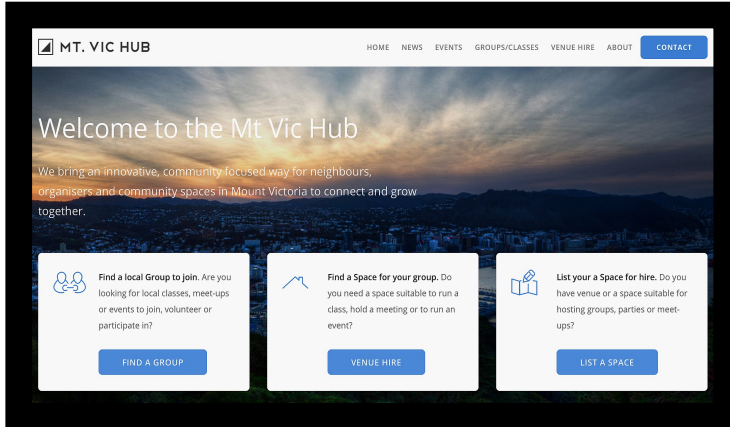




December/January 2017

Mt Vic Hub Website



Our website is now live www.mtvichub.org.nz Please feel free to have a look and give it a go. It is still very new, a work in progress, we will be adding things to it as we go and we would love your feedback.

Predator Free Mt. Vic

Predator Free Mt. Vic is a new backyard trapping group, covering the suburbs of Mt. Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, & Hataitai. This community- led initiative is working alongside other Predator Free community groups around the city, to help bring back the dawn chorus to Wellington.

This work began with a small trapping group in the town belt reserve land of Mt Victoria. With the catchcry "Victory over Vermin", guidance and advice from Wellington City Council, and funding from the Rotary Club of Wellington, in just over a year they have cleared over 900 pest species, including 9 weasels. They've noticed a big increase in bird life already, with sightings of tui, kākā, and even kārearea/ NZ falcon is now becoming more common. We now want to broaden this protective circle out to include homes in the suburbs surrounding Matairangi/Mt Victoria, so have created this backyard group. For a small koha, we will be providing traps enclosed in child & pet safe trapping boxes, with lots of regular tips and support. We are very grateful that the Rotary Club of Wellington is keen to extend it's support to assist in the establishment of this



group. If you are keen to join us and be part of an exciting new movement in conservation, please call Ian Robertson on 0274 491 489, or email predatorfreemtvc@gmail.com, and we'll be in touch soon.

Week of Waste in Wellington

Each year, the average Wellingtonian sends 200kg of kerbside/domestic rubbish to landfill - one of the highest rates in the country. Meanwhile, our recycling rate is very low by national standards, and has even been declining.

Several local groups - The Rubbish Trip, Waste-Ed, The Sustainability Trust, and Mt Vic Hub - are committed to getting waste reduction on Wellington's agenda. So they've come together to fill the week of 11 December with fun, public events about all things rubbish.

Events:

Tuesday 12 December: 12:00-1:00pm OR 5:30pm-7:00pm @ The Sustainability Trust, 2 Forresters Lane: **Refuse a Rubbish Christmas and a Trashy New Year – Getting through the Silly Season with Less Waste** – by The Rubbish Trip, and co-hosted by The Sustainability Trust as part of the Trust's 'Life Hacks' series. Tips on how to keep those rubbish bins from overflowing over the silly season.

Thursday 14 December: 5:30-6:30pm, Level 6, Anvil House, Wakefield Street: **Let's Get Sorted – Waste Workshop** – talk delivered by Ali Kirkpatrick of Waste-ed.

A workshop to answer all your gnarly questions about household rubbish.

Friday 15 December: 12:00-1:30pm, The Sustainability Trust, 2 Forresters Lane: **Waste Wins and Waste Woes: What We've Learnt on The Rubbish Trip** - The Rubbish Trip. This event is a warm-up event to The Waste Conversation, a conference which Waste-ed will run in early 2018

Friday 16 December: 5:30-7:30pm, Innermost Gardens: **Reducing Our Household Rubbish: The Zero Waste Approach** – talk delivered by The Rubbish Trip and co-hosted with Mt Vic Hub – tips to help reduce your rubbish.



Merry Christmas from the Trustees.

We've found ourselves at the end of another year, with Christmas only weeks away. It's a good time to reflect on what we've accomplished in 2017. The Mt Vic Hub had a great year with our Treasure Hunt, Community Dinners, Open Day, support to seniors week, community preparedness work with Wellington Emergency Management Office and ongoing work with Innermost Gardens and our other community partners. Regular community classes are held in our Hub offices at 24 Elizabeth St, as well as our partner venues. We've launched our website too! Topping it all, our Christmas in the Gardens event was a wonderful celebration of community spirit, on a beautiful Wellington day. Of course, one of our biggest challenges this year was taking on the production and distribution of the Mt Victoria Newsletter. We've had such good support from the community as we've got into the Newsletter swing – many thanks to our writers, editors, contributors, distributors and sponsors! We couldn't do it without you. We hope that the Newsletter continues to keep you entertained, informed and connected to our wonderful community. As always, we welcome your feedback on any of our events and activities, and we'd love to see you at our gatherings in 2018. We wish you a peaceful and happy festive season. Aroha nui, Sara, Pam, Tania, Daniil and Caroline.

