

# MOUNT STUART NEWS

AUGUST 2019



Jooles Whittle and her son, Josh, on the upgraded track.

Photo provided by Craig Macaulay

## Lake Fenton Pipeline Track Easy, Level Walking

Recent walkers along this track have noticed substantial changes with the construction of a fire trail for most of the first 1.75 km south of Weerona Ave at a cost of \$200,000. This was made possible by Council's purchase of environmentally zoned land to the west and south of a new subdivision at the top of Summerhill Road. All this land was previously owned by the Fielding family.

The Lake Fenton Pipeline Track runs along the 200 m contour and is by far the longest near-to-level track accessible in or from Mount Stuart. You can follow the 200 m contour for about another 1.5 km along other fire trails which will take you to the top of Forest Road. Of course, nothing around Mount Stuart is completely level! There is a slight but easy upward gradient from north to south.

You can now access many other tracks and trails in the area including Summit Loop tracks, Mount Stuart Track, Mount Stuart Circuit and the Fiona Allen Track. Some of these are quite steep, so are much easier to descend. And some are quite uneven, so watch your step! The first 100 m of the Lake Fenton Pipeline Track south of Weerona Ave has not been upgraded to a fire trail as it is privately owned by Mrs Kate Kunda, who generously allows people to use the track. Caution is advised, particularly after heavy rains, as this area has been subject to landslips.

You can also join the track from from Bimbadeen Court, off Summerhill Road.

## Save the Date Sunday 15 December 2019

### *Mount Stuart Christmas Carols*

Following the success of last year, we are planning to hold another Christmas Carols evening this year. We hope to have another grant from Hobart City Council to support this event. Details will be available later in the year but in the meantime, pencil in the date **Sunday 15 December** at the Mount Stuart Hall.

If you would like to be involved in the preparations and planning, please contact us at [secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au](mailto:secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au)

## 55 Mount Stuart Road Development Approved

Hobart City Council has approved a development of four 2-storey units. When making planning decisions councils can only consider the actual planning applications; the character and history of developers is not relevant. HCC has put some conditions on the development, including that a bay tree and a yew tree must be planted on the block and maintained and that the original foundations of the southern wall (not the verandah wall) of the "existing" house be retained as part of the development.

We hope that the partly demolished buildings are removed soon, but are not looking forward to construction activity, which will no doubt result in some traffic issues.

Mount Stuart Residents Inc is continuing its endeavours to have the Tasmanian Government increase the penalties for illegal destruction of heritage buildings.

## Mount Stuart Business Directory



*Should we do it again?*

Last December we published a Directory of Mount Stuart Businesses and distributed it with *Mount Stuart News*. It contained information and contact details for 21 local businesses. We hoped you would put it on your fridge or noticeboard to use throughout the year.

It's hard to know how effective such an initiative has been, and whether to publish an updated directory, perhaps at the end of this year or early in 2020. To help us decide, we are asking for feedback

- **from you**, the recipients of the directory
- **from the businesses** that were listed.

We'd like to know:

- Did you keep the directory?
- Have you used it to contact any of the businesses listed?
- Do you think it would be worthwhile to continue the initiative with an updated directory?
- Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

**Please send your feedback by the end of August to**

**David Reeve:**

**dareeve@iinet.net.au**

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## YOGA: MOUNT STUART

### 2019

Supper Room : Mount Stuart Hall

### Experienced

**Tuesday:** 11 am - 12.30 pm

**Friday:** 9.30 am - 11 am

Self-regulated physical postures; breath work; restorative relaxation; meditation.

Contact before attending

**Ann Sparks 0428 842 144**

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## TasWater Colours our World!



The Newlands Reservoir, between Benjafield Terrace and Darling Parade, has taken on a new look recently. Thanks to TasWater, murals have been painted on the lower side of the reservoir. There are some on the western side, easily viewed from Benjafield Terrace near the path to the barbecue area. To see those on the eastern side, you will need to peer through the fence. Our black and white photos don't do justice to them, **so it's worth a walk to look!**



## Neighbourhood Watch Crime Report for Mount Stuart

February–June 2019

Reported crime in Mount Stuart in the first part of this year was very low. Only three offences were reported – all on 3rd June! A vehicle was stolen from Mount Stuart Road and had not been recovered; and two vehicles had been broken into on the owners' properties in Byard Street and Dewrang Place.

Please contact police if you witness incidents such as this or see suspicious activity in the neighbourhood. Whilst the information may seem trivial it may be the vital clue that police are seeking to either solve or deter crime. Tasmania Police would also like to remind the public not to leave valuables in your vehicle when unattended.

### Police Contact Numbers

Phone: 131 444 Non-urgent matters

Phone: 1 800 333 000 - Crime Stoppers

## Dressing up Mount Stuart

Hobart City Council is investing substantial amounts in new infrastructure, repairs, and upgrades around our suburb.

The most expensive project is the very visible retaining wall reconstruction on the lower section of Mount Stuart Rd, east of Mellifont St. Costing \$300,000, work began in April and is scheduled for completion in August. Contractor for the project is Hobart company Construction 3 Pty Ltd. The works are being carried out as a result of movement in the retaining wall at 30 and 30A Mount Stuart Rd becoming evident with cracks appearing in the bitumen of the adjoining footpath.

