



Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI



DECEMBER / HAKIHEA 2018

LET'S CLEAN UP MT VICTORIA



**SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER
FOR ONE HOUR**

STARTING AT 11.30AM - 12.30PM

**MEET AT THE MT VIC HUB,
24E ELIZABETH STREET**

BAGS AND GLOVES PROVIDED

**FREE PIZZA AND COFFEE
FOR EVERYONE AFTER!**

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Pizza Winner for December

Winner of the HELL pizza voucher is **Alessandro Stagni** who was nominated by his flatmate Alistair, thank you for keeping the street clean on windy rubbish days and helping keep our community tidy.

If you know someone who quietly does good for our community and deserves a wee bit of recognition please email your nomination by the 20th of each month hello@mtvichub.org.nz.

Great Coffee, Gifts and Chats.

We are hosting a pop-up shop and community cafe over the weekend of Friday 7th, Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December here at the hub and in the empty space next door.

There will be people from our community and local school selling their wares. You can pick up some honey, a Predator Free Trap, preserves or lip balm. We will have well priced Havana coffee made by baristas from Zeal Wellington and a cafe style set up inside and outside. See you there!

POP-UP SHOP &

**GIFTS
COFFEE
CHATS**

COMMUNITY CAFE

MT VIC HUB, 24E ELIZABETH ST

**7th, 8th & 9th
DECEMBER**

OPENING HOURS - 10AM - 3PM

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This month pizza goes to : Alessandro Stagni



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Pet of the Month



Duke the Border Terrier is 6 years old and he's pictured here from the top of the steps at his home in Austin Terrace. Duke loves company and enjoys watching through the gate seeing all the students come and go at WEGC while his family are out at work. He also loves walks around the neighbourhood every day!

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](https://www.instagram.com/petsofmontvic)

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This fashionable boy is Forrest Gump. He loves trying out new winter trends, smooches with his mum and chasing sun beams!

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Grant Robertson

I've been reflecting on the last year, and what a year it has been. Looking back at what we've achieved, the Families Package stands out for me. It is making life easier for 385,000 families who are now an average of \$75 better off. I am incredibly pleased to be in a position where we can create positive change for our whānau.

This time of year is good for reflection, but we're also looking forward to next year. I'm currently working on Budget 2019, which will be New Zealand's first Wellbeing Budget that puts wellbeing at the heart of Government policy. It will transform how we measure our economy by considering the wellbeing of people, the environment, communities and infrastructure. We aren't taking our eye off the financial side - this remains just as important and we plan to keep running sustainable surpluses and keep debt under control. Budget 2019 will chart a course for New Zealand where wellbeing is central to Government decision making.

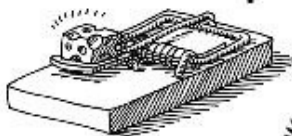
And that's not all we're doing. We'll give mental health the focus it deserves, improve our rental situation, pass the Zero Carbon Act and so much more.

We're ready for next year to be just as busy as this year.

I hope you have a peaceful break and recharge the batteries. Wishing you and your whānau peace and joy for the summer break.



267 traps



PREDATOR FREE MT VIC



November has been a busy month for the group, with 34 new members signing up. We're very grateful to the Year 9 boys at Wellington College, who with the help of our Kiwibank/ Predator Free NZ grant and Conservation Volunteers Wellington, managed to build us twenty new trap boxes. Better yet, we were able to find homes for them all at the Kilbirnie School Market held a couple of Fridays ago. The tuis are loving all the flax flowers at the moment, and there's been several sightings of kererū and morepork on the hill. Less mice caught than last month, but quite a rise in rat numbers, so please do check that your trap is set and is freshly baited. At the moment Hataitai is leading the charge with new members signing up, so if you're living in Mt. Victoria, Oriental Bay, or Roseneath and would like to get involved, just contact us at predatorfreemtvc@gmail.com and we'll get you sorted out.

