

MOUNT STUART NEWS

JULY 2018



AFTER THE STORMS

Many of us in Mount Stuart are used to the impact of high winds from the north-west – often accompanied in summer by high temperatures. But recently the onslaught has been from the opposite direction. The combination of high winds, thunderstorm and torrential rain experienced on 10th May, followed by more high wind 10 days later, played havoc in some quarters of Mount Stuart.

Trees and branches broke in the first storm; others toppled in the damp soil that resulted from the rain. Numerous trees and bushes affected tracks in Knocklofty and Leonard Wall Reserves. Fortunately, a gum tree that fell on the Fiona Allen Walk narrowly missed the seat installed by Neighbourhood Watch in memory of the late Malcolm Grant. The huge blue gum (pictured above) on the corner of Clift Street and Gillon Avenue snapped.

Less fortunately, a significant landslip occurred, blocking the pathway at the end of Weerona Avenue. This is part of the low gradient route that we have been anticipating will link Mount Stuart with the Knocklofty Reserve. The route at this point passes across private land, where the owner has been happy to provide access for the public. Hobart City Council has already started to clear away a large amount of clay and debris from the landslip.

One of our committee members has been in touch with the Council, and he was told that it will take several months to stabilise the bank. Our thanks to them for their prompt action.

More photos on our Facebook page, facebook.com/mountstuarttas.

Open Door Resumes

**10.30 – 12 noon
Monday 2 July**

Art Play for Early Childhood with Sheree Martin from Little Red Art Shed – for young children (1 – 5).

Full program on the flyer inside this newsletter.

Tai chi with Vicki Sauvage will continue as usual, starting at 9.30 am.



Drumming for Peace 12 - 1 pm, Saturday 21 Sept

21 September is the United Nations Day of Peace. WILPF Tasmania invites you to join them in the Hobart Elizabeth Street Mall from noon - 1 pm to show the Government you are concerned that it has not signed the UN Treaty on Nuclear Weapons and is spending your taxes on armaments. We do not want our young adults going off to war. There are better ways of managing conflict. Bring something to drum on and drum with us.

Linley Grant for WILPF Tasmania

Farewell Aviva Orgad



Aviva lived the last 10 years of her incredible life here in Mount Stuart with her beloved family and the many friends she made. She was full of energy and determination, focus and feistiness, and much

generosity and kindness.

As Hall Booking Officer she revitalised the hall, advertising widely and bringing many new short and long-term tenants. She also set a high standard for hall presentation and tidiness. It has never looked better.

She believed in members of local communities knowing each other and caring for each other. She began the Open Door program last year to support this. Aviva asked Megan Hale and Kathryn Darvell to continue her legacy. As you can see they are off to a great start.

Her passing leaves a major gap in the life of her family and our community.

Farewell Gwenda Quon

15 September 1929 to 19 May 2018

Mount Stuart lost yet another valued long-term resident recently. Gwenda lived here for 62 years. We will include an article on her life in the next newsletter.

Farewell Jim Poynter

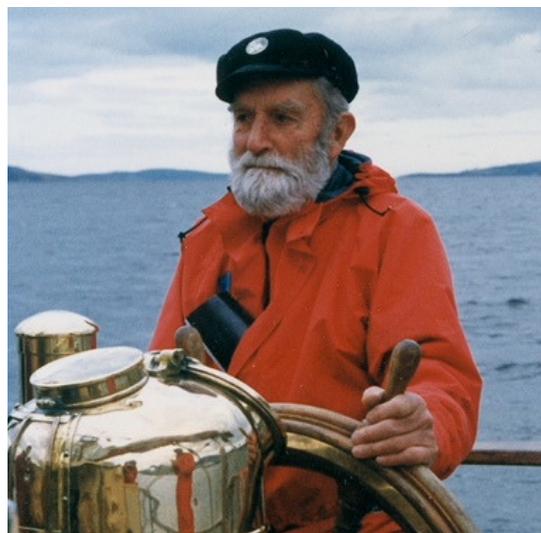
The century-long, full life of Mount Stuart resident Jim Poynter came to its end on 29 April this year.

Born in Morwell, Victoria, and arriving in Tasmania in 1949 to take up a position as Chief Pharmacist at the Royal Hobart Hospital, Mount Wellington "sold" Jim as the place to live. He became a keen bushwalker, explorer and photographer, with a deep love for the Tasmanian bush and a lasting commitment to conservation - along with a keen interest in classic car racing, motorbikes and rallying. Later, Jim established the Central Medical Store for the Tasmanian Government. In 1955 he bought the Battery Point pharmacy, and established the Tasmanian agency for Leica cameras.

Jim first lived in Mount Stuart in a RHH residence in Paraclete Avenue. In 1952 he used a War Service loan to build his own home at 66 Mount Stuart Road. Later, married to Robbie, who grew up in Toorak Avenue, he lived for the past 40 years in Elphinstone Road.

Jim continued a life of adventure in his travels with Robbie. He was a keen historian and collector, with a great sense of humour and many stories to tell.

