

MOUNT STUART NEWS

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Improving our Playgrounds



Rosina Court Playground

With its long blue slide and climbing wall plus a grassy oval, the Mount Stuart Park at the end of Benjafield Terrace is well known and well utilised. Toilet and barbecue facilities along with the playground and open space make it a practical place for picnics, birthday parties, family get togethers and other occasions.

But did you know that there are two, perhaps less well-known parks in the suburb? One is located behind the Mount Stuart Hall in Darling Parade and the other, tucked away in Rosina Court. The hall park, with a basketball ring along with several different items of play equipment and a picnic table, is a City of Hobart park convenient for hall hirers and the general public throughout the year. It is certainly a popular place on the night of the Christmas carols. The smaller park in Rosina Court, with an infant swing and a spring rocker, boasts a wonderful view over the city and River Derwent.

Whilst parents (and grandparents!) appreciate the parks and the facilities they provide, we are interested in any feedback. Do you use the parks regularly? Are there any changes/additions that you feel would make the playgrounds more interesting/useable/engaging?

A couple of people have suggested a slide in the Rosina Court Playground.

The Mount Stuart Residents committee is planning to approach Hobart City Council to discuss the playgrounds, so all feedback is welcome.

Contact the secretary (email below).



Mount Stuart Hall Playground

We invite readers to make Mount Stuart News interactive. Your feedback and ideas are invited.

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

Mount Stuart Facebook Page: @mountstuarttas

Email Mount Stuart Residents or the Hall: secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au

There's Something About Mount Stuart



A recent article by Jarrad Bevan in the *Sunday Tasmanian* reported on data gathered by the real estate agency PropTrack.

Their figures show that homeowners in Mount Stuart hold on to their houses for longer than in any other suburb in Tasmania. The latest figures show house owners in this city suburb average 12.67 years before selling their property.

The median price for houses has risen from under half a million dollars a decade ago to over one million.

Local real estate agent Bec Owens identified some of the

attractions of Mount Stuart: "This is a family area, where younger couples buy a home and then start a family.

"You are close to the city, there is a highly regarded school, and compared to neighbouring West Hobart, Mount Stuart took longer for prices to boom," she said. "That gave people the opportunity to get a foot on the ladder."

Readers may like to tell us about their experience – what has attracted you, what has kept you here, and what changes would make you even more likely to stay in this community?

A New Park Seat and a Memorial

This attractive seat was installed on 4th July, at the start of the Fiona Allan Walk. It replaces three older, deteriorating ones in the area.

A plaque will be added, in memory of Linley Grant, a tireless worker in Mount Stuart and in wider Hobart and Tasmanian communities.

Three of the organisations with which Linley was involved: the National Council of Women Tasmania Inc., Girl Guides Tasmania and the Mount Stuart Residents Inc., provided sponsorship for the plaque prior to its approval by Hobart City Council.





Carols 2024 Save the Date & Join the Team!

The Residents committee is still considering the shape for the Christmas carols event in December. We may have a slightly different format and times, but now is the time for you to put the date on your fridge or calendar: **Sunday 15th December**.

We need a short-term team to help plan and run the event. Volunteers of all ages are invited. Feel free to contact the secretary via the email address on the front page.

Facebook Page Moderator Wanted

Scott Faulkner, our past president, has acted as moderator for our Facebook page. Scott has now moved to West Hobart, so we need a new moderator. It's not an onerous responsibility, but requires regular monitoring and posting of updated news. If you'd like to volunteer for this role please contact our secretary.

Tuesday Morning Badminton



in Mount Stuart Hall 10:00 – 11:30am
All ladies welcomed.
Contact Vicki - 0468 452 115
for more information.

Primary School News



From Principal Louise Lynch

At the end of another great term, it is wonderful to see our students so engaged in learning and keen to talk about the goals they have set for themselves.

Our new phonics program is up and running in all classes, and we have a lot to be proud of and to celebrate. The hard work of staff and students has resulted in a huge improvement in our Reading data over the past few years. Staff deserve our thanks and admiration for their dedication and professionalism, and students for their persistence when learning new things.

Our new music teacher, Stephanie, led a group of students participating in the Festival of Voices at the Tasmanian Concert Hall – a great opportunity for all involved. A student string quartet performed in assembly at the end of term. We are very lucky to have a dedicated teacher and committed family support.

A new set of values has been introduced by the Department of Education, Children and Young People (DECYP): Respect, Responsibility, Growth, Community and Courage. Developing a sense of community among our students and between staff and families has always been a priority for us at school and it is both gratifying and affirming that this has now been named up as a DECYP value.

Valley Street Bushcare Group

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
1:00 – 2:00pm followed by afternoon tea.

We care for the Leonard Wall Reserve
and Providence Gully.

Interested? Contact Vicki Martin
0468 452 115

Gratefulness ... Achievement ... and Challenge Ahead



The Annual General Meetings for Mount Stuart Residents Inc. and Mount Stuart Hall Inc. were held on Thursday 4th April.

There was a pleasing attendance of around 25 as the retiring MLC for Hobart, Rob Valentine, addressed us with an account of his "life and times". Rob's long-term support for our associations and his public service to the people of this suburb were gratefully acknowledged on the night. Some of the candidates for election to the seat of Hobart attended, including Cassy O'Connor, who we now know was duly elected to the Upper House.

The Residents meeting was chaired by Scott Faulkner, who concluded his time as President and committee member, having moved to a different suburb. Scott was thanked for his valuable involvement over several years.

In the March issue of Mount Stuart News we drew attention to the need to re-think the purposes and activities of our associations, and the need to renew our committees with enthusiastic and creative people to help fulfil those purposes. While there was some positive feedback to the article, and appreciation was expressed for the service Mount Stuart News provides, no new nominations were forthcoming.

The re-elected committees, then, comprise just five people, and will need to trim activities accordingly. We would warmly welcome any offers from residents who would like to join us.

Mount Stuart Residents Inc. Committee:

President –
VACANT – BUT WE CAN'T DO WITHOUT ONE!
Secretary – Stewart Gardner
Treasurer – Eric Pinkard
Committee Members – Rosemary Gardner, David Reeve

Positive Feedback

Responding to the article 'Time to Re-shape?' in the March issue of Mount Stuart News, one resident wrote:

We think the Mount Stuart News is great! I love the information it provides about all things and people related to Mount Stuart.

I love to read the articles on Mount Stuart history and have learnt so much. The human interest articles on some of the longer term residents are fascinating to read. I like the way it advertises some of the businesses at the Mount Stuart Hall.

I think it's an amazing community service and I'm very grateful to the people who work together to put it all together.

Please pass on our thanks and support to you all.

Mount Stuart Hall Inc. Committee:

President – Lynden Howells
Secretary – Stewart Gardner
Treasurer – Eric Pinkard
Committee Members – Rosemary Gardner, David Reeve

Financially, our associations are in good shape. Audited accounts for 2023, presented at the meeting, show satisfactory results and good reserves for future needs. The Hall is operating very successfully as an amenity for Mount Stuart and Hobart more widely.

What of other activities? We need to reassess the value to our community of activities such as the carols, and even the future of this newsletter. We'll keep you informed.

Ella Haddad MP

Your local Member for Clark

**I'm here to support you
and our community**

If I can help in any way please get in touch



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