Coming Up in February 2019 - Hamerkop Experience

Would you or anyone you know like to attend an intimate electronica gig at Charles Plimmer Hall, Innermost Gardens on Sunday 24th from 7pm. **Hamerkop** is a pair of Baltimore-based sound nerds, one of whom hails from Christchurch. **Annabel Alpers (formerly of Bachelorette)** is a composer, singer and instrumentalist, and Adam Cooke is a Baltimorean drummer and audio engineer. They will be playing their new work, *Remote*, which is a live, multiple-speaker, surround-sound experience. The project began as an exploration of the beauty of sound, inspired by Alpers' collection of field recordings from her homeland and beyond. Tickets to this would make that perfect "experience" gift. If you would like to find out more please get in touch with Tom at tom.ackroyd@gmail.com. You can check out what to expect here - <https://kck.st/2QyXbID>



Innermost Gardens has had a bumper year!

And we're not just talking food production. We've co-hosted some great events, upped the number of working bees held which has seen large numbers of volunteers spending time in the gardens, planted a huge number of sub-tropical plants and natives in our southern field, and successfully applied for community grants which enabled us to build new top-of-the-line fancy compost bins. Plus, there seems to be an increased interest in community gardens as places that promote mental wellbeing and local resilience, and we're happy to be a part of this.

HALL HIREAGE

Hire of our hall provides the income that we need to keep the gardens humming along. We are lucky that Ian and Margaret Garrett manage the hall on a voluntary basis, and couldn't do it without them. This year we've had a number of regular people and groups who use the hall weekly during term time - and the Wilderkids school holiday programme in the school holidays - so we have stopped making it available for one-off events or gatherings. This has meant that groups who do use the hall and grounds have a strong connection and understanding of our kaupapa, and also makes Ian and Margaret's job a lot easier.

We've co-hosted two community dinners this year along with Mt Vic Hub and are very lucky to have Trish on our core group. She is often wearing two hats at these events which continue to be fantastic community celebrations.

GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

We're always looking for ways to get more people involved in the gardens. This year, in addition to working bees on the first and third Sundays of the month, we trialled Tuesday morning working bees from 10-12pm. They have been very successful, with constant attendance from the Active Youth group as well as local gardeners and people interested in learning. The work of this group has ensured more garden weeding and tending. The energy and muscles of the Active team have been put to work with moving soil and distributing leachate around the gardens, as well as tending their own allotment.

We have also hosted a number of other groups for education or working bees, knocking off big jobs.

NEW COMPOST BINS

Perhaps the most noticeable change to the gardens has been the installation of new compost bins over winter. Sited on the south side of the hall, we now have separate bays for receiving veg scraps from locals, and a next door one for making the actual compost by layering the scraps with green and brown material to create the perfect conditions for brewing a hot compost. We're keen to develop this area further with more signage to showcase how householders can manage food scraps.

MORE PLANTING

During winter we planted 250 natives supplied by the WCC Berhampore nursery. They are in the corner by the new compost bins, and form the wetland area of the southern field. On the sunnier side, we've just finished planting sub-ish-tropicals as part of our food forest - think pepinos, pawpaws, papayas and loquats. Yum!

COME JOIN US

Join us for a working bee, donate your food scraps, join our summer watering roster, or just make your way up the hill to wander amongst the plants. We're pretty proud of our little piece of paradise. **Meri Kirihimete From Innermost Gardens**



Saying it with Sounds!



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www.goodvibrationssoundtherapy.co.nz

or Facebook: GVSoundTherapy



Speech and Drama for 2019

Elisabeth is looking to enrol students in her speech and drama classes for 2019. She has a wide range of experience in all things performing arts and has performed in various plays and musical theatre shows, and has taken lessons in singing and various dance genres. Now studying in Wellington at Victoria University she also continues her extra-mural Trinity College papers and works to pass on her knowledge to those young and old looking to improve their speaking, acting and presenting skills. To find out about the various classes, or to stay up to date on news, events and special offers, visit www.elisabethsschoolofspeechanddrama.com and sign up for her mailing list. Alternatively, 'like' her facebook page @elisabethsschoolofspeechanddrama.

