

MOUNT STUART NEWS

MARCH 2020

Lord Mayor to be Guest Speaker at AGM Thursday 26th March, 2020 at 7:30pm



The lord mayor, Cr Anna Reynolds will be the guest speaker at our Annual General Meeting on 26th March. She has been a strong advocate of sustainability. The Residents Committee has invited her to speak about City of Hobart initiatives and plans on sustainability, as well as outlining her own ideas on the subject.

The Committee is aware of strong local interest in sustainable waste management, including recycling and the categorisation of some waste products. Many people are keen to know what they, as individuals, can do. It is hoped that we can harness this interest into a 'sustainable living' group in Mount Stuart, to look at both short-term and longer-term solutions. Please come along to hear what the lord mayor has in mind, or if you can't make it to the AGM, but would like to become involved, please contact the secretary, Stewart Gardner (email below).

Please join us for tea or coffee after Anna's address.

Annual General Meetings Mount Stuart Residents Inc. and Mount Stuart Hall Inc.

Your two community associations will hold their AGMs before the address by the lord mayor in the Mount Stuart Hall (lower hall). These meetings only take a few minutes, and a good representation of Mount Stuart residents would help us all to be involved and mutually accountable. As this newsletter shows, your associations are very active and are filling an important role in this suburb, building community and providing advocacy.

Office bearers will be elected: president, secretary, treasurer/public officer, plus up to nine other committee members. Generally the Residents and Hall committees have the same members and meet on the same evening.

Nomination forms will be available before the meeting or can be found under Annual General Meetings on the home page of the Mount Stuart website: www.mountstuarttas.org.au

If you would like to offer yourself, nominate someone else, or just find out more, contact the secretary Stewart Gardner: secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au

Mount Stuart Business Directory



Goes online

The Residents Committee plans to update the Directory of Mount Stuart Businesses initially published in December 2018. Rather than circulate a printed version, the update will be on the Mount Stuart website <http://www.mountstuarttas.org.au>

Our aim is to provide a community service to:

- assist local businesses to make themselves and their services known to other Mount Stuart residents
- let residents know about businesses/services in this area that they may wish to use.

It will be possible to update information to the website regularly. If you would like to be part of this directory – or update your original details, forward the relevant information to David Reeve at dreeve@iinet.net.au by 31st March, 2020.

You can view the first edition of the Directory on the Mount Stuart website now.

YOGA: MOUNT STUART 2020

Supper Room : Mount Stuart Hall

Experience needed and suitable classes if returning after a long break

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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Mount Stuart Christmas Carols 2019



A packed hall and enthusiastic singing marked the 2019 Mount Stuart Christmas Carols which were organised by the Mount Stuart Residents Committee and financially supported by Hobart City Council.

The activities were moved indoors again this year as the afternoon weather made it difficult to set up outside. This did not diminish the enjoyment of the activities nor the enjoyment of catching up with neighbours and friends outside in the beautiful December evening before moving into the hall to sing carols together.

The line to the BBQ was long and the sausages very popular, as were the hot drinks supplied by Loui's Van. Young and old enjoyed inspecting the fire truck first hand. Children enjoyed the imagination playground, making Christmas bunting and Christmas cards, filling in their Christmas wishes and taking photos at the Christmas selfie station. The crowd was entertained with a pop-up performance at the new Performance Corner.

The Mount Stuart Primary School choir, the Fuchsia House Ukulele Players and members (current, former and, perhaps, future) of the TSO led the singing of well-known traditional and contemporary Christmas songs.

It was a wonderful evening and our thanks go to the many people and organisations who helped make it such an enjoyable occasion. Special mention to the Mount Stuart Scouts, Megan Hale, Angela Moore, Annabel Watkins, Kathryn Archer, Owen Davis, Pat Flanagan and the Lenah Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Demolition of 55 Mount Stuart Road

The Mount Stuart Residents Committee shares the frustrations of local residents caused by the continuing untidy mess on the corner of Mount Stuart Road and Byard Street, following the illegal demolition of a heritage listed house on that block.

At a recent meeting with the general manager of Hobart City Council, Nick Heath confirmed that:

1. The owner has paid the court imposed fine for the unlawful demolition of the building and destruction of the significant trees at 55 Mount Stuart Road.
2. Council has commenced further proceedings in the Magistrates Court for the removal of stone footings without approval. The owner has entered a plea of not guilty and the matter is listed for hearing in May 2020.
3. The owner was granted a planning permit in 2019 for the development of four townhouses. The approval requires a number of conditions to be satisfied before a building permit can be issued. However, the timeline for the commencement of construction is unknown.
4. While Council accepts the Irish yew and bay trees may show signs of regrowth, they are in poor health. In sentencing for the unlawful destruction of the trees, the Court noted that the aesthetic value of both trees had been utterly destroyed and the fact the trees themselves may be still alive was irrelevant in relation to the imposition of the penalty.
5. The planning permit for the four townhouses includes a condition that

a replacement Irish yew and bay tree be planted as part of the development. Sadly, we must accept the professional arborist's advice that the historic trees are beyond redemption.

