



Mt Vic Treasure Hunt Sunday 18 March



It's Treasure Hunt Time!

It's the time of year again for the Mt Vic Treasure Hunt! Join us for a fun-filled FREE day of activities and get to know the great suburb of Mount Victoria as part of Neighbours' Day 2018.

Explore lots of great places around our streets and in our wonderful green belt. Partake in activities, find out some cool facts and meet interesting people along the way. There will be a great chance to find one of the Wellington City Secret Gardens, find some fish on a wall, maybe hit a six and go a bit BATty!

There's heaps in store for all ages and abilities. So pull on your walking shoes, or bring your bike, grab some friends and whanau and meet us at Clyde Quay School from 2pm to register and get your map. We also have lots of spot prizes to give away. We will be finishing at Innermost Gardens for a Community BBQ, some live music and a chance to mingle from 4pm.

If you would like to know more or you would like to help out on the day, let us know - we can always use a little extra help!! You can contact us at hello@mtvichub.org.nz, mobile (021) 765 525 or phone (04) 390 1411.

Thread Redemption 2018



This month the Mt Vic Hub is collaborating with Thistle Hall on a campaign addressing clothing and textile waste in New Zealand. **'Thread Redemption'** aims to address this issue & provide Wellingtonians with tools and tips about recycling, repurposing and recreating textile waste. An exhibition of work utilising textile waste, and a range of workshops and talks, will be held at Thistle Hall throughout the week of 19 - 25 March 2018. For more information and to register for these events visit the Facebook page - **Thread Redemption**



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Walk2Work Day

14th March 2018

Walk2Work Day is Wednesday, 14 March - New Zealand's day to celebrate walking. Mt Victorians are some of the best walkers in Wellington, with about half of us adults choosing to walk to work every day (and with 20% either not working or staying at home, according to Census data, we are the majority). Join other wonderful walkers for a stroll from the Basin Reserve to the waterfront on Wednesday, 14 March starting at 8am and walk (mostly) along the Canal Reserve, discovering interesting places along the way. The walk will take about half an hour. Organised by Living Streets Aotearoa, contact Ellen for more details wellington@livingstreets.org.nz

Ethical Undies In Mt Victoria



Social Enterprise Nisa underwear has just launched this week. Made locally, here in Mt Vic to be exact, and employing refugees to make these beautiful pieces. You can buy them online at <https://nisa.co.nz>. We wish Elisha and the wonderful women at Nisa all the best and congratulations!



Victoria Bowling Club News

The Victoria Bowling Club finished runner-up in both the Mens and Womens Wellington Premier Interclub this season. The Premier Men won the regular season round robin ahead of the national champions of the last two years Eastbourne, who fly in players from Auckland, Christchurch and Palmerston North, but were unable to head Eastbourne off in the playoffs. Wilton were third and Titahi Bay fourth. The Womens Premier playoffs were quite clear cut with Naenae dominant in first, Victoria second, Johnsonville third and Eastbourne fourth. To check out whats on at the the bowling club and what they have on offer visit <http://www.victoriabowlingclub.org.nz>

Carillon Bells By Nicola Young

Our beloved Carillon bells should be ringing again in time for Anzac Day (25 April). I've been assured by a spokesman for the Ministry for Culture and Heritage that the work is almost completed, and recitals will soon resume. The bells have been out of action for years, due to extensive rust in the bell frame.

Carillons are the world's largest musical instruments, housed in the landmark campanile (bell tower) which soars above Pukeahu. Our Carillon was funded by public subscription after World War I, and the 49 bells (cast in London) were all privately donated in memory of WWI casualties - each one has a name and dedication inscription.

The art deco-style campanile's foundation stone was laid on 15 May 1931, and it was earthquake-strengthened and cleaned during the construction of Pukeahu National War Memorial Park.

It will be wonderful to hear the bells playing again.



Curious Historical Fact of the Month Did you know that

Last century Mt Victoria boys hunted butcher boys in the quarry at the top of Ellice Street? Former life-long resident, Arthur Ashenden, described to us how, as lads, he and his mates used to entertain themselves by poking blades of grass into the holes in the cliffs drilled by these insects, annoying them into grabbing the blade, then pulling them out.

Want to know more about the heritage of our unique suburb? Mt Victoria Historical Society has been researching its stories since 1996 and offers a huge range of events, guided walks and a quarterly newsletter packed full of interest.



Our next event, on March 11, is afternoon tea on Mt Victoria in honour of Mary Taylor who, 170 years ago, climbed Mt Victoria to look for a ship to take a letter to her friend, Charlotte Bronte, bearing congratulations on her novel Jane Eyre. You can find out more (or join the society) at our afternoon tea.

For more information or to join MVHS contact jonewman@xtra.co.nz or visit our website at <http://mvhs.wellington.net.nz/>.

Mt Victoria Residents Association News

Back in 2015, we submitted a response to the Greater Wellington City Council's Proposed Natural Resource Plan. In February, we turned up to speak to the Water Quality aspect of that submission. It's a mostly good plan, and we hope to see that our beaches and harbour flourish as a result, but the wheels turn slowly. I feel things speeding up, though. Here's a smattering of what we are doing:

- Walk2Work Day this year is happening on Wednesday, 14 March.
- Mt Victoria Historical Society is hosting a picnic up at the Mt Victoria lookout on Sunday, 11 March.

Did you take part in the Aotearoa Bike Challenge in February? Cycling around Wellington isn't just for February, folks. Wellington City Council is doing some mammoth planning for cycleways around the city, and is looking for feedback from the public. Links to ideas currently on the table can be found here: <http://transportprojects.org.nz/current/oriental-bay/>

We have Neighbours' Day Aotearoa on Sunday, 25 March - ideas for how to get out there with your neighbours are at: <http://neighboursday.org.nz/>. Sadly, we hear stories of conflicts between neighbours, which so often could've been nipped in the bud with better communication and more understanding.

