



# Party chaos rocks street

## Leafy lane overrun by ratbags

By ALICE CLARIDGE

HUNDREDS of drunken revellers overran one of Hobart's most prestigious streets after a housewarming party got out of control.

Youths were rolling drunk on footpaths, trespassing on neighbouring properties, screaming and urinating in public after being kicked out of the rented property in Red Chapel Ave, Sandy Bay.

Three young males were arrested on charges of disturbing the peace and disorderly conduct during the party late on Friday.

Nine police cars were there at the height of the chaos.

A young neighbour, nine-year-old Isabella Jackson, was woken by the noise and said she looked outside her bedroom window and saw "naked people". "It was really scary," she said.

"I was with my babysitter and we were really freaked out."

Her father, Michael Jackson, said

he was horrified when he returned home about 11.30pm.

"People were climbing on the roof over there [the party house], women were lying semi-conscious, completely out of control," he said.

Red Chapel Ave was full of people after the party was shut down by police.

"As we came home, they were in our driveway and kids were around the back of the house," Mr Jackson said.

"There was alcohol and drugs, I could smell marijuana, and then they were sleeping in cars around here."

Police were first called to the party by neighbours about 10.30pm when a motor scooter parked in the street was knocked over.

Police returned to the party about 45 minutes later after complaints of a large disturbance.

One of the residents of the party

house, 20-year-old Tom Kowaluk, said he and his eight housemates only intended to have about 100 guests at their house warming but about 250 showed up.

"We invited about 10 mates each, but it spread by word of mouth," the University of Tasmania law student said.

"Because not everyone knows everyone else in the house, we weren't able to tell who was invited and who wasn't."

Mr Kowaluk said the housemates deliberately chose not to put out any invitations on Facebook or MySpace to prevent gatecrashers.

"When the police came, we asked them to give us a hand getting everyone out of the house."

Tasmania Police Acting Sgt Scott Bailey urged people to register their parties to "let police know where the potential trouble spots are".



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Neighbour  
Michael  
Jackson and  
his nine-year-  
old daughter  
Isabella tell of  
chaotic  
screaming,  
nakedness,  
drugs and  
trespassing.

Picture: SAM  
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