

MOUNT STUART NEWS

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The Story of Providence Valley



Mount Stuart resident Vicki Martin convenes the Valley Street Bushcare group, caring for the Leonard Wall and Providence Gully reserves. Both are on the border between West Hobart and Mount Stuart, so are important to both communities. Vicki has drawn our attention to the origin of the name 'Providence Valley'.

One of the earliest grants made in this part of town covers land common to both West and North Hobart. It was made in 1822, to William Shoobridge, and covered the area bounded today by upper Elizabeth, Arthur and Mellifont Streets, and Mount Stuart Road. The name it held for many years was Providence Valley, apparently given by Shoobridge (a very religious man) after he had been shot at by bushranger, John Logan, while working on his crop of hops. The bullet is believed to have been deflected after striking a metal carpenter's rule in Shoobridge's thigh pocket, thereby probably saving his life.¹

William Shoobridge's land was on the downstream side of Mellifont Street, but the stream starts high on the slopes of Knocklofty, and the remaining un piped

¹ <https://westhobart.wordpress.com/early-settlement/>

section flows through the lower part of the Providence Reserve, accessible from Clift Street and Cato Avenue. This and the Leonard Wall Reserve, which commemorates another valued contributor to the Mount Stuart community, are both happy provisions of open parkland to our suburb. While the paths through them are a steep in places, they are popular green shortcuts between Mount Stuart and West/North Hobart.

**Sorry,
no
Mount
Stuart
Carols this
Year**



Dear Mount Stuart residents,

The Committees of the Mount Stuart Residents Inc. and Mount Stuart Hall Inc. would like to advise that sadly the Christmas carols at Mount Stuart Hall event previously advertised for 12 December 2021 has had to be cancelled.

Ongoing COVIDSafe capacity limitations would have resulted in an event open to only around 40 patrons. We felt that holding an event with such limited capacity would be unfair on the community with the vast majority of Mount Stuart residents being unable to attend.

We hope a relaxation on capacity limitations in 2022 will allow us to hold a carols event in the Hall next year. In the meantime we encourage you to find ways to celebrate with your friends, neighbours, and community.

Community Cooperation

What community projects might work for a suburb like ours these days? We invite your ideas. Monthly recycling collection has been one initiative in 2021. What other ideas might work? The Residents committee keeps this question as an ongoing agenda item.

Before houses covered the hill, much of Mount Stuart was covered with orchards. One idea is for a community orchard. There's a small orchard of heritage apple trees attached to the Leonard Wall Reserve on the southern side of the hill. Can we complement this by using an open space facing north where residents could cooperate to grow fruit trees and bushes together?

Is there a resident – or preferably a group of residents – who warm to this idea or have a different one they'd like to put forward? Why not contact the secretary and come along to a committee meeting to talk about the possibilities?

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Recycling Drop-off at Mount Stuart Hall

**First Saturday of the Month 10am–12 noon
(but not New Year's Day 2022!)**

Currently, we are able to accept light globes, batteries (other than car lead acid), toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes, dental floss holders, reusable CDs/DVDs, mobile phones and writing implements (including textas). Collected items are delivered to appropriate recycling services.

Did you Know?

(Answers to questions asked on collection Saturdays.)

Long-life Tetrapak containers cannot be recycled due to their mixture of cellulose for rigidity and for printing on, together with plastic and aluminium foil layers to keep out bacteria and light, as at present there are no suitable recycling centres in Australia.

Other non-Long life cardboard drink containers can still go in the HCC recycling bin.

Empty plastic milk cartons/containers can be put in the HCC recycling bin with their **lids screwed on**, allowing the automated sorting machines to pick up the lid with the carton.

Aluminium foil can be rolled into a tennis ball size and put in the HCC recycling bin.

Some **beauty products** (any brand) are now being collected by all Priceline Pharmacies with support by Maybelline and Terracycle (glass bottles, pump with caps and/or droppers, plastic tubes/bottles/containers, mascara tubes/wands/eyeliners, lip products, palettes and compacts +/- mirrors).

The **same energy** is used to make 20 aluminium cans by recycling as is needed to make one aluminium can from bauxite mining!

Reference websites

- <http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Residents/Recycling-and-rubbish/Reuse-recycle-and-dispose-A-Z#section-1>
- <https://waster.com.au/can-you-recycle-aluminium-foil/> (an Australian waste company with an informative website)
- <https://www.priceline.com.au/in-store-services/terracycle-at-priceline>

Stewart Gardner

Why Mount Stuart?

Some illustrations following on from the article about the name 'Mount Stuart' in the August 2021 News.



Scrimshaw of the ship Mountstuart Elphinstone, but this ship did not visit Hobart until 1845, well after the naming of Mount Stuart and Elphinstone roads around 1836.



The Hon. Mountstuart Elphinstone, one-time Governor of Bombay and probably the person after whom the ship was named. A ship 'Elphinstone', named for his uncle, visited in 1836.

News from your Committees

We welcome Mount Stuart resident Louis Barnett as a co-opted member of the Residents and Hall committees. There is still room for more to join! Let us know if you would like to take this on in 2022.

Linley Grant, a long-time resident and committee member, has reluctantly moved into a nursing home. She continues her keen interest in the community, and has been able to participate in some meetings by phone.



Hobart Town boundary stone in Lower Jordan Hill Road (in Providence Valley) – which also marked the boundary of the short-lived town of Mount Stuart.



"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 2021.

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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**Cr Anna
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**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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This Year at Mount Stuart Primary School



Principal Louise Lynch writes:

How lucky we have been here in Tasmania to avoid the lockdowns and periods of learning from home experienced by so many on the mainland.

As COVID-19 restrictions relaxed, we have been able to enjoy community events on our school grounds once more. They have served to build cohesion, support and appreciation for the great community we have here at Mount Stuart Primary School.

In March, our School Association was able to hold their postponed Taste of Mount Stuart event in fabulous weather. It was wonderful to see such support from our families and the wider community.

Our expert teaching team has continued to assist all students to be successful and reflective learners, with access to a wide range of learning opportunities including Japanese language,

membership of the Combined Schools Band, choir, athletics and cross-country teams, and participation in the triathlon.

During Term 3, an External School Review panel visited for two days. The panel was very impressed with the collaborative, supportive and inclusive nature of the school which has resulted in high levels of student achievement. They also gave us some valuable recommendations for further improvement.

Our Kindergarten also underwent assessment against National Quality Standards. Again, the quality programs developed and delivered by our staff drew extremely high praise.

The excellent support of staff in a variety of roles ensures that we can continue to provide a safe, nurturing and caring environment for our community. A big thank you to our school attendants, teacher assistants, specialist support staff, support teacher, administration staff and business manager. What a wonderful team we have here at Mount Stuart Primary School and what an asset the school is to the whole community.



Christmas Trees for Sale



Lenah Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade will be selling Christmas trees on the weekends of 4–5 and 11–12 December. Go to the fire station in Kalang Avenue, Lenah Valley, next to the Roy Fagan Centre to get your tree.

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