Contact Us: hello@mtvichub.org.nz



Mt Victoria Residents Association News:

Spring really showcases how great our little corner of Wellington is. Early in the month, a cousin of ours was in town from the UK for four days, and we got to show her Wellington for the first time. No rain while she was here, but the wind!! So of course we took her to the top of Mt Victoria to really feel it, and to take in that glorious view. Sunday morning, I had a little wander up to the lookout through the town belt, and was, once again, blown away by the birds, the trees, the beautiful trails. By contrast, it was hot and still. We're so lucky. The recent Gathering in the Gardens community event was fantastic. Did you come along?? If you did, you'll know already what a lovely afternoon it was. If not, plan to be there next year. It was gorgeous. The veges at Innermost Gardens have been taking off over the last few weeks, what with this glorious weather, and they put on a grand display for us on the day. It takes a lot of effort to put on an event that feels so relaxed and hums along so well. We're really grateful to Trish and the team from the Mt Vic Community Hub, for making something so gorgeous come about for all of us. Looking into the future, the **Get Welly Moving** submissions are invited until December 15th. The MVRA is putting a submission together, based on the four published transport scenarios. What's your vision for transport options for our city? Let us know your thoughts on this. You can contact us Email:mtvicra@gmail.com Facebook: Mt Vic Residents Association Website:www.mvra.org.nz or call me on 021 188 7432. There's more information on our website. This is important, people! And of course, there's Christmas coming up fast, and hopefully, holidays for everyone. Whatever you're up to for Christmas, from us all at the MVRA – thanks for your support through 2017, Merry Christmas, be safe and have a great time!! Cheers, Angela

Iona Pannett:



As the year draws to an end, I would like to thank Mt Victorians for all their good work for our community and the wider Wellington one. The Mt Vic Hub goes from strength to strength, the commitment shown by parents and teachers alike at local schools is inspiring and local residents work tirelessly on numerous projects that benefit our community. I hope that you have a restful break over the summer.

On a personal note, I am very grateful to our community for the support that you have offered my children and myself after a challenging year.

At the time of writing, consultation for **Let's Get Welly Moving** has started. This is in essence a plan on how to move private vehicles, buses, cyclists and pedestrians around the city. Disappointingly it has a strong focus on new roads with little impact on greenhouse gas emissions. It also continues to advocate for the idea of a 'bridge' or flyover at the Basin after it was defeated at the Board of Inquiry and High Court.

Scenarios developed come with a hefty price tag of up to \$2.3b. Furthermore, it does not have a wider view on how the city may develop in the future to accommodate more affordable housing, greens space and resilience to climate change and earthquakes.

Submissions close 15th December. More information can be found here: <http://getwellymoving.co.nz/>.

Next year offers you the chance to have another say on the city's budget. I will be focusing on trying to deliver my campaign promises of more walkability, a more child centric city and strong action on climate change with a new fund to make Wellington more resilient. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of your ideas or to participate in consultation which will start in 2018. Here's to a safe, happy and prosperous 2018!

Iona Pannett

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Meet The Local:

Margaret Austin - The Duchess



I had the great pleasure of meeting the joy that is Margaret Austin AKA the Duchess earlier this year. When I sent out a call for help to deliver this newsletter she answered, popped in a short time later and the rest they say is history.

Many of you will already know of her and her alter ego (bestowed on her by her partner in crime for many years The Duke RIP). Hailing from Palmerston North, and having spent many years travelling and working in many guises around the world, Amsterdam, Greece, Paris, London and has now made Austin Street in Mt Victoria her home. Having worked several interludes in various roles including teaching, hospitality and most notably as a dancer in the famous Follies Bergere in Paris.

She has never managed to shake the love of show business which is probably why she makes such an excellent Duchess. A lady of many hidden talents: tango dancing, writing

poetry, Airbnb hostess extraordinaire and ability to spread joy.

She bestows lightheartedness wherever she goes – it's something she is very serious about! This summer I believe we ought to take a leaf out of Margaret's book and bestow happiness and kindness wherever we go. When you see her around give her a nod, a wave (or a curtsy) and join in her fun army!

If you would like to read some of Margaret's poetry she has just released a book called "**Frontiers of Exposure**" which captures her memories and some local places you will be familiar with and others further away - if you would like a copy let us know and I will pass on your details, I am sure she will oblige.

It will make a perfect stocking filler (hello@mtvichub.org.nz) and we will have some for sale here in the hub leading up to Christmas. (She promises a poem about Mt Victoria in the future.)

