

MOUNT STUART NEWS

DECEMBER 2020

Annual General Meetings Held at Last!

More than thirty people gathered in the Mount Stuart Hall on 24th September for the Annual General Meetings of our Residents and Hall Associations – postponed since March due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Recent upgrades to the ceiling and lighting were much appreciated – including improved acoustics.

New committees were elected, as listed below.

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More members can be co-opted to the committees. Please contact the secretary if you are interested.

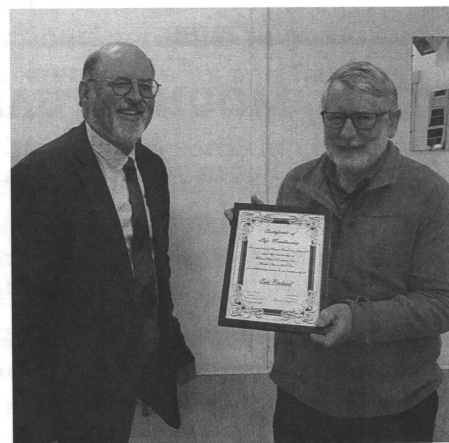
Life Membership for Two Mount Stuart Residents



Linley Grant receives her Life Membership Certificate from the Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds

After the formalities of the AGM, Life Membership of the Associations was conferred on Linley Grant and Eric Pinkard, in recognition of their many years of service to this community.

Mrs Linley Grant's involvement with the Mount Stuart Progress Association (now Mount Stuart Residents Inc), and with the hall began in 1976, and has been ongoing ever since. Linley has served in a number of roles in the organisation and is still an active member of the two committees.



Eric Pinkard receives his Life Membership Certificate from Rob Valentine, MLC

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What's Happening in Hobart's War on Waste

Giving Hobart a strong sustainable base for future waste management is a central theme for Lord Mayor Anna Reynolds. Explaining the Council's quest for greater sustainability, the Lord Mayor spoke at the Mount Stuart Residents Inc AGM in late September and with the Council's Cleansing and Waste Policy Coordinator, Mr Jeff Holmes, outlined an array of figures that give weight to the Council's quest. For the last financial year there were:

- 1,054,000 waste bins collected
- 450,000 recycling bins collected
- 210,000 Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bins collected
- 40,000 public waste & recycling bins collected.

The average household break up of materials collected each fortnight is 58% recycled (35% FOGO, 23% recycled) and 42% waste (sent to landfill). The 58% waste avoidance is a solid result and should only improve with the introduction of FOGO late last year as people become accustomed to putting their food waste in the FOGO bin. (Under the FOGO service, all types of organic material - from food scraps to lawn clippings and much more - can be placed in the bright green lidded organics kerbside collection bin. From November 2019, all green waste bins officially became FOGO bins.)

Cr Reynolds said there are considerable pressures on Council to reduce waste, with a drive to cut the amount of waste going to landfill by 50% over the next 10 years. The intention is to close the McRobies Gully tip by 2030 and this has led to a review of the Council's landfill strategy, and options that reduce waste going to the tip.

In 2019/2020 less than 20,000 tonnes of waste went to landfill. This is significantly less than in the past when over 50,000 tonnes per year was regularly buried. Programs like concrete, paint, and e-waste recycling and the FOGO service have helped reduce this figure, but there are more changes and programs required to reach the city's goal of zero waste to landfill by 2030.

Cr Reynolds said the urban sustainability push for Hobart will generate longer term benefits for the city's overall waste management program. The Council offers urban sustainability grants intended, among other things, to reduce the volume and type of waste directed to landfill. Mount Stuart Primary School has been a beneficiary of this program.

YOGA: MOUNT STUART 2021

Supper Room : Mount Stuart Hall

Classes offering self-regulated physical postures, the power of the breath, restorative relaxation, and meditation for changing pace and letting go.

Suitable for experienced or those returning after a break

Tuesday: 11 am - 12.30 pm

Friday: 9.30 am - 11 am

Commencing late Jan or beginning of Feb 2021

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Mount Stuart Primary School's War on Waste

In May of 2018 our new SRC made sustainability their number one priority. Initially, guest speakers were invited to come to speak to the SRC to help us in our quest. It was suggested that we apply for a Hobart City Council grant.

