



A word from Grant

Robertson: Budget 2018



Ngā mihi ki a koutou. May has been a busy month working on the Budget. I thought it would be good to give a short summary on what this Budget means for our community. With Budget 2018, we are investing in our core public services. Health has received \$3.2 billion more in operational funding over the next four years We will increase public housing by more than 6000 over four years. To better fund our schools, Education will get \$1.6 billion more over the next four years It can be hard to imagine what \$3.2 billion for health or \$1.6 billion for education might mean in real terms. Essentially, this funding lays the foundation for a future where all New Zealanders will have a high standard of living. However, it will take more than one Budget to undo nine years of neglect. Budget 2018 is a step in the right direction. With this Budget, we'll see better health care for Wellingtonians, warmer homes for more people, and the resources we need to transition to a low carbon economy. If you want more details about the Budget, head to budget.govt.nz. And if you'd like to keep in touch, sign up to my email list at: bit.ly/2JhGGcz.

Harvest Dinner Thank You

It was a full house for the Harvest dinner on Saturday 26th of May, as nearly 100 people filled the community house in Innermost Gardens, for a night of meeting, eating and some dancing! This event is hosted by the Mt Vic Hub and Innermost Gardens and showcases the gardens produce, alongside providing a chance for community members to meet each other and make new friends. With entertainment from the ever popular Balkany, we settled down to a variety of curries, followed by apple crumble with toppings. Tables were packed, with three generations of some families, new arrivals to Wellington, wanderers from other Wellington suburbs and a wide variety of internationals (some living here, some attending as guests of friends). We'd like to say a HUGE thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for their cooking and organisational skills - in particular Viv, Chris, Trish, Christina and Jo! A big thank you as well to all the attendees who washed dishes, slung tables and got stuck into some serious boogieing!

We hope to see you all at our next event. See photos on page 3.

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Do you love to knit? Would you like to connect with other crafters? Saturday 9th June is World Knit in Public day, and one of our favourite charities Crafty Volunteers is hosting an event at Wellington City Library bringing together people who love to knit or crochet. It will be a chance to exchange ideas and meet some new people.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. Everyone is welcome - all skill levels.

When: Saturday 9 June
Time: 10am - 4pm
Where: Wellington City Library

For more information email:
admin@craftyvolunteers.org.nz

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Mt Victoria Residents Association

May was a big month. We held the first meeting in the 'Our Front Yard' series. This initial session teased out what the transition area between Wellington's central area and the residential area of Mt Victoria could look like, given current planning policy and legislative controls.

We were grateful to representatives from Wellington City Council for walking us through planning and consents, and what is and isn't allowable under the current District Plan. It was illuminating for many of the attendees, judging by the spirited questions during the session, and the conversations afterwards and since. There's considerable pressure on Mt Victoria to accommodate many more people in the next five, ten, twenty years. Personally, I find that exciting and I look forward to seeing people set up in well-designed, beautiful, functional buildings that manage to be sympathetic to the existing special character of Mt Victoria.

To be fair, a lot of people find the policies and the enforcement of the rules incomprehensible, and that's one of the things this series of meetings seeks to lay to rest. We want the following things for our community:

- to understand what we are and aren't entitled to;
- to understand what our neighbours are and aren't entitled to; and

• to understand what redress we have when things go wrong. We got some guidance around these points from the meeting – a good start, but there's still a lot more work to do.

Unfortunately, there's a smattering of some hard-to-love developments in Mt Victoria, erected with little or no community or neighbour engagement, and no thought to the landscape – social, physical, functional – that they're established in. These developments are legal, and their developers followed the rules, as they're interpreted and enforced by the Council.

There are more on the way. But we wonder if there aren't better ways to accommodate people than towers of tiny one-bedroom apartments, with no access to communal space or interface with nature? Isolation and loneliness are a blight on our society – do we want more buildings that force this on its tenants?

Sure, they're legal – but are they any good for us?

Urban design ideas are bubbling up through the **Our City Tomorrow** and the **Let's Get Welly Moving** programs.

The ideas that come out of these programs will inform and shape development in Mt Victoria and the transition area.

The next meeting will explore the vision we all have for how we could live in Mt Victoria, and how the city could support us, our kids, our elderly, our disabled, our long-term residents, our visitors.

What could Mt Victoria and the transition area look like with a bit of daring thinking? What infrastructure would be required? What changes would we have to make to the way we live? What changes would we like to make, if only we had support from central and local government? How do we keep our community connected, secure, mobile, independent – the list goes on.

As always, let us know your thoughts on these and any other visions you might have for the Mt Victoria community. We'll have more details for the next meeting in next month's newsletter. After all that thinking about the future, take a few moments to ooh and ahh over something from the past. The restored National War Memorial Carillon and the Wellington's Bell Stories interactive display are open at Pukeahu National War Memorial Park now. Totally worth a visit.

Email mtvicra@gmail.com

Website <http://mvra.org.nz> Or call me on 021 188 7432

Cheers, Angela.

Notified Resource Consents

Needed to undertake some activities specified in the District Plan and obtained from Wellington City Council

(note this is not the building consent)

- Mt Victoria 98 Ellice Street 14/05/2018 410179
Land Use: Additions and alterations to existing dwelling
- Mt Victoria 103 Elizabeth Street 15/05/2018 410256
Land Use: Additions and alterations to existing dwelling



Historical Society Curious Historical Fact of the Month:

Which landmark building in Mt Victoria had a female clerk of works when it was constructed in 1927?