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HOBART YOGA SPACE Mount Stuart Memorial Hall

Wednesday March 25 - a one hour free introductory class - 6.00-7.00p.m.

Then 3 week beginner course begins
April 1, 8 & 15 (\$15 per session)

with Margie Landrigan

Drop in for a single session or attend all four.

Contact Margie: 0447 354 778
For our full timetable please see
<https://hobartyogospace.carrd.co/>

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A Few Words from the new Acting Principal of Mount Stuart Primary School

It is with great excitement and some trepidation that I take on the role of acting principal at Mount Stuart Primary School for 2020. I know that I am continuing a strong tradition of excellence.

I come to Mount Stuart Primary School following seven years as principal at Warrane Primary School and a couple of short-term positions as acting principal at Howrah, Brighton and Snug Primary Schools and am confident that my experience in these varying contexts will stand me in good stead to support Mount Stuart school in its development throughout 2020.

Our school stands as a proud representative of the wider Mount Stuart community and as such we will all work hard to 'live' our school values of: Safety, Creativity, Resilience, Respect and Courage through 2020 and beyond.

Thank you, Louise Lynch

Weerona Avenue Flood Mitigation

In the December Mount Stuart News we reported on the Weerona Avenue residents' petition to the Hobart City Council. Further to that - actually on 25th November 2019 - two residents from the street and two members of the Mount Stuart Residents Inc. met with HCC staff to pursue the goal of improving flood mitigation measures.

Within three weeks, some substantial work was done on Mount Stuart Road between the roundabout and the reservoir. Damaged areas were resurfaced, the camber of the roadway was adjusted to direct water down the road rather than over the edge, new drains were constructed on the lower side, draining into existing ones, and the height of the bitumen barrier on the edge of the road below the Fiona Allen Track was increased (see photo). We are very grateful to the HCC for these first steps. Workers even devoted two Saturdays to complete the task before the Christmas break!

However, there is still considerably more to do if Weerona Avenue is to become a flood-proof street. The petition proposed the construction of a sub-surface drain running the whole length of Weerona Avenue above the houses.

Two of our committee members met with the HCC general manager very recently on this matter, and he assured them that the petition is listed to go to a City Infrastructure Committee meeting in a month or so. He has promised to keep us updated - and we will continue to inform you.

Once again, our thanks to the HCC for the work already done.

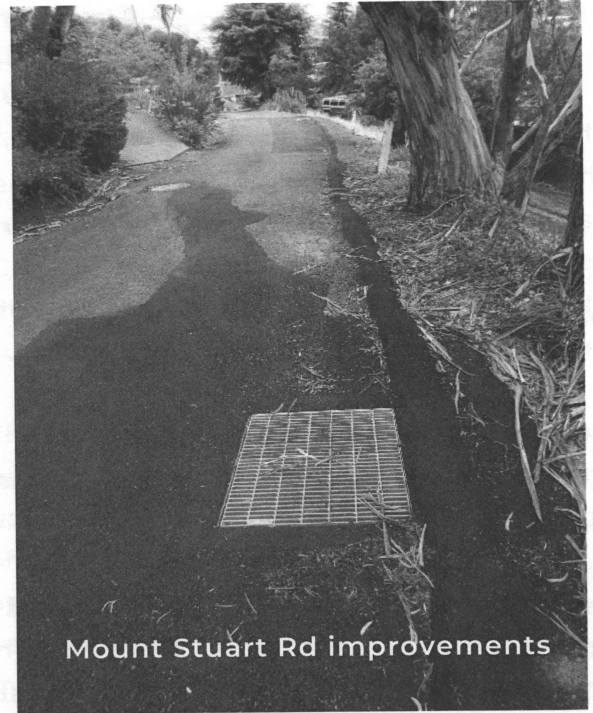
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Mount Stuart Rd improvements

Valley Street Bushcare Group

The group usually meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1.00pm until 2.00pm. We share a cuppa at the finish.

March 3rd and 17th at Leonard Wall Reserve; April 7th at Providence Gully; April 21st at Leonard Wall Reserve; May 5th meeting is cancelled; May 19th at Leonard Wall Reserve; June 2 at Leonard Wall Reserve. Contact Vicki Martin on 0468 452 115 for further information.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Badminton

10.00 - 11.30am at Mount Stuart Hall. Ladies - come join us for some exercise and friendship. We can teach you. Contact Vicki Martin on 0468 452 115.

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