

# Christmas Carols in Mount Stuart

Sunday, 15 December 2019

Mount Stuart Memorial Hall & lawns

**From 5:30 pm**

residents, young and old, are invited to picnic on the lawns,  
enjoy a free sausage and join the activities

**From 6:30 pm**

carol singing in the hall

*Bring a cushion!*

A family friendly community event brought to you by Mount Stuart Residents Inc.

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# MOUNT STUART NEWS

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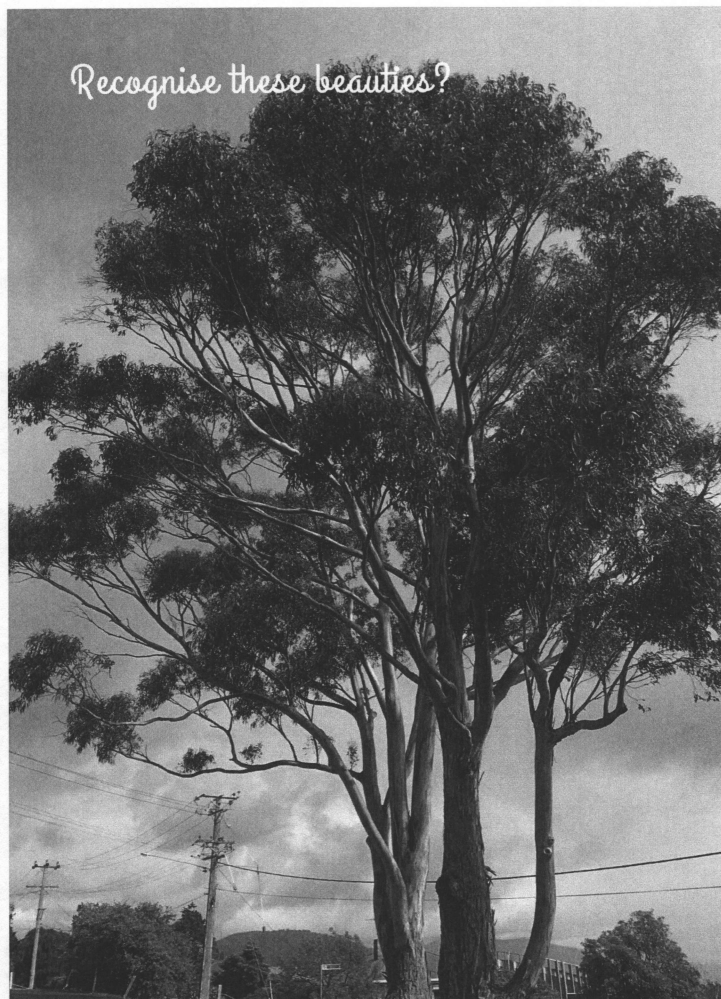
## Trees of significance

Do you recognise these two beauties – two giant specimens of *Eucalyptus globulus* that grace our suburb?

They're better known as Tasmanian blue gums, our state's floral emblem, and are among hundreds of trees recently nominated for the Hobart City Council's Register of Significant Trees. Many of those nominated are *Eucalyptus globulus* or *Eucalyptus viminalis* – white gums. Both species are part of the native vegetation of our city, and their preservation is seen as important to retain what we can of the natural ecosystems that have so often been drastically altered or destroyed by urban development. One factor is that these species provide potential habitat for the endangered swift parrot.

We're not always enchanted by the way big gums drop leaves, bark and gumnuts – even branches at times. But they do add a distinctive Australian feel, look – and scent. And Council staff are always willing to take action to keep them safe for us to enjoy into the future.

There are several other Mount Stuart trees already listed on the register, including the bay tree whose fate gained notoriety due to destruction that occurred at 55 Mount Stuart Road. Those recently proposed are not yet on the Council website.



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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

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## New tree planting on nature strips

### Careful planning and consultation by Council

You may have noticed recent Hobart City Council planting of trees on Mount Stuart nature strips. After consultation with residents, different species were used in different streets.

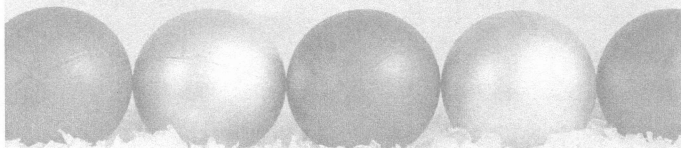
Because some people were concerned about the difficulty of managing eucalypts in restricted locations, the Mount Stuart Residents Committee wrote to the general manager to clarify why they were used. His reply was reassuring.

Initially, the plan was to plant callistemons, but these were not available due to quarantine restrictions, so a dwarf species with similar characteristics, *Eucalyptus leucoxydon* (Euky Dwarf) was chosen instead. These trees are expected to reach a maximum height of about four metres in 15-20 years and will be pruned regularly. In some other streets, non-native species have been planted after consultation with residents.