Answer: The 2YA radio station on top of the hill. It was a Mrs Dixon from Christchurch who arranged the permit, sourced the materials and paid the wages and accounts. For more about this, check out the newsletter at:

<http://mtvictoria.history.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Newsletter-67-August-2013-2YA-radio-broadcasting-station.pdf>

Mt Victoria Historical Society's next event is a Show and Tell on Sunday June 24. Bring along one or two old items that mean something to you or have an interesting history and share their stories.

Items with Wellington or Mt Victoria connections particularly welcome. For more information about MVHS, or to join the Society contact jonewman@xtra.co.nz or visit our website at <http://mvhs.wellington.net.nz/>.



The Mt Victoria Bush Regeneration Group

will be starting winter planting on Saturday 23 June at 10am and we will keep going on Sunday. All welcome to come and join us,

get the little ones into the ground, bring gardening gloves and some energy.

Meet up on Moeller meadow near the map, up the drive off Moeller-Palliser Road.

More information on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MtVictoriaBushRegeneration/> or email windynell@gmail.com, Ellen on 021 1067139.

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www.theformary.com Facebook: The Formary

Textile design company The Formary are starting a short series of mending workshops at the Mt Vic Hub commencing on Thursday 14th June. These fun meet-ups teach people to hand mend their clothing. First meeting is Thursday 14 June from 7pm. Wine and cheese provided. A guest mender will attend each month to teach you some new techniques and guide you.

Olive Harvesting In Mt Victoria
Sunday 9th June from 11am meet at Innermost Gardens.
Equipment and guidance/advice provided
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Coming up at BATS:

BATS is thrilled to welcome back the Kia Mau Festival, now in its fourth year. The festival is a unique and vital cultural celebration, led by Wellington's own Māori and Pasifika theatre and dance companies. The festival takes place around Wellington venues from 1-16 June, with BATS hosting seven shows from 5-16 June. Whānau, friends and communities across the Wellington region are invited to join us in sharing contemporary performance and knowledge from an indigenous worldview. Some highlights include a return season of the sell-out, award-winning show, Talofa Papa, which uses Samoan culture to remind you that you need to slow down and breathe in the rich idea of family. We'll also be welcoming acclaimed te reo Māori production, He Kura E Huna Ana, performing in Wellington for the first time. You can find out more about what shows we have on during Kia Mau Festival at bats.co.nz.

Photos from Harvest Dinner:




We love BALKANY!

Spring may seem a long way off but if you are thinking of selling later in the year there are so many things you can be doing now to get your home ready and to make the whole process as stress free as possible. Here are just a few suggestions to help you get started:

- Book the builder/painter to fix those minor repairs is essential as buyers might see them as major repairs and can have a negative effect on the price.
- If you have had building work done in the past make sure it has been signed off by the council.
- Plant your spring bulbs, mulch the garden and give everything a good trim – plants will thank you for it and they will look fantastic in the photos.
- It's never too early to start de-cluttering and not just your wardrobe, tackle the garden shed, kitchen cupboards, garage and don't forget the attic. It's amazing how much stuff we accumulate!

It can sometimes seem overwhelming and daunting so do feel free to get in touch with me if you need any help or advice – I'm just a phone call away.



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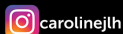
RECENT MT VICTORIA SALES STATISTICS FROM REINZ

McFarlane Street	\$3,205,005
Brougham Street	\$2,925,000
Brougham Street	\$2,100,000
Austin Street	\$1,825,000
Pirie Street	\$1,760,000
Moir Street	\$795,000



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Classes & Groups

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
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Awareness through Movement classes (Feldenkrais Method) – Monday (School term) Clyde Quay School at 6pm.
Call Sue 0274667123

Transition Towns Mt Victoria
The June meeting for 2018 will be on Tuesday 12 June beginning 7:30pm, at 24e Elizabeth St. Showing will be a food film.
All Welcome.
For further information contact Frank Cook on 0276496508.

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

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

Hula Hoop Classes. Tuesdays 5.30-6.30pm
Contact Evelyn - 022 0783889 or email coulson.ev@gmail.com

Innermost Gardens - Gardening
Sundays - 3rd and 17th June. 11am-2pm. Everyone is welcome and volunteering your time for even 1 hour is much appreciated.

Eckankar - Spiritual Wisdom on Relationships
What is the secret of all relationships?
Sunday 24 June, 2-3.30pm. Mt Vic Hub, 24E Elizabeth St., Mt Victoria.
RSVP Viva - (021) 338482. Donation \$5

Qigong - Chun Yuen Quan and Dayan Qigong. Tuesday 6.30-8pm Contact Cynthia Shaw (04) 384 3199 or info@newzealandqigong.com



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Crossways Community Creche

Spaces Available

Crossways is an early childhood centre providing education and care for children from one to five years.

Our beautiful cottage in Mount Victoria is designed to meet the unique needs of children and their families and is the only community creche in the central city.

We are parent run, not for profit and community orientated.

Limited spaces for over-two's are available immediately on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

http://www.crosswayscreche.org.nz
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If you would like to contribute or send feedback to the newsletter or help out your community centre in any way please get in touch, we would love to hear from you Email: hello@mtvichub.org.nz or Tel: (021) 765 525 or (04) 3901411. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram Mt Vic Hub