Mt Vic Hub says Meri Kirihimete

Kia ora koutou, We are reaching the end of another busy year in the Mt Victoria community. As we reflect on the year, we would like to take this time to thank all our wonderful partners, supporters, fellow local organisations, and of course, our engaged, lively community. A community organisation's strength comes from its engagement with its community - and Mt Victoria is certainly a willing and active participant in the Hub's events, happenings, Newsletter and centre. We hope that we have provided you with a place to find local news, drop in for a cuppa, check out a class, organise a venue, attend an event and participate in your community. All your favourite events, and more, will be back in 2019.

Excitingly, 2019 is a big year for us - we apply for our next three years of funding from Wellington City Council. Over the next few months, we will be asking you again what you would like from us, your community centre. You can let us know via the usual channels, or come in and say hi - we'd love to see you over our Pop Up weekend (Dec 7th - 9th), where you can talk to a Trustee about what you'd like to see more of, or less of, from the Hub. Do let us know what is important to you - together we can ensure that Mt Victoria's community centre might be small, but is mighty!

We wish you and your whanau a Meri Kirihimete, and Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Ngā manaakitanga, the Trustees.

Thank you for 2018 !





What's At BATS?

Theatre company, A Slightly Isolated Dog, is bringing their signature raucous, sexy style to celebrate everyone's favourite Christmas icon: Santa Claus. He's made his list and checked it twice, but the people who dwell in the little town of Wellington have been very, very naughty.

Santa is outraged and ready to take the law into his own hands. Which list are you on? Did you buy caged eggs? Finish your flatmate's milk and not replace it? Refuse to give up your seat on the bus for someone who needed it? Then you better watch out. Because Santa Claus is coming to BATS Theatre, and it could be a total Xmassacre. Hilarity and merriment ensue, perfect for a friends and family holiday outing.

Santa Claus is running from Tuesday, 4 December - Saturday, 15 December at 6pm and 8.45pm. Book at bats.co.nz



Supporting Wellington Womens House

Looking for a gift for someone who has everything? Perhaps that new workmate who you got through Secret Santa? What about that third cousin once removed? We have the perfect option, give them a donation on behalf! You get to make sure your money goes to a good cause and feel good at this gift giving time, we even send you a nice printable certificate to give your recipient.

<https://bit.ly/2U97Jx2>

The Wellington Women's House provides low-cost, temporary housing for women on low incomes or in transition. For more than twenty years, it has been home to women who need a safe place to stay, often at a difficult time in their lives. Our vision is that every woman in Wellington has a safe and comfortable home that enables her to meet her needs. The house depends on volunteers and donors who give generously to provide a safe home for women in need.



Mt Victoria Residents Association

2018 has been a busy year for us in the MVRA. A deeply emotional one for us, too, as we farewelled our friend and cohort, Sue Watt. We miss her terribly. Her efforts and attitude over the years remain evident, thankfully.

Next year, we'll continue to lobby and agitate and progress issues for our community. I hope to see and hear from loads of you in 2019. However you mark the day, and wherever you are, have a happy Christmas. And once the onslaught of trifle and whatnot is over, have a great New Year. See you in 2019!!

You can email us at mtvicra@gmail.com

Or call me on 021 188 7432

Have a look at our website <http://www.mvra.org.nz>

Cheers, Angela

Victoria Bowling Club News

Victoria Bowling Club members continue to represent us well at the highest level. 23-year old Nicole Toomey (pictured below) was recently selected by Bowls NZ to play in the prestigious Hong Kong International Classic pairs and performed well reaching the semifinals going down to pre-tournament favourites Malaysia. Nicole and Dunedin team mate Sarah Scott won 9 from 11 section-play matches and their first play-off match in a tournament that features teams from around the world. And Commonwealth Games silver medallist Mark Noble picked up where he left off last season winning both the singles and pairs at the NZ Disabled Championships held at the Naenae club this month. There were over 30 competitors in three events vying to put their names forward for the NZ team which Mark surely has done once again.

