



*Gathering  
in the  
Gardens*

A community gathering for  
the Christmas season

*Mt Victoria welcomes you for  
an afternoon of music, food,  
craftiness & neighbourliness!*

**Sunday 26th November**  
2.30pm - 5.30pm

At  
**Innermost Gardens**

*Brought to you by the  
Mt Victoria Residents Association  
Mt Vic Hub & Innermost Gardens*

You are invited to come along to the annual BBQ and end of year get together at Innermost Gardens on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. There will be live music, some Christmassy craft workshops and a chance to catch up with neighbours and friends, old and new.

## Community Emergency Hub

### Open Day and Exercise!

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THERE WAS AN  
**EARTHQUAKE** TOMORROW?



Come along to our Community Emergency Hub open day and mini exercise to learn more!

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2-4PM**

**CLYDE QUAY SCHOOL HALL, ELIZABETH ST**



During a significant event emergency services and official agencies could be pushed beyond their capacity to attend to every issue. Individual communities may be on their own for some time. People will naturally come together for company, to find out information, to offer assistance to those who need it, and look for assistance.

Community Emergency Hubs (former Civil Defence Centres) are pre-identified places for the community to do this and to coordinate their efforts to help each other during and after a disaster. Community Emergency Hubs will be opened by the community, not civil defence staff, when there is a need for the community to help itself - such as when there has been widespread infrastructural damage, damage to buildings and roads, and communication networks are down.

On **Sunday 12 November from 2.00 pm – 4.00pm** the **Mt Victoria and Oriental Bay Community Emergency Hub** at **Clyde Quay School** will be running an open day and mini exercise. Bring your family and friends and come along to see how your community could respond together. Refreshments provided.



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## Microchipping Your Cat

Wellington City Council are partnering with **SPCA Wellington** to offer FREE microchipping for cats every Saturday afternoon in November. Compulsory microchipping of cats over the age of 12 weeks will be introduced in February 2018, so don't miss out on this great opportunity – and never fear, your moggy won't feel a thing during this painless procedure. Here is a list of locations, dates and times:

### **Newlands Community Centre**

4th November, 1pm to 3pm.

### **Aro Valley Community Centre**

11th November, 1pm to 3pm.

### **Churton Park Community Centre**

18<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm to 3pm .

### **Miramar Community Centre**

25th November, 1pm to 3pm.

Anyone wishing to avail of this great offer and service is advised to arrive in plenty of time and ensure your cat is suitably restrained.

## House Wanted

EASTBOURNE FAMILY WANTING TO RENT/HOUSE SIT in 2018. We have two Wellington College boys heavily involved in sport and music so we are looking for a three bedroom house closer to school. We can provide names/references of two other Mt Vic families we have done this for.

Call Julia 0274 830 100.

Thanks!

If you have something you would like to include or share in our newsletter please get in touch – email it to us at [hello@mtvichub.org.nz](mailto:hello@mtvichub.org.nz)

## Mt Victoria Residents Association News:

We're capitalising on the longer, warmer days with the installation of some new public seating in the works for Mt Victoria. First up will be a seat outside St Gerards on Hawker St. We'll check in about this next month as we get agreement from the community and council for more seating in place around Mt Victoria.

Representatives of the Residents' Association have been taking part in the Our City Tomorrow Community Workshops, run by the Wellington City Council. These are designed to bring together Wellington's Resident and Progressive Associations, to start having a conversation about the challenges and opportunities facing our city. These workshops will continue, and we'll report back with news in next month's newsletter.

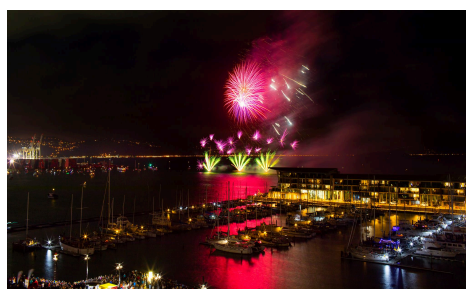
We're supporting the Community Emergency Hub open day and exercise on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Bring your friends and family to Clyde Quay School to find out how our community can respond together.