With this in mind, the MVRA is arranging a public meeting in May with Wellington City Council planning staff. We'd like to come away with a clear view of the approach to planning and the resource consent process, as it is applied in Mt Victoria. More about this next month. As always, we love to hear from you: Email: mtvicra@gmail.com

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents/>

Website: <https://mvra.org.nz>

Or call me on (021) 188 7432.

Cheers, Angela



It's the SPCA Annual Street Appeal on 9th & 10th March Please help if you can or donate!

Ngā mihi ki a koutou.

This past month has been jam-packed with great events in our community.

Chinese New Year was vibrant in Wellington this year, with Cuba Street filled with lanterns and a lovely festival hosted at the Michael Fowler Centre. We also had Round the Bays this month, which is a highlight of the Wellington calendar. It was awesome to get out there with 14,000 happy Wellingtonians to raise money for a good cause. Recently, students have been returning to Wellington to start study. This year, 2018, is special for new students because of Fees Free. With allowance increases and the first year free, more students will be able to start training without worrying about the cost of study. Good luck for the year ahead!

I was privileged to visit South Korea for the Winter Olympics recently. In Seoul, I met with Korean Kiwi alumni and got to pay my respects to the NZ KForce at the War Memorial Museum. I also got to visit Pyeongchang to see our athletes, like Zoi and Nico, make New Zealand proud by winning our first medals in 26 years. Wishing you all the best for the month ahead. - Grant Robertson



INNERMOST GARDENS



It's been another productive month at the Innermost Gardens, which have held up well despite the heat. Thank you to everyone who took the time to sprinkle the plants as you were making your way through the gardens this summer.

If anybody has any spare bricks, please email us at innermostgardens@gmail.com. Green thumbs, come along and join us for working bees on Sunday, 4 and 18 March from 11am to 1pm.

St Patrick's Day

The Wellington Irish Society is hosting a fun-filled St Patrick's Day celebration on Saturday, 17 March at the Club Rooms, 10 Fife Avenue, a stone's throw from Mt Victoria.

Doors open at 3pm with an afternoon tea - Irish Style.

There will be food, music and Irish dancing into the evening. Kids' disco from 5pm and Irish Stew and Brown Soda Bread for dinner. All are welcome. Entry is free and so is the craic!

Crossways' Community Crèche



The children, parents, volunteers and teachers of Crossways' Community Crèche are back for 2018.

The parent-run crèche has been operating at the corner of Hawker and Majoribanks Streets since 2013 and has recently added a new climbing wall, complementing the existing gardens, sandpit, slide and other playing facilities.

The wall has been dedicated to Janine Tester, whose 25 years' of service was marked by a special function at the end of last year and a feature in the Dominion Post. Crossways provides quality education and care for children from one year to school age.

A dedicated team of qualified teachers, volunteers and parents has created a warm environment in the Mt Victoria cottage. Children at Crossways are exposed to a wide variety of experiences including Te Ao Māori, gardening, stories, baking, dance, languages, crafts, painting and games, and learn respect for themselves, each other and the world around them. Community and cooperation are key.

Sessions run from January to late December, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am-2.30pm (1.15pm for younger children) & the crèche offers 20 hours of state-funded ECE for children aged 3 and above. If you would like to arrange a visit, email enrolments@crosswayscreche.org.nz or call us on (04) 384 8201, or drop into the centre at 61 Majoribanks St.

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Top Tips for a Successful Sale

#1: Start with getting the best advice

Selling your home is one of the most important transactions you'll ever undertake. It involves time, money and let's face it - a lot of effort! So expert advice makes all the difference, it is the main reason you engage a specialist to sell your property. But be aware, advice can come with a hefty price tag if you choose the wrong type of advice without credentials and a proven strategy that will lead you down the garden path.



The best advice usually costs very little. As your local licensed real estate salesperson living in Mt Victoria, please get in touch if you would like a no obligation market appraisal - I am always happy to help.

Here's the most recent sales, with a few apartments/townhouses selling as well as houses.

RECENT SALES STATISTICS FROM REINZ

Brougham Street	\$2,186,000
Majoribanks Street	\$505,000
Majoribanks Street	\$440,000
Ellice Street	\$951,000
Earls Terrace	\$440,000
Hawker Street	\$492,000
Ellice Street	\$423,000



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- Monday (School term) Clyde Quay School at 6pm. Call Sue 027 466 7123 - Starting Feb 12th

Transition Towns Mt Victoria - The March meeting for 2018 will be on Tuesday 13 March beginning 7:30pm, at 24e Elizabeth St. We will look further into 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.

PikoPiko Clyde Quay Kindergarten

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

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

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

Ukes & Roses Uke Cafe, Empathy Cafe, Death Cafe, Meditation Cafe, Soul Cafe are coming to the Mt Vic Hub. Please check the Mt Vic Hub website under 'Find A Group' for listings and details. Enquiries to Sophia Ph/Text 027 345 2010 Email: sophiatara8@gmail.com www.sophiatara.com

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Shut Up and Dance! Want to learn how to dance to Beyoncé's "Single Ladies" or Michael Jackson's "Beat It"? Wellington Irish Society, 10 Fifeshire Avenue Thursday - 7.30pm www.shutupanddance.co or check Facebook

Mt Victoria Toastmasters at Tararua Tramping Club, Moncrieff St. See website for class times and dates <https://mtvicttoastmasters.org.nz>

Coming Up In March!

Newtown Fair

4th March

Arolympics

Aro Valley - 11th March

Cuba Dupa

24th -25th march

Contact us:

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or volunteer to help out at any events we run in Mt Victoria please get in touch.

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