales people at your door you may place a prominent sign at your door. 'Do Not Knock' stickers can be printed from www.accc.gov.au/doortodoor.

It's okay to say *no* or change your mind. For any transaction, the cooling off period must be clearly defined at the time of purchase. You do not have to agree to anything on the spot and, if you feel pressured to sign something, tell the sales agent you want time to consider.

Remember most of these sales are commission based, as are some charity collections.

If you are in any doubt, contact the company represented, as a considerable sum of money can be committed, especially with



It used to be fun to score door-to-door salesmen...
Now, it's all call-centres or the internet...

Internet contracts

and subscriptions! More information can be obtained from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

www.accc.gov.au

Infocentre 1300 302 502

Reference: ACCC "Knock! Knock! Who's there?"

YOGA 2017

Supper Room: Mount Stuart Hall
OPEN MIXED LEVEL

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Friday: 9.30-11



Self-regulated poses; breath work;
restorative relaxation; meditation.
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Ann Sparks: 0428 842 144

SENIORS WEEK

For Seniors Week this year, October 16th to 22nd, Council on the Ageing, Tasmania is collaborating with COTA For Older Australians and Tasmania's Parks and Wildlife Service. With its theme, *Getting Outdoors*, the aim is to encourage people to get outdoors, not just into the national parks, but maybe just into local parks. However, the program is much more varied than that. There are musical events, IT sessions, health checks, films, barista courses, afternoon teas, to name a few. The entire, very extensive, program is available on the website, <http://www.cotatas.org.au/programs-events/sw2017/>

A local event is a free concert in the Mount Stuart Hall by the Australian Army Band on Sunday 22nd October 2.00 – 3.30 pm.

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

Want to know more about local government?

Go to www.evaruzicka.blogspot.com.au

and occasionally on Facebook

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COUNCIL OF HOBART COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

The CHCA recently held its 2017-18 AGM and Scott Faulkner and Eric Pinkard of Mount Stuart Residents Inc were elected president and secretary/treasurer respectively, reinforcing Mount Stuart's strong connection to this organisation.

Members attended the 'Hobart Not Highrise' event held on 26 July 2017 at the Hobart Town Hall. There is strong concern that the two proposed buildings of 210m and 120m are significantly taller than the Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme's maximum 18m height limit. Given the considerable

disquiet being expressed about the two proposed developments, CHCA resolved: *CHCA expresses its opposition to unsympathetic developments of any height that detract from the unique character of our city.*

CHCA organisations are holding Christmas carol functions in Lenah Valley, New Town, and Mount Stuart.

Finally, Leo Foley, a member of Mount Stuart Residents Inc committee, was awarded life membership of CHCA. Leo has served CHCA with distinction over many years, and Mount Stuart adds its congratulations to him on this award.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MAY – AUGUST 2017

All reported incidents in recent months have involved motor vehicles except for one case of burglary in Mortimer Ave in late June. Some vehicles were broken into and damaged and a car was stolen from Rupert Ave and then burnt out.



Tas Police remind everyone to make sure that vehicles are kept locked and no valuables left in sight. It seems that many cases of vehicle theft occur after keys are stolen from houses, so it is advisable not to leave keys in obvious places.

If you notice any suspicious activity, contact:

Crime Stoppers 1 800 333 000: Police 131 444



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