Our annual Christmas event is showcased already in this newsletter. This year we're joining forces with the Mt Vic Hub and Innermost Gardens to bring you an afternoon of fun and gorgeous company and surrounds. There'll be music, delicious food and drinks, and neighbours from all over Mt Victoria. Do come!!

As always, contact us on [mtvicra@gmail.com](mailto:mtvicra@gmail.com) if you have any issues or concerns, or want to let us know about something fantastic going on in our corner of the city. Or you can call me, on 021 188 7432.

And lastly, enjoy a safe and fun Guy Fawkes!!

**Cheers, Angela**



## A place for 'Allsorts' at Innermost Gardens

By Chris Montgomerie



Innermost have had quite a few enquiries about whether there is an area at the gardens to plant seedlings that people have at home (often thanks to the **Little Gardens** promotion!) Innermost have kindly cleared and labeled two beds for 'Allsorts'. Look out for the signs and then please help yourself.

## Christmas Market at the Sustainability Trust



Christmas is nearly upon us! If you'd like to give better gifts this year and avoid some of the main street madness head along to the **Sustainability Trust November 25<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am – 2.30pm**

The money you spend at the market will go towards small businesses and organisations that put a lot of energy into making ethical, well-made products that have a positive impact. In short, a room full of awesome people with amazing stuff to sell.

Their focus is on goodies that have been made locally or ethically made - everything from tea, coffee and dog treats to kids' and womens' clothing.

## Mt Victoria Bush Regeneration Group



Sunday 26th November 10-noon, Moeller Meadow, Woof Woof area on the northern slopes of Mt Vic. Last chance for 2017 to fulfil that good intention. We'll be weeding and mulching the 320 plants planted in winter. Bring gloves, bucket, spade and clippers if you have them. Equipment and Christmassy morning tea provided.

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## POSTER COMPETITION

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We are already planning for our annual Treasure Hunt as part of Neighbours Day 2018 and we would love some help designing our poster. Our theme next year is:

### **“Treasures in Our Neighbourhood”**

We welcome entries from all ages to our competition and all entries must reach us by 1<sup>st</sup> December.

The prize for the winner will be a voucher from Gordon Harris for \$100 and your winning entry will be used for our Treasure Hunt in 2018.

All entries will be on display in the Hub windows for the month of December.

It will also be included in the February edition of the Mt Victoria Newsletter. And seen all over Mt Victoria in the weeks leading up to the Treasure Hunt on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

You can post your entry to us at 24E Elizabeth Street or drop it into us at the hub or you can email it to us at [hello@mtvichub.org.nz](mailto:hello@mtvichub.org.nz)

Please include your name, address and contact number along with your entry.

## Meet The Local : Sara Williams



Having moved to Wellington in 2001, I spent the next decade wishing I lived in Mt Victoria. Eventually I realised, "wait, I can just move there!" Which I did about 5 years ago. This windy city and its people are dear to my heart, and I love being located close to everything, but up on the green sunny hill.

I've been Chair of the Trust since September 2016 and I'm loving learning more about Mt Vic while becoming woven into the daily fabric of the neighbourhood. I'm also on the Mt Victoria Residents Association, which keeps me up to date on planning and environmental issues. My daughter is at Clyde Quay School, so we are knitted in on kiddie level too.

Key issues for me at the moment are our community emergency planning, looking for opportunities to develop new and exciting events for our suburb and finding a new trustee to help us continue our work. If you see me around the place, do say hi - I'd love to know what Mt Vic means to you, and what you'd like to see from us.

**Sara's T-shirt is available at the Hub for \$10 Each – men's and women's – call in to 24e Elizabeth Street or you can email us at [hello@mtvichub.org.nz](mailto:hello@mtvichub.org.nz)**



Clyde Quay School is holding a Spring Fiesta on Saturday 25th November from 4.00pm- 7.00pm.

Join us for a community celebration, international food stalls, live entertainment and bouncy castles. See you there, rain or shine.

