



Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

MAY/HARATUA 2019

Cleaning Up Our Streets



CleanStreetsNZ. In the last few weeks, Mt Vic has been the birthplace for a new campaign to help our environment - CleanStreetsNZ. Rather than focussing on a few doing a lot, we're aiming to get a lot of people to do a little. The objective is for everyone to take responsibility for keeping their place, and the footpath and kerb outside their place, clean and free of rubbish. Together we can make a difference to our land, our streets, our towns, our waterways and our oceans! It starts with us! At the moment it's on LinkedIn and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/274116153467242/> <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13700278/> Local businesses are also supportive with a number already pledging their patronage. So join us, like us, and let's keep our environment clean! Alison Pharaoh Roxburgh Street, Mt Vic - CleanStreetsNZ will be at the Treasure Hunt this weekend.

**KIA MT VICTORIA
ORA Treasure Hunt
2019**
SUNDAY 5 MAY
1pm - 3.30pm
Register at Mt Vic Hub
24e Elizabeth St
RAIN OR SHINE

REMINDER: The rescheduled Mt Victoria Treasure hunt is on this weekend. Finishing at Innermost Gardens, with music, bbq and spot prizes. Tell your neighbours and friends. This event is FREE! See You on Sunday at the Hub from 1pm.

INNERMOST GARDENS AND MT VIC HUB BRING YOU

MT VICTORIA COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY 11 MAY FROM 6PM
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MT VICTORIA

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CALL/TEXT 021765525
SEATS ARE LIMITED

KOHA DONATION FOR DINNER & BYO BEVERAGE OF CHOICE
www.mtvichub.org.nz & www.innermostgardens.org.nz

To book email us at hello@mtvichub.org.nz
This event is booking out very fast.



Make a Meal in May
Haratua Tunu Kai

Make a Difference
Tākohatia te Aroha

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Mt Victoria Residents Association

I talked last month about the need for transport and housing infrastructure that supports us to stay connected with each other. Since then, Wellington City Council has published its Planning for Growth scenarios, and consultation sessions have begun. MVRA is hosting a public meeting on Thursday 2nd May, at 5:30pm at the Tararua Tramping Club hall. Our local councillors will be there to talk us through these scenarios, and walk us through the impacts each is likely to have on Mt Victoria and the wider city. It's a great opportunity to understand the proposed changes, and get a handle on exactly how they could affect you and your community. We look forward to growth and change, and are excited to hear our council's ideas about how to accommodate more people in Mt Victoria and beyond in well-designed, sustainable, people-centric housing. As always, we'd love to hear from you about this and anything else on your mind about Mt Victoria: Email us at mtvicra@gmail.com Or call me on 021 188 7432 Have a look at our website <http://www.mvra.org.nz>, and/or follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Cheers, Angela

Mt Victoria Historical Society Fascinating Fact:

Where in Mt Victoria would you find a piece of London's Waterloo Bridge?
Answer: The granite wall of the Centennial Look-Out on the top of Mt Victoria. (Gift of the London County Council and formed part of the Waterloo Bridge, demolished 1938.)
Join Mt Victoria Historical Society to find out more about, and support Mt Victoria's unique heritage. All members receive the newsletter, covering fascinating episodes on our history along with other information, and have the opportunity to attend events and other activities.

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



Our first planting day for 2019 will be 26 May from 10am to 1pm. Meet in the park at the top of Majoribanks St. Bring gardening gloves and your favourite digging tool. Check out our Facebook group for more details and to get in touch. Or call Ellen 021 106 7139.

Laterun of Wellington titles for VBC



The Victoria Bowling Club has earned a burst of Wellington titles late in the season. There was one lone title back in December with Kay Carr, Nina De Munnik, Helen King and Leigh Griffin winning the Wellington Xmas Open Fours. This was Nina's 5th Wellington