Other projects of significance that are under way or recently completed in Mt Stuart are:

- Access steps at Darling Parade down to Benjafield Terrace – project cost \$200,000. Demolition has been completed and a relocation of TasWater services is being investigated before the design is finalised.
- Road pavement repairs in Gordon Ave and Doyle Ave, costing \$191,000, have been completed
- Road pavement slurry seal surfacing in Fordham St, costing \$14,000, has been completed.
- Kerb and guttering work, a new footpath and safety fence were completed in Weerona Ave adjacent to Mount Stuart Primary School at a cost of \$255,000.

A practical development with recreational benefits has been the Lake Fenton Pipeline Track upgrade to a fire trail from Weerona Avenue connecting through private land between Knocklofty Reserve. See our front page article for more information.

The walks offer superb views over the city and south-east of Hobart, with evidence of older tracks along which firewood and sandstone were transported.

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## Kathleen Joan Venn OAM

**With regret, we advise of the death of former Dewrang Place resident Kath Venn on May 26th, aged 92.**

Kath (then Darragh) went to New Town Commercial High school (now Ogilvie High School). As an adult she was Chairman of the Board, associated with the Old Scholars Association and was a long-time supporter of the school.

In 1969, Kath was the first woman in Australia to be Secretary of a state branch (Tasmania) of the Labor Party and from 1976 to 1982 she was the Legislative Council member for Hobart. At one stage, Kath was Federal Secretary of the Labor Women's Association. Kath was a consumer representative on the Milk Board, which led to her joining and becoming President of the Tasmanian Housewives Association and Federal Secretary of the national body. She is a Past President and Life Member of the Clarence RSL Women's Auxiliary.

She is also a Past President of Mount Stuart Residents Inc and very involved with Caroline House, a crisis accommodation centre for women, which was then in Mount Stuart Road. She was its president, patron and a tireless worker.

Recognising that there was a need, Kath formed the Tasmanian Council for Aged Pensioners' Children. Kath and her husband Leo could not have children, but they agreed to take on a 7-year-old boy for a period of 3 months. He did not want to leave after the 3 months and stayed for over 30 years.

As well as all the above, Kath was a volunteer at the Repatriation Hospital, which she continued even after having a substantial brain tumour removed when she was 81. She was a marriage celebrant for many years, a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Prisoners Aid Society and a member of the Australian Forces Overseas Fund.

Mount Stuart recognised Kath's community spirit by recommending the naming of Venn Court in her honour. The Tasmanian Government recognised Kath by including her in the initial register of the Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women in 2005. She was also awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1990 for services to the community.



**We salute you Kath.**

## Thank you, Jennifer

Mount Stuart has been very fortunate to have Jennifer Dunbabin as an active member of Mount Stuart Residents Inc. for seven years. Since 2016 Jen has been president of Residents Association. In May this year she resigned as a member of the Committees and as president for personal reasons. Mount Stuart Residents say "thank you" and wish her well. As a token of our appreciation, the Residents Association presented Jen with a camellia plant for her garden.

## Consequential Vacancies

### President, Committee Member and Newsletter Editor

- The two committees rotate responsibility for chairing their meetings, but we still need to identify the person who is to lead our Associations from here on.
- There are also vacancies on the Residents and Hall Committees.
- David Reeve is Interim Editor of *Mount Stuart News* for this edition and the next one in December if necessary. But we need a new editor from early 2020.

To volunteer your involvement or nominate another resident, please contact our Secretary, Stewart Gardner ([secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au](mailto:secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au)).

## For more Information and Photos

There was lots to share in this edition so we had to leave out details from some stories. We also had more photos than we could use.

We will publish the additional information and pictures on the Mount Stuart Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/mountstuarttas/>) or you can email us ([secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au](mailto:secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au)) and we will share it with you that way.

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## Your Mount Stuart Committees

It's been a while since the Annual General Meeting on 28th March, so we should update you on the office bearers and committee members elected then.

### Mount Stuart Residents Inc

President (now vacant) Jennifer Dunbabin  
Secretary Stewart Gardner  
Treasurer and Public Officer Eric Pinkard

#### *Committee members*

Scott Faulkner, Leo Foley, Rosemary Gardner, Linley Grant, Megan Hale, Lynden Howells, David Reeve.

### Mount Stuart Hall Inc

President Lynden Howells  
Secretary Stewart Gardner  
Treasurer and Public Officer Eric Pinkard

#### *Committee members*

Scott Faulkner, Leo Foley, Rosemary Gardner, Linley Grant, Megan Hale.

## Valley Street Bushcare Group

Will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month until the end of the year. For Aug 6th meet at the Mount Stuart Road entrance to The Leonard Wall Reserve at 1-2 pm. August 20 – meet at the Cliff Street entrance to Providence Gully 1-2 pm.

Phone Vicki Martin on 0468 452 115 or 6228 3228 for more information.

## Tuesday Morning Ladies Badminton

If you are interested in learning or just keeping fit, come and join us at 10am every Tuesday. But phone Vicki Martin on 0468 452 115 or 6228 3228 for more information



**Violin Lessons with Yue-Hong Cha**

Yue-Hong Cha is a professional violinist with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra. She has taught for 20 years at all levels and specialises in working with beginners.

Based in Mount Stuart.

To enquire please contact her on 0406 575 454