A joyful 100th birthday party in Melbourne in March this year typified Jim's approach to life. He is sadly missed by Robbie, his sons Tony and Sam, his step-daughter Margaret and wider family.



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Yoga

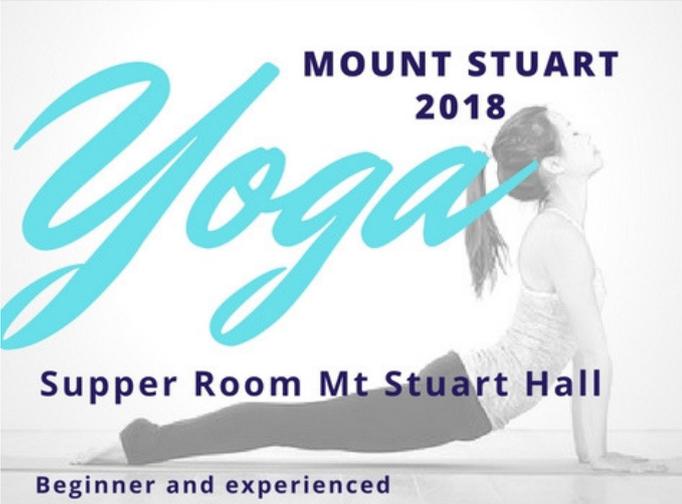
Supper Room Mt Stuart Hall

Beginner and experienced
Tuesday: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Experienced
Friday: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Self-regulated physical postures, breath work, restorative regulation, meditation. Yoga for changing pace and letting go.

Ann Sparks 0428 842 144



Neighbourhood Watch Crime Report 1 March – 13 May 2018

There were five opportunistic crimes reported in this period: four stealing from sheds and garages, and a damaged car. The thefts were valued at \$3,770. They happened in Senator, Fordham and Strathern Streets and Elphinstone and Mount Stuart Roads.

The police remind us not to leave property unattended and to secure keys when not in use. Do not leave them lying around.

1 800 333 000 - Crime Stoppers

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Annual General Meeting

by Leo Foley

The Annual General Meetings of the Mount Stuart Residents and Hall Associations were held on 22 March 2018. The Presidents, Jen Dunbabin and Lynden Howells, reported an active year, with the Christmas Carols and the Open Door Program being the highlights. Other items such as parks, walking tracks, and this newsletter are regular items discussed. On the downside, the wanton destruction of the heritage-listed house at 55 Mount Stuart Rd serves an example of why a 'sense of community' is so necessary in this disposable age.

The Treasurer, Eric Pinkard, reported that both the association and the hall are solvent, with adequate reserves in hand.

A new committee was elected for 2018/19, with most positions continuing from the previous year. However, there were three significant losses. Martin Gilby has moved interstate, Marilyn Pinkard has resigned, and Aviva Orgad did not seek reappointment as our Hall Booking Officer. Very sadly, Aviva passed away recently.

These hard-working people are difficult to replace.



*We are keen to welcome
new members.*

Office Bearers for 2018 are: Presidents Jennifer Dunbabin and Lynden Howells; Secretary Stewart Gardner; Treasurer Eric Pinkard; and committee members, Linley Grant, David Reeve, Rosemary Gardner, Leo Foley, and Scott Faulkner.

Join us?



**Alderman
Anna
Reynolds**

Working for your community

Please don't hesitate to call or email me if I can assist you with Council matters, or to sign up for my monthly community email newsletter.

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Can you help ...

... prepare the newsletter?

Do you have writing and editing skills, and some time to offer and can work with others and meet deadlines. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Jennifer Dunbabin on 0414 632 637.

... deliver the newsletter?

Are you able to give 1-2 hours four times a year to letterbox a part of our suburb? You could get some exercise and feel doubly virtuous. Do you like organising things? We also need a coordinator for this task. Please contact David Reeve on 0406 944 077, if you think you may be able to help.

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**Impacts of the
Statewide Planning Scheme**

by Leo Foley

Indra Boss, a town planner with in-depth knowledge of the new scheme, was guest speaker at our AGM. Indra explained how it will affect residents in Mount Stuart, with density, privacy and sunlight being some areas of concern. The changes are subtle, but important.

For example, Indra said: "Generally the schemes are similar but the changes in wording whilst appearing minimal do signal a clear pro-development intent, for example in the Residential Zone the Zone Purpose Statement no longer specifically includes positive statements that require developments to 'respect residential neighbourhood character' and 'provide high levels of residential amenity'. Instead the new scheme's wording talks about 'not cause an unreasonable loss of amenity'."

Also all residential development in the Residential Zone will have a 'use status' of either No Permit Required or Permitted. This means that unless the development triggers discretions (such as setbacks, height, etc), the Planning Permit Application will not need to be advertised and this means that neighbours will not learn about developments until work commences.

In practice the scheme is likely to reduce residents' opportunities to participate in decision making about development in their neighbourhood, with real implications for local amenity and the cost of providing community infrastructure.

If anyone wants to learn more about these issues, they may like to attend the upcoming TasPIN forum, on 7 July. Contact Eric Pinkard on 0409 285 743; he has the details, and can assist.

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