



Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF SUE WATT R.I.P.

OCTOBER 2018

Celebrating Spring At CQS

The Clyde Quay School Spring Fiesta is a great day out for all the family. With International Food Stalls, an Artisan and Craft Market, Bouncy Castles, Sumo Suits, Fantastic Games, Silent Auction, Havana Coffee, we have something for everyone.

Join us to support this fundraiser and community event, rain or shine.

Stallholders Wanted

If you would like to have a stall at the Fiesta or know someone who might be interested please get in touch with the committee. For more information on running your own Artisan and Craft Stall, please email: cqsspringfiesta@gmail.com

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ARTISAN AND CRAFT MARKET | GAMES | BOUNCY CASTLE
KID'S SUMO | INTERNATIONAL FOOD | SILENT AUCTION

SAT 3 NOV | 11AM-2 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

Farewelling Our Friend Sue Watt



It needed a discerning and patient eye to realise the degree to which Sue was special, in being so modest and reliable. Her sense of social justice embraced an international perspective, a New Zealand-wide perspective, and the minutiae within our local community. She will never be forgotten by those who worked with her. Hopefully, future generations of Mount Victorians will be aware of the silent contribution she made to their physical surroundings and their sense of belonging.

From Craig Palmer,
Mt Victoria Residents Association



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22 - 28 OCTOBER

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<https://wellingtonheritageweek.co.nz>

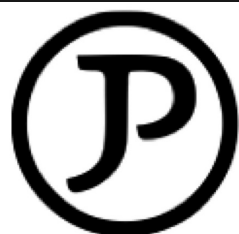


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A word from Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou. Hope you enjoyed Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. It was wonderful to see so many of us in Pōneke (Wellington) celebrating at the hīkoi. Let's continue to ahakoia itī, ākona, kōrerotia (learn a little, use a little).

Suffrage 125 has been a resounding success. There have been and continue to be vibrant events around Pōneke to celebrate. And, the Government has been fighting for equality by introducing legislation to make pay equity claims easier. Kia kaha nga wāhine toa!

Last marama (month), we announced Our Plan: a blueprint for our long-term priorities. With it, we're looking 30 years ahead instead of three. We're going to build a growing economy that works for all of us. With Our Plan, we are leading a compassionate government that will improve the well-being of New Zealanders and their families.

We've also made the right decision and raised the refugee quota to 1500. We are finally doing more for the most vulnerable people of our world by offering a safe home in New Zealand. I'm so proud of this decision.

Take care and all the best for the next month.

Newly Appointed Archbishop

The Greek Orthodox Faith of New Zealand has a newly appointed Archbishop. His Eminence Metropolitan Myron was enthroned on 22 September 2018 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary in Hania Street, Mount Victoria. This is a special occasion for all people of the Orthodox Faith in New Zealand and is special to our Cathedral in Mount Victoria for the Enthronement to take place here.



Victoria Bowling Club News

The Victoria Bowling Club hosted its 22nd annual invitation pairs last weekend hosting top players from around Wellington as well as Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu, Kapiti Coast, Wairarapa, Nelson, Marlborough, Canterbury and Dunedin. Ross Thorn (Naenae) and Bruce Henderson (Johnsonville) won 10-9 in a tense 12 end final with a fine display of draw bowling overcoming a determined effort from Canterbury's Andrew Kelly and Victoria junior Mark Burgess. This year's event was the driest in seasons with a new sponsor Credit Consultants, increased prize money, great food, and very professional looking organisation put on by the club (this is written by a very proud President). Pictured is a battle of the beards between Ray Martin and Nairn MacGibbon.

This October the club is opening up its greens for anyone that wants to give this great game a go. Just turn up any time from 3pm on any/every Sunday in October. All you need is flat shoes and a smile. We'll provide the bowls and some coaching. A game for all ages and abilities. Also start thinking about work or social teams of 4 for our famous Twilight Social Bowls on Tuesday evenings in November. Contact Dan and AJ on 02108182595 or socialbowls@gmail.com.

Pet of the Month



WICKET is a Griffon X with a Shih Tzu - that makes a shiffon! She is 5 years old and still full of beans. Wicket has grown up in Mt Victoria and is part of the first dog squad that met up at the dog park each Sunday. Wicket loves her walks around Mt Vic, other hobbies include visiting local bars and sampling their menus ... Basque rooftop is one of her favourites, but she especially enjoys the meat patties she gets at Mish Mosh!

If you would like your pet to star in the Mt Vic newsletter send in their photo & details to caroline@justpaterson.co.nz

 **Follow us on petsofmontvic**

WANTED

Wellington Women's Boarding House is looking for a sturdy four drawer chest of drawers please.

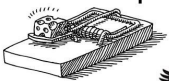
if are refurbishing, moving or need to get rid of that too good to throw away set, they would love to hear from you. You can email

brooklynne.michelle@wwbh.org.nz
THANK YOU!