20-year old Bradley Down (who is our greenkeeper this season) has just come home from representing the NZ Professional Bowls Association against their Australian counterparts in Melbourne, and watch out for 28-year old Ray Martin in the World Indoor Singles in England at 8.30am on 18th January live on the [worldbowlstour](https://www.worldbowlstour.com) Youtube channel.

By Richard Corry



A Word From Iona

Happy holidays to all. As we approach the end of the year, it is the time to wish everyone a relaxing and safe break. And to say thank you to those who have tirelessly worked for our schools and Kindy and crèche communities to those who have built connection in Mt Vic through numerous events like the community dinner at Innermost and Xmas party, to those who have protected the local environment and to those who gave their neighbours a hand when they needed it, just because it needed to be done.

From a council perspective, things are going pretty well. The economy is in good shape and I have been proud to see millions invested in critical infrastructure in this year's budget. Progress is being made on strengthening Council owned earthquake-prone buildings, native bird populations are climbing, cycle lanes are being built and so on. There is, of course, a lot more to do; housing continues to be unaffordable in the capital and transport emissions are climbing through the region. So, the priority for me will be to support more affordable housing being built and driving a new zero carbon plan for the city for 2019. Here's to another prosperous and successful year in 2019.

Iona Pannett 021-227-8509/iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz.



Housesitter Wanted

House and dog sitter wanted for a home in Mt Victoria from 22nd - 27th December. The dog is a very friendly wee cavoodle called Max. If you can help out please get in touch. Call: 021 2225684 - Thank you

Neighbours Day 2019 Poster Competiton

We are holding our annual Treasure Hunt as part of Neighbours day Aotearoa on Sunday 22 March from 2-4pm

This year our theme is
"Kia Ora Neighbour".

We want to get to know our neighbours better and what better way to start than saying Hello or Kia ora when you pass someone in the street.

You can submit your entry to the hub letterbox at
24e Elizabeth St or online to hello@mtvichub.org.nz

Deadline for Entries: 20th January 2019

There will be a \$100 voucher from Gordon Harris Art Shop for the winning entry.

Last years winning entry from Ian Garret also featured on our olive oil labels and greeting cards.

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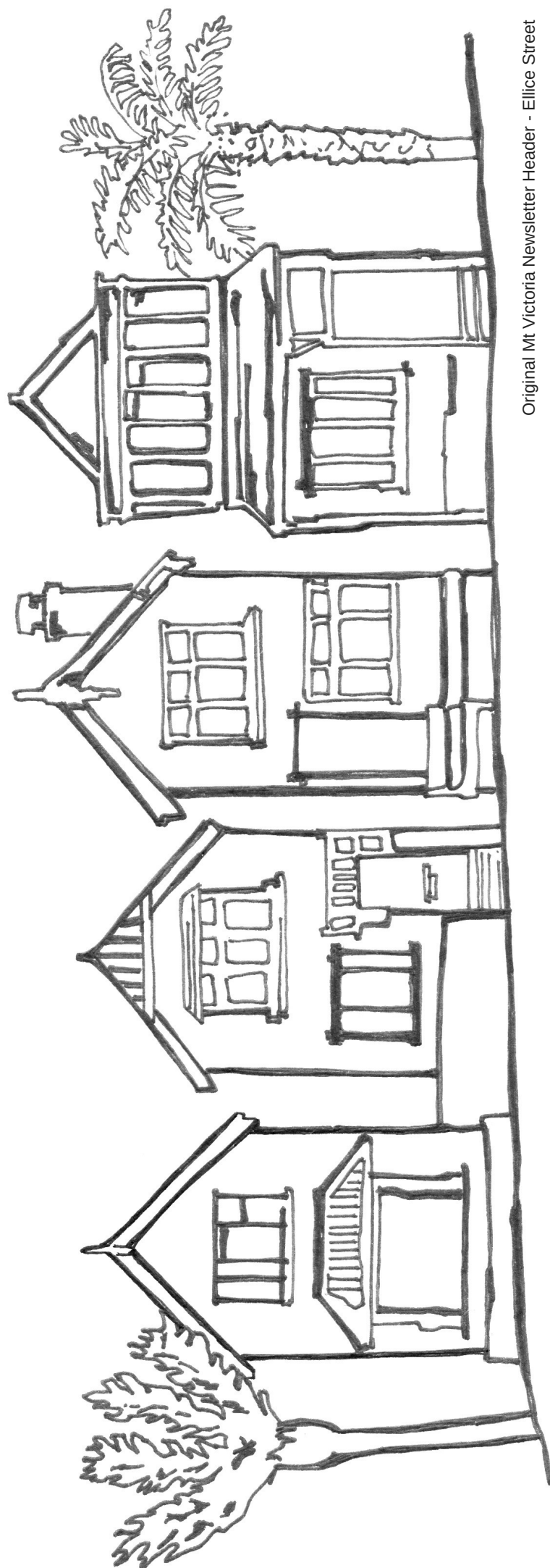
Contact Details:

Age:

Name:



Original Mt Victoria Newsletter Header - Ellice Street



Colouring In Competition

A fun colouring in activity for our younger readers. Colour in Ellice Street houses. Imagine them any colour you wish. This image was the original Mt Victoria Newsletter header and we think it is wonderful.

Colour in the image and cut it out and drop it to the hub letterbox at 24e Elizabeth Street.

Entries due 1st February 2019

Remember to include your name, age and contact details on your entry.

\$50 Voucher from Gordon Harris for the best entry.

Eco-Friendly Christmastime!

If you are looking for something eco-friendly to give as Christmas gifts this year The Hopper Home Eco Store will have something for you. This is a new initiative on Hopper St with a focus on sustainability and protecting our environment.

Our Favourite item is their Eco Christmas Crackers which are designed specifically to cut down on waste, while still enjoying that age-old tradition of a pop and a prize. The crackers themselves have an original design, where the shell becomes the crown. The paper they are printed on is made from a mix of recycled waste and well-managed forest fibre. The prizes are plastic free and mostly upcycled and yes there are cheesy jokes.

They are selling them at the Hopper Home Eco Shop and are running workshops where you can make your own cracker. You can fill the cracker with one of our prizes or bring your own. It is \$5 per cracker and you can make as many as you like.

Workshops are held Thursdays 3:30-5:30 and Sundays 11:00-1:00 until Christmas

11 Hopper Street, Mt Cook, Wellington



Classes & Groups

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

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**Awareness through Movement
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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 11th December commencing
7:30pm. We will be showing a film
about the decline of songbirds and
the significance for us and the
planet. 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 &
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04.385.0441 or
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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 2 & 16
December Everyone is welcome and
Tuesday morning gardening every
week from 10am - 12pm during term

**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
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**Qigong - Chun Yuen Quan and Dayan
Qigong.** Tuesday 6.00-7.30pm
Contact Cynthia Shaw (04) 384
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Christmas is less than four weeks away and we have
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their homes on the market before Christmas. Timing
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market/season. But summer is when your home

looks its best and it is when buyers expect there to
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real estate questions big or small, and if you want to
know about my Top 6 Tips for a successful sale please
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and New Year.



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Contact: thirtythreesunflowers@gmail.com or
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Experienced Painter who is willing to do some
small jobs around my Elizabeth st house. One
task is to repaint a small wall matching with an
existing paint effect. I have the Resene paint for
it. Would be wonderful if it could be done
before Christmas but not essential. Phone Judi
0210783694

Highly experienced house and pet sitter
available for Mt Vic area. Christina
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Large Garage Space available in Mt Victoria
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Dog Walking - College age boy looking for dog
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Accommodation - Responsible lady moving to
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