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## Coming Up In December The Extravaganza Fair 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December At Waitangi Park

The Extravaganza Fair is a unique market/festival across New Zealand which is completely FREE and in December it is visiting our lovely city. You will find market stalls, arts and craft, food, musical entertainment and kids shows. They have talented musicians playing sweet tunes for your ears, with kids shows running throughout the day - where your children can shine like 'Stars'.

### What's Coming In

## December?

The Mt Vic Newsletter printed in

# COLOUR



**Our New Website (Finally)**

Check it out at

**[www.mtvichub.org.nz](http://www.mtvichub.org.nz)**

**We are still finishing off some bits and bobs but we are almost there!**

Check us out on Facebook for updates Mt Vic Hub

&

**Santa!**

# JUST PATERSON - Caroline's Corner

We're all interested in where we live and here is a fascinating story from 1923 which my neighbour shared.

Almost 100 years ago to this date there was a devastating fire in Queen Street. The community rallied to help each other that night and thankfully there were no casualties. One home was completely destroyed whilst 2 were badly damaged. Part of the charm of our neighbourhood is the character of our homes. This makes me think about the importance of preserving our heritage - especially as some buildings date back to the late 1800's and form an important cornerstone of our history.

If you have a story to share, please get in touch or come along to the Mt Vic Hub for a cuppa and a chat on Friday mornings.

Due to the election and school holidays the market slowed up during October. With all that over, it's full steam ahead at the Just Paterson office with the team helping homeowners get ready to go to the market. If you are wondering if there is enough time to sell your home before Christmas, the good news is, yes!

REINZ SALES STATS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER  
Majoribanks Street - \$1,050,000



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THE EVENING POST, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1923.

## A BIG BLAZE

CITY RESIDENCES DESTROYED

FIREMEN UNDER DIFFICULTIES

A two-storied residence in Queen street together with practically everything it contained was destroyed by fire last evening, while two other two-storied residences, on either side, were very badly damaged, together with their contents. The fire started in No. 13, which was occupied by Mrs. Carter and three children, and the Misses Livingston. It is thought that a defective chimney was the cause of the outbreak. Mrs. Carter, her daughter, and a visitor, were in the house at the time. Shortly before 8 o'clock something was heard to fall upstairs, and an investigation showed that the house was already well alight. The three rushed into the hall to find that the flames were bursting downwards from the first floor. They escaped immediately into the street. The alarm was then given, and though the Central Fire Brigade made its usual smart response, the building was doomed by the time they arrived. A lead was immediately got out from the small main in Elizabeth street, but this only served as a means of trying to check the outbreak, which had by then spread to the adjoining buildings. Another lead was then got to the large main in Brougham street, but the pressure from this had barely started to show effects when it suddenly ceased, and it was found that some members of the public who had assembled had, in eagerness to help, pulled so strongly that they had buckled up the standard. Another lead had then to be taken from some 100 yards further down the street. The next thing that happened was that a motor-cyclist ran into one of the standpipes, and another had to be secured from the engine to replace it. In the meantime valuable time was being lost to the firemen, and their task was rendered the more difficult. To do anything to save the adjoining buildings they had to work at the highest pressure, and not only was their work hampered by the damage to two standards, but they were unnecessarily crowded by the sight-seers who rapidly gathered until there

were two or three thousand present. Meantime the wooden buildings were blazing furiously, and it was not until 1450 feet of hose were out that there was any appreciable headway made in quelling the outbreak. Many of the adjoining householders were engaged in getting their furniture out into the street in case of the fire spreading, and this furniture also suffered from the absolute lack of consideration displayed by the onlookers, who tramped here and there and over anything that was lying about. It was 9.30 before the brigade finally had the outbreak under thorough control, for the old building burned like tinder, and refused to be put out. Nos. 11 and 15 were then little but charred remains of the dwellings they had been, while unlucky 13 was a heap of cracking debris. Practically nothing was saved owing to the quick onslaught made by the flames.

No. 11 was only recently bought by Mr. Arthur Conole, who had renovated it completely inside. He had the contents insured for £130 in the Alliance office, while the building was insured in the London, Liverpool, and Globe office for £500. He and his family, excepting his wife, had retired at the time of the outbreak.