Robyn Hood and Her Merry Gals

Kids play from the wonderful crew at Kidz Stuff Theatre during the school holidays at Taranua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff St
Two shows daily 10 am and 11.30am
www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz/shows
General Admission - \$10.50
Under 2 year old - Free

180 traps



240



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PFMV is growing by the day but we would love more people to get signed up coming into Spring and help make a difference.

Contact Ian Robertson at
predatorfreemtvc@gmail.com or
(027) 449 1489.

Check them out on Facebook
Predator Free Mt Vic - Backyard Trapper



ALL VEGAN
MONTHLY
MARKET

SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER 6-9PM

Don't Forget.....Fairy and Pirate School

When: October 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th

Where: Clyde Quay School hall - 1pm and 3pm

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz

Email fairycatparties@outlook.com to receive a special promo code for \$10 tickets.

Sue Watt - Committed to family, friends and her community.

Sue leaves a lasting legacy with Mt Victoria Historical Society. She joined our committee many years ago on the proviso that she would only do the accounts. Knowing we could trust in her skills and professional approach meant we could leave the financial side to her. But her resolve to only do treasurer duties very quickly fell by the wayside and she threw herself into every kind of activity. Sue graced events such as Victorian picnics and gaities in historic costume, helped organise many events and added to the enjoyment of everything by being there. Her commitment to community and Mt Victoria will not be forgotten, and we thank her particularly for what she gave to Mt Victoria Historical Society.

From Jo Newman, Mt Victoria Historical Society

Almost every note I've had from people have described her in words like 'unique', 'original', 'unlike anyone else', 'a very special individual'. Sue was her own person. She made up her own mind about absolutely everything. She followed no fashion and was disdainful of trends. When she finally succumbed to a cell phone she kept it in a box. When she bought a suit to wear when she had to brief ministers in parliament as part of her job at the Ministry of Education, she wore it forever. What, she said, was the point of having a whole lot of clothes? She wore no makeup and was eternally reluctant to have her hair cut since it would just grow again. We all counted ourselves as feminists but Sue was the only truly liberated woman I knew.

Sue loved Mt Vic and Mt Vic loved her. She worked tirelessly for the historical society and the residents' association. One of her last acts, even though she was by then quite ill, was to write a long submission for the association on transport.

Members have asked me to say how grateful they are for all that Sue did and what a huge loss she is to them. Sue was also a hard-working and popular member of VSA, first the council and then the Wellington branch, where she ended up as chair. And she avidly supported Waterfront Watch and Chaffers Park – Make It Happen! as we fought to retain public space on the waterfront.

Sue's enthusiasm for this work was topped only by her enthusiasm for one of the ministry's clubs. She became a foundation member of the single-malt whisky tasting club. In 20 years she rarely missed a tasting. Her favourites, I'm told by her fellow tasters, were the big bold peaty whiskies from the island of Islay.

I always think of Sue as a bit of a warrior. She had great strength, stubbornness and determination, and was utterly matter-of-fact. When I announced I wanted to get a walk established around Wellington harbour and planned to scope the 72-km route over several days, she immediately signed up. Sue, I have loved you and your indomitable spirit for 46 years. You were a devoted mother, a staunch friend, a sister in the struggle, and a wonderful companion on so many adventures. **From Mary Varnham**



Quiet Activist and Feminist

Sue's lifetime of quiet activism and her support for good causes, began when she worked at the United Nations in New York. Sue landed a job as an accountant at UNICEF headquarters in New York when she was just 23, and she worked there for twenty years from 1972 until 1992 rising steadily through the ranks to become Deputy Chief Accountant at UNICEF.

Sue had a very strong social conscience, so she loved working with people from all over the world in a global organisation that was dedicated to helping children.

Sue and I helped set up and run a UN Women's Group called the Ad Hoc group on equal rights for women, which became a powerful lobby group for improving conditions for women in the UN. When fellow New Zealander Sue Markham joined the UN a few years later, the three Sue's, as we were known, became pillars of the women's group, helping edit the magazine we put out called EQUAL TIME as well as running the group. People used to ask us, are all the women in New Zealand called Sue.

Our group lobbied hard for change and became a thorn in the side of the Secretary General at the time, Kurt Waldheim. Every year, on International Women's Day, we would draw attention to the dire situation of women in the UN by holding protests. One year, we announced a day of mourning for the lack of progress women had made within the UN and asked all UN women staff to wear black. The President of the Staff Union held a rather dramatic press conference about the bleak situation of women in the UN, with all of us standing mutely behind him dressed in black with black veils covering our faces, to highlight women's invisibility and powerlessness within the organisation. Then we marched off in our veils to meet Kurt Waldheim and present him with our demands. He listened politely and said that he hoped he'd see us next year wearing a nicer colour like pink!