## Decorating the Christmas tree

A large Christmas tree will be delivered to the hall early December. If you would like to help decorate it before it is put in place, please come along. Homemade decorations welcome. Assistance with erecting the tree after decorating would be appreciated. Please note that children participating must be accompanied by at least one adult.

To confirm date and time please check the Mount Stuart Facebook page (mountstuarttas) or contact Rosemary on 6278 3559.



## Weerona Avenue residents' petition

Many of the properties in Weerona Ave were badly affected as a result of the very heavy rain on 11 May last year. Residents have petitioned Hobart City Council to reduce the effects of the run-off from Knocklofty by cutting an open stormwater drain behind the western boundaries of the houses on the top side of Weerona Ave. This was first recommended to the Council in 1998.

Mount Stuart Residents Inc. canvassed Weerona Ave residents to ascertain whether they were affected by the May 2018 floods and if they lodged an insurance claim. Fourteen out of 21 residences in the street were affected by the floods and a minimum of seven insurance claims lodged, one claim being refused. The data gained will be used to support the petition.

## Join the team producing *Mount Stuart News*

We are still looking for new people with the right gifts and skills to edit and produce *Mount Stuart News*. If you are interested contact David Reeve on 0406 944 077.



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## Mount Stuart Christmas carols

It is nearly time to celebrate Christmas and we invite you to the Community Christmas Carols at the Mount Stuart Hall on Sunday 15 December. The event will run from 5:30 pm to approximately 8 pm.

There will be activities for the young and young at heart from 5:30 pm on the hall lawns and on the street below, including a photo booth and chalk murals, plus extra play equipment from the City of Hobart. A fire truck will be in attendance. A 'Performance Corner', with 10-minute time slots available, will be ready for anyone who would like to entertain the crowd with music or song.

The Mount Stuart Scouts will be running a free BBQ or you may prefer to bring along your own food and a rug and enjoy a picnic under the shady trees.

In keeping with the City of Hobart's minimal waste policy, you are asked to bring your own water bottles and take your rubbish home. There will be water refill stations available.

Carol singing starts in the hall at 6:30 pm featuring the Mount Stuart Primary School choir, the Fuchsia House Ukulele Players and members and former members of the TSO. There will be a mixture of carols to appeal to all ages.

We hope to see you there.

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## Christmas trees for sale

Lenah Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade is selling Christmas trees on the weekends **7-8 and 14-15 December**. Come to the station in Kalang Avenue, Lenah Valley (next to the Roy Fagan Centre) and find your perfect tree. Funds raised are used to buy equipment.



## Gorse busting on Knocklofty

One of the great resources Mount Stuart residents share with their neighbours in West Hobart is Knocklofty Reserve – a great haven of flora and fauna with a system of gentle tracks that appeal to families with young children, bird watchers, runners, mountain bike riders, and dog walkers.

Although there are few signs of it today there was a time you could barely see the native vegetation or the views for the gorse. But it is with more than some satisfaction that a committed band of volunteers working as the Friends of Knocklofty Bushcare Group believe they are close to having the gorse under control.

Hobart City Council provides volunteers with the required tools for maintenance. Volunteers meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month to work from 9-11:30 am, and every third Sunday afternoon, from 2-4:30 pm to remove weeds, propagate and plant seeds and cuttings and to monitor our native frogs, birds and native animals. Recent work has included weed removal at the top of Providence Valley.

Friends of Knocklofty also has a close connection to the Valley Street Bushcare Group that looks after the Leonard Wall Reserve between Valley Street and Mount Stuart Road. As well, once or twice a year, teachers from Lansdowne Crescent or Mount Stuart Primary Schools organise a walk and talk in the reserve as part of the children's environmental studies.

Friends of Knocklofty has a great website – <http://www.friendsofknocklofty.org/>



*A recent Bushcare Group outing.*

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## Great news from the Valley Street Bushcare Group

Great news! In October the Valley Street Bushcare Group with the help of Hydro ladies (doing volunteer work) did two successful plantings on a very wet day! Go for a walk through the Leonard Wall Reserve and see the updated track work done by HCC and the plantings by our local Valley Street Bushcare Group.



Work will finish on the 1st week of December and then restart during the 1st week of February. Contact Vicki Martin if you are interested in helping ... 0468 452 115.

## An environmentally sustainable Mount Stuart

Next year the newsletter and our Facebook page will feature tips to help us live more sustainably.

We are starting this year with no plastic bottles of water being available at the Christmas carols. And there will be children's activities to make quick, environmentally friendly Christmas decorations for the tree.

Help reduce the mass of plastic waste!

The recent students' climate change rally included many vital messages for our governments, but it also reinforced the necessity for all of us to take responsibility in whatever way we can.