Being awarded a \$5000 grant meant that we could send students to either the Mornington recycle centre or the Glenorchy tip, which we did. After that we did a waste audit and found that we accumulated 52.5kgs of landfill in only one week! We now had a starting point. We started out by promoting nude (unwrapped) lunches with an average of 50% of all students participating, which gradually improved to 64%.

In 2019, we initiated a new bin system for the entire school – blue for white paper, yellow for commingled, red for soft plastics, a compost bin and landfill. We also influenced changes to the canteen such as minimising packaging and eliminating plastic cutlery, straws and Styrofoam cups.

The war on waste warriors (WOW warriors) was born (forty keen students from year prep to year 6)! They had the responsibility for emptying the bins each week. We were starting to make a difference. The school association provided financial support for someone to come and teach everyone how to make beeswax wraps.



In April 2019 we had our second waste audit. This time, we only had 17.6kgs of landfill in one week! Afterschool care and many classes came on board by collecting things such as bottle tops for prosthetic hands, bread tags for wheelchairs and oral waste.

We were awarded two awards in October of 2019 at the Keep Australia Beautiful Conference for the most sustainable school in the '250 - 400 students' category and the Youth Leadership Award.

In 2020 our initiatives (despite some COVID-19 restrictions) continue to grow. We have numerous keen students and families and word of mouth has let us know that we are making a difference in some of our students' homes. We also participated in a strike for climate change at the end of Term 3 and our efforts were publicised on the AEU Facebook page which was retweeted by Greta Thunberg. Her actions tell us that starting out small makes the possibilities limitless. Together we can make a difference.

Phoebe and Marnie (Grade 6 students, Mount Stuart Primary School)



A Safe and Happy Christmas to all!

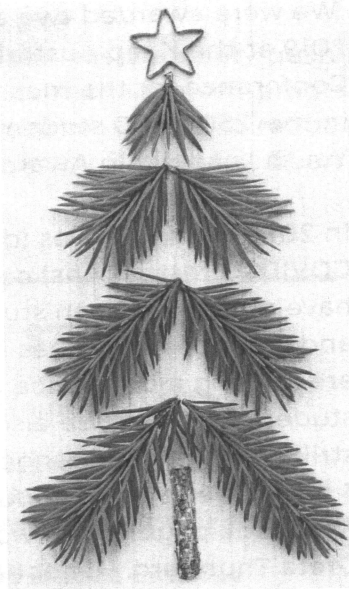
Warm greetings for Christmas and New Year to all Mount Stuart residents and hall users. 2020 has been a different year, and a tough one for many. At the same time, the changes and limitations brought by COVID-19 have enabled us to discover new pastimes, new online skills, new ways of caring for neighbours, and new appreciation of our suburb and its surrounds. We have been thankful for the peace, safety and beauty of Mount Stuart, for its interconnecting walkways and for access to Knocklofty Reserve.

Enjoy opportunities for Christmas celebration and for greater contact with family where that is possible. May 2021 be safe and fulfilling for you.

From the Mount Stuart Residents and Hall Committees

The Mount Stuart Christmas Tree is Back

There will be a Christmas tree outside Mount Stuart Hall again this year – even though the popular carols event has been cancelled. Watch out for this beacon of hope for our suburb, for hall users and for commuters who pass by.



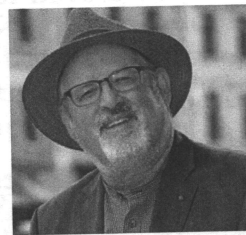
The Council advises residents that there will be no change to Mount Stuart residents' waste, recycling or FOGO collections over the Christmas, New Year period.

Two new Life Members ... cont

.... She is able to join meetings by phone or Zoom when she is unable to attend physically.

Eric Pinkard joined the residents and hall groups soon after moving to the suburb in 1982. He has continuously and actively held positions on both committees since then, including a total of around 24 years as treasurer. Eric is also the primary driver of maintenance and upgrades at the hall and his work is greatly appreciated by all who use the facilities.

Congratulations to both residents – in there for the long haul.



"Season's Greetings to all in Mount Stuart. Best wishes for a happy Christmas together with family and friends;

also for a safe & peaceful New Year as we bid farewell to 2020 - a more extraordinary year would be hard to find!

I am available anytime by phone or email should there be government issues with which I can assist."

Hon Rob Valentine MLC

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