

# MOUNT STUART NEWS

MARCH - APRIL 2022

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

**Thursday 7th April at 7:45pm in the Mount Stuart Hall**

**Guest Speaker Sophie Underwood**

As the state coordinator, Sophie has been a key driver in establishing Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT), a network of about 70 community groups around Tasmania seeking to reform our state's planning system. Mount Stuart Residents Inc. is a member.



*Sophie Underwood*

In a forum entitled 'The Future of Residential Planning', Sophie will present information and invite questions and discussion on the new Statewide Planning Scheme and its impact on general residential developments – including those in suburbs such as Mount Stuart.

Many of us are aware of the destruction of a heritage listed building and trees at 55 Mount Stuart Road in 2017, and the subsequent development of four units there. This was dealt with under the Interim Planning Scheme. The new Statewide Planning Scheme is expected to be even more generous to developers. PMAT is working to ensure a balance between ease of development and retention of local amenity in the new statewide scheme.

The Local Provisions Schedule under this new planning scheme is about to be released for comment, and Mount Stuart residents may decide to make a submission in response. Interaction with Sophie at this forum will help to inform our decision.

## Your Annual General Meetings 7th April 2022

All residents of Mount Stuart are members of these two associations, so please come if you are able, hear about activities over the past year and take part in choosing the office bearers and committee members for 2022-23. The meetings only take a few minutes and will be followed by Sophie's forum.

## Nominations for Committees

You are warmly invited to nominate yourself or another Mount Stuart resident as a committee member or office-bearer for the committees of the two associations. Meetings normally occur monthly and follow each other, currently on the evening of the fourth Thursday.

Contact the Secretary, Stewart Gardner, at [secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au](mailto:secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au) or find a nomination form on the Mount Stuart website.



*Development at 55 Mount Stuart Road*

**Mount Stuart Website:** <https://mountstuarttas.org.au>

**Mount Stuart Facebook Page:** @mountstuarttas

**Email Mount Stuart Residents or the Hall:** [secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au](mailto:secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au)

## Volunteers Keep the Lid on Knocklofty Weeds

Anyone wandering along the tracks of Knocklofty cannot help but be impressed with the effort of volunteers to reduce, as much as possible, the incursion of weeds in the popular 155 hectare bushland reserve between Mt Stuart, Lenah Valley and West and South Hobart.

Three working bees a month are keeping the lid on the long-standing weed issue, but as Friends of Knocklofty convenor Astrid Wright pointed out in her annual report in January, there can be no letup in the reserve monitoring programs.



*Eastern shore residents Greg and Rona Hollingsworth enjoying a morning Knocklofty walk*

According to Hobart City Council counters the reserve attracted 150,000 visits last year – walkers, runners, cyclists, families – a significant increase on the previous year, partly because of COVID-19 restrictions but also due to the major grading and widening of the Weerona Fire Trail accessible from Mount Stuart.

Matching this elevated interest the Council installed attractive new 'way-signs' with clear indicators guiding visitors to the various tracks and points of interest.

In her report, Astrid said the last stand of old growth gorse was cleared from a private property in Forest Rd, as it was spreading into the reserve,

accounting for 130 volunteer hours. In addition, there were six activities above and below the trail, clearing re-growth gorse, blackberries, forget-me-nots, Euryops, elderberries, hawthorn, wild turnip, broom and thistles.

On the Salvator Rosa Glen Track, hemlock, European clematis, flowing blackcurrants and periwinkle were removed, as were foxgloves and stinking-Irish from the end of Forest Road.

Friends of Knocklofty also renewed its contract with TasNetworks to cut out small trees and shrubs beneath power lines.

Astrid said there had been some debate about the name of the rivulet gully below the fire trail, but subsequent research revealed it was gazetted in 1964 as Providence Valley Rivulet.

Several tours of the reserve's fauna and flora were arranged through the year for birdwatchers, university students and primary school children.

Astrid said a total of 1550 hours was invested in the reserve by volunteers during the year. Two of the three monthly working bees are on Thursdays and the third is on a Sunday.

Anyone wishing to join can visit the informative Friends of Knocklofty website:  
<http://friendsofknocklofty.org>.