On the other side of No. 13 the owner and occupier was Mr. James Kober. The furniture was insured in this residence for £150 in the Northern office, while the house was insured for £200 in the Commercial Union office, and for £600 in the Phoenix office. There were no insurances on No. 15.

There was an intense heat from the buildings, and the glow when the fire broke through the roof lit up Mount Victoria, presenting a scene that attracted attention. Several times nearby houses caught fire, but these outbreaks were quickly suppressed. It was fortunate that the night was fine and calm, for had there been a wind nothing would have prevented the destruction of the whole of the houses in the street. As it was the brigade had an anxious time, and they made a splendid save with the conveniences available. The total loss is estimated at over £5000.

## Dates For Your Diary

**Waste Free Living Talk** – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm at Innermost Gardens

**Waste Free Christmas Workshop** – Sustainability Trust Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm

**Gathering In the Gardens** – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2.30-5.30pm  
Innermost Gardens

## Community Classes & Groups:

### Powerhoop

Fun invigorating exercise class with Hula Hoop. Saturday Morning 8am & Monday evening 7.15pm. Call Lauren 0211236253

**PikoPiko Clyde Quay Kindergarten**  
Mon-Fri 8.45-2.45pm, @ Elizabeth & Brougham. Offers 20 hours ECE. 04.385.0441,  
[www.wmkindergartens.org.nz](http://www.wmkindergartens.org.nz) or [pikopikoclydequay@wmkindergartens.org.nz](mailto:pikopikoclydequay@wmkindergartens.org.nz)

**Tai Chi** - Friday Mornings at the Irish Society, 10 Fifeshire Avenue. 10am

### Mt Victoria Toastmasters

Monday at Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street. 7.30-9.30pm – All are welcome  
November dates: 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

### Transition Towns Mt Victoria

The November meeting for 2017 will be on Tuesday 14 November beginning 7:30pm, at [24e Elizabeth St.](http://www.24elizabethst.co.nz) We will view more material on the impacts of climate change.  
All welcome. For more information contact Frank Cook at 027-649-6508

### Peak Players Table Tennis - Mon

9.30-12pm; Wed 1.30-4pm. Constable St. end of Alexandra Rd. \$4  
Diana Winn [winnich@xtra.co.nz](mailto:winnich@xtra.co.nz) or 801-9556. Seniors especially welcome.

### Monday Morning Makers - Every

Monday at 24e Elizabeth St. 10am-12pm

### Innermost Gardens - Gardening

**Sundays** - 1st & 3rd of month, 11-2pm.  
To Hire Plimmer House: \$15/hour, \$50/4 hours. Contact Margaret or Ian - [ianandmgarrett@gmail.com](mailto:ianandmgarrett@gmail.com).

### Grey Power Meetings

#### Wellington Central Grey Power

Membership brings a range of benefits including special rates for electricity negotiated with one of the suppliers and opportunities through meetings and a newsletter. For more information visit our website [www.greypowerwellington.org.nz/](http://www.greypowerwellington.org.nz/)  
You can sign up by email [greypowerwellington@gmail.com](mailto:greypowerwellington@gmail.com)  
**OR** phone is 471 1146  
Caroline Hubbard Secretary

#### Feldenkrais – Monday at Clyde Quay

School Hall at 6pm. Call Sue for further details. 027 4667123

#### The Healing Bee – Essential Oils

Workshop Series at the Mt Vic Hub [www.thehealingbee.com](http://www.thehealingbee.com)

#### Crossways Community Crèche

Mon-Fri 8:30-1:15pm, 61 Majoribanks St. Parent-run early learning centre. Contact 04.384.8201 or email [enrolments@crosswayscreche.org.nz](mailto:enrolments@crosswayscreche.org.nz)

#### Over the Rainbow Dance Classes –

at Plimmer House Innermost gardens – Creative Ballet, Jazz & Preschool classes. Affordable & quality classes. [www.overtherainbow.dance](http://www.overtherainbow.dance)