Protests like this were previously unheard of at the UN so they were groundbreaking events at the time and helped to slowly change the antiquated culture of the UN –though not enough, unfortunately, to ensure a woman Secretary-General was elected in 2017. Sue Watt, along with Sue Markham and myself, was elected onto the UN Staff Union, representing ten thousand staff, and we were all active union representatives for many years, trying to improve conditions for UN staff generally. Along with our shared activism, we three Sue's became firm friends. She was widely admired at the United Nations for her hard work, her intelligence, her commitment, and for being someone who just got on with the job without any ego, without making any fuss or seeking the limelight in any way.

She made a huge contribution to UNICEF, and to improving, conditions for women staff in the UN and she will be sorely missed. **From Sue Kedgely**

Classes & Groups

Wellington Central Grey Power.
www.greypowerwellington.org.nz
You can sign up by email
greypowerwellington@gmail.com

Over the Rainbow Dance Classes
Plimmer House Innermost Gardens
Creative Ballet, Jazz & Preschool
classes. Affordable & quality classes.
www.overtherainbow.dance

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

Transition Towns Mt Victoria
The next meeting of Mt Victoria
Transition Towns will be held at the
Mt Victoria Hub, 24e Elizabeth St, on
Tuesday 9th October commencing
7:30pm. It will be a showing of a film
about waste and recycling solutions.
All welcome
For further information contact Frank
Cook, 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 at 61
Majoribanks St is a parent-run early
learning centre for children aged 1 to
5. It is open Monday to Friday with
sessions running from 8:30am until
1:15 or 2:30pm, and offers 20 hours of
state-funded ECE for over 3s. Contact
us at 04 3848201 or email
julie@crosswayscreche.org.nz

Tai Chi – Friday Mornings at the Irish
Society, 10 Fifeshire Avenue. 10-
11.30am

Scottish Country Dancing: 7:30pm
every Wed, at St Mark's Hall, Basin
Reserve,
\$5 entry, for lots of fun, all welcome.

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

Steady As You Go (SAYGo)
\$2 per class. Quaker Meeting Rooms,
7 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria
Monday at 11.00am
Call Age Concern Wellington
04 4996646 or email
communitysup@acwellington.org.nz

Innermost Gardens – Gardening
Sundays - 11am-2pm 6 & 20 October
Everyone is welcome and Tuesday
morning gardening every week from
10am - 12pm

**Eckankar – Spiritual Wisdom on
Relationships**
2-3.30pm. Mt Vic Hub, 24E Elizabeth
St., Mt Victoria. For dates ad times
RSVP Viva - (021) 338482. Donation \$5

**Qigong – Chun Yuen Quan and Dayan
Qigong.** Tuesday 6.00-7.30pm
Contact Cynthia Shaw (04) 384 3199
or info@newzealandqigong.com

One Mindful Breath Wellington's
secular Buddhist community – every
Weds 7:15-9:15, Friends' Centre, 7
Moncrieff St. Contact Noah 021 885
180 or
onemindfulbreathnz@gmail.com.

A huge thanks to everyone for entering the spring flower draw, it was
great to hear from you! Congratulations to the winners Kathryn Brown,
Cilla Bennett, Ian Garrett and Fiona McClusky! I'll pop over with your
bunch in the next few days!

Over the last 3 months there have been 17 sales in the neighbourhood
with the average sale price of \$1,215,000 which is 47% above RV*.
So with spring well and truly here, if you are thinking of selling,
now is a really good time. Buyer demand is high!

*Based on properties where valuations were available from REINZ



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RECENT MT VICTORIA SALES STATISTICS FROM REINZ

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Armour Ave	\$1,590,000	Armour Ave	\$1,365,000
Shannon St	\$1,423,000	Roxburgh St	\$1,290,000
Moir Street	\$1,129,000	Hawker Street	\$1,220,000
Roxburgh St	\$1,150,000	Brougham St	\$925,000
Brougham St	\$899,000	Kent Terrace	\$765,000
Elizabeth St	\$743,000	Dufferin Street	\$486,000
Brougham St	\$480,000	Majoribanks St	\$400,000
		Brougham Street	\$400,000



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wellington.heart.nz@gmail.com
Ph/text 027 345 2010

Transmission Meditation (group
session)
Sunday 28 October @ 4.30pm -
6.30pm at Mt Vic Hub

**Compassionate Nonviolent
Communication (NVC)**
The Power of Empathy
Sunday 14 October @ 2pm - 5pm
Mt Vic Hub, 24E Elizabeth Street
Email
wellington.heart.nz@gmail.com
Ph/text 027 345 2010

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send feedback to the newsletter
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centre in any way get in touch,
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Contact Jonathan 0212537896