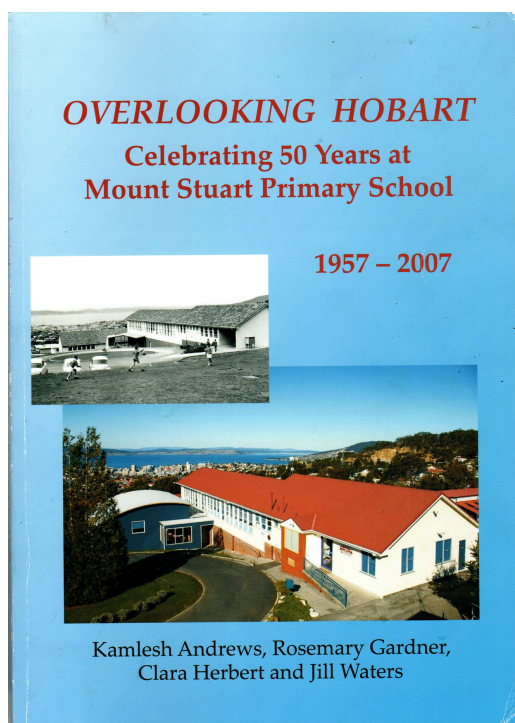
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community newsletter.**

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## Overlooking Hobart

This excellent history of Mount Stuart Primary School was produced in 2007 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the school. It provides a comprehensive and engaging account of the development and growth of the school, and alongside that, insights into the story of our suburb.

No doubt it can be found on the shelves of many local homes. It is also available in the State Library in Hobart – one copy for loan in the Adult Non-fiction section and several in the Reading Room.

Overlooking Hobart: Celebrating 50 years at Mount Stuart Primary School 1957–2007 written by Kamlesh Andrews, Rosemary Gardner, Clara Herbert and Jill Waters.  
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## Snap Send Solve

Snap Send Solve is an application designed to help members of the public report local issues to the relevant authorities. Whether it's a pothole, abandoned car, flickering streetlight or blocked drain, Snap Send Solve is a quick and easy way to resolve issues in your local area.

City of Hobart, TasNetworks, and TasWater are among the authorities responding to issues reported through the app, ensuring that problems affecting your community can be addressed with ease and efficiency.

To start snapping simply download the app, sign up, select, 'start a report', and then follow the prompts to report an issue.

Let us know how you go!



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## Valley Street Bushcare

First and Third Tuesdays of the month, 1–2pm  
Contact Vicki Martin on 0468 452 115

## Badminton at the Hall

Tuesday mornings 10am  
Contact Vicki Martin on 0468 452 115

# Please Park Thoughtfully

As a 'garden suburb', some of it designed a century or more ago, Mount Stuart has many narrow streets, especially those along the north-facing side of the hill and those below the primary school. While they are part of the charm of the area they are also the source of some frustration during congested periods.

Steep access to many blocks and the fact that many households have more than one vehicle have led to a significant increase in street parking in recent years. The prevalence of Airbnb rentals adds to this. Visitors to the suburb, including many associated with the school and users of the Mount Stuart Hall, usually need to park on the street. Sometimes these drivers seem oblivious to the need to keep the roadway passable.

The result is often a very narrow clear passage. Passing drivers sometimes find themselves blocked. Others are nervous about negotiating the gap. Side mirrors are vulnerable!

**It is vitally important that emergency vehicles are not impeded by parked vehicles.**

Those who park are required to leave at least three metres clear road width alongside a parked vehicle, and to avoid obstructing passing vehicles in any other way.

There are no easy solutions. The cost involved in widening roadways is often prohibitive for the Council budget. It's a challenge we need to live with.

So please park thoughtfully, leaving as much passing width as possible – not just for the sake of courtesy and convenience, but also for safety. If you have visitors, check that they have left sufficient room.

If you need to leave a vehicle on the street over a lengthy period, do your best to encroach on the roadway as little as possible. If you need to park a trailer, caravan or boat on the street please make sure it does not obstruct the traffic.

Thank you for helping.

## 2009 Road Rules

can be found at [Tasmanian Legislation Online](#)

Division 8: Parallel Parking includes these two relevant clauses:

(7) If the road does not have a continuous dividing line or a dividing strip, the driver must position the vehicle so there is at least 3 metres of the road alongside the vehicle that is clear for other vehicles to pass, unless otherwise indicated by information on or with a parking control sign.

(8) The driver must position the vehicle so the vehicle does not unreasonably obstruct the path of other vehicles or pedestrians.



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## MONDAY YOGA | 7:15-8:30 PM

*Nourish your body with gentle movement, breathing and meditation to prepare for a peaceful sleep.*

At the Mount Stuart Hall, Supper Room.

5 class pass for \$60 or \$17 casual (\$12 concession).

All equipment provided.

Contact Elise ([tulayogahobart@outlook.com](mailto:tulayogahobart@outlook.com))

or visit 'Tula Yoga Hobart' on Facebook.

Bookings essential.

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