Innermost Gardens News

Recent visitors to or walkers through the gardens will have noticed that our spring plantings are thriving. The communal beds that were allocated 'allsorts' for people to plant odd seedlings in have been popular, and lettuce that was planted in there is now ready for harvest. As these are community beds, please help yourself rather than letting the lettuce go to seed. Also keep an eye on our facebook page as we'll let you know when other items are available for harvest.

To keep the produce growing, we have set up a summer watering roster. Please let us know if you would like to join it, or if you just want to do a quick water when you are passing through some time, just note where you have watered and when, on the blackboard by the shed.



Victoria Bowling Club

Three Victoria Bowling Club members were recently involved in the Australia v New Zealand TransTasman bowls series at the Broadbeach club on the Gold Coast. Seen here with the other Wellington young guns in the team are Nicole Toomey (centre) and Bradley Down (far right) who both played in the Development team. Mark Noble competed in the Para team and has been subsequently selected for his second Commonwealth Games in the B6/7/8 triples team in which he won a silver medal in the Glasgow games in 2014.



December at BATS

The Christmas Detention Centre

Dates: Dec 12-16

Time: 8:30 pm

Price: \$20/\$15

It's Christmas Eve and the students of Wellington Combined College with the most detentions are forced to put on the school Christmas show. Across two BATS theatres, audiences get to witness both the brouhaha of the backstage and the worst show of all time. Tickets at bats.co.nz



Adopt a Bush or Tree !

Next time you go for a walk up in the Green Belt –bring a little extra water, pick a tree or bush and give it a little watering. They will thank you for it.

Community Classes & Groups:

Powerhoop

Exercise class with Hula Hoops.
Monday evening 7.15pm at Clyde Quay School. Call Lauren 0211236253

PikoPiko Clyde Quay Kindergarten

Mon-Fri 8.45-2.45pm, @ Elizabeth & Brougham. Offers 20 hours ECE. 04.385.0441 or www.wmkindergartens.org.nz

Transition Towns Mt Victoria

The December meeting for 2017 will be on Tuesday 12th Dec from 7:30pm, at 24e Elizabeth St. Looking at the impacts of climate change - season 2 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 or 801-9556. Seniors especially welcome.

Wellington Central Grey Power.

www.greypowerwellington.org.nz
You can sign up by email greypowerwellington@gmail.com OR phone 471 114 Caroline Hubbard

Over the Rainbow Dance Classes

Plimmer House Innermost Gardens Creative Ballet, Jazz & Preschool classes. Affordable & quality classes. www.overtherainbow.dance

Mt Victoria Toastmasters

Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff St. 7.30-9.30pm – All are welcome. See Website for Details. <https://mtvicttoastmasters.org.nz>

Feldenkrais – Monday (School term) Clyde Quay School at 6pm. Call Sue 027 466 7123

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

Innermost Gardens - Gardening Sundays - 1st & 3rd of month, 11-2pm. To Hire Plimmer House: \$15/hour, \$50/4 hours. Contact Margaret or Ian ianmdgarrett@gmail.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

Welcome to the hood

Woodstock Florist – A bit late to the but welcome to Mt Vic!! Need some gorgeous flowers for a special occasion this is definitely the place to go!

Saffron Havelli - A new eatery in town residing at 25 Kent Terrace. Looking for somewhere to have your Christmas party or to go to after your Christmas party!

Nisa Underwear – Ethical undies made right here in Mt Vic by refugee women & crowd funding check them out www.nisa.co.nz

Local Artist Exhibition Michele Dales, local flax weaver and painter, is having an exhibition of her past work at Thistle Hall, Cuba St. to celebrate the start of a new decade of life. It runs from 4th-10th December 2017. The opening is 5.30pm, Tuesday 5th December. Proceeds from the sale of paintings to go to NZ Women's Refuge, Refugee Family Reunification Trust.

JUST PATERSON - Caroline's Corner

Christmas is less than four weeks away and we have seen a flurry of activity with owners wanting to get their homes on the market before Christmas. Timing of a sale depends more on you and less on the market/season. But summer is when your home looks its best and it is when buyers expect there to be more on the market. This means your home will be in competition, so it is important that it stands out. You can't leave anything to chance when dealing with your most valuable asset. Every property deserves commitment to marketing strategy, pricing methodology, communication and negotiation strategy. Over the 30 years that Just Paterson have been operating we have developed clear and defined processes to achieve excellent outcomes for our clients. These strategies are tailored to each client and we are able to leverage our vast experience to ensure the required results happen.

Living in the neighbourhood I am always here to help with your real estate questions big or small, and if you want to know about my Top 6 Tips for a successful sale please get in touch.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year!

OCTOBER SALES STATISTICS FROM REINZ

BROUGHAM STREET	\$351,000
PORRITT AVE	\$1,330,000
PIRIE STREET	\$1,180,000
KENT TERRACE	\$405,000

There have also been several more recent sales which are not yet listed on the REINZ stats. If you'd like to know about these sales then feel free to give me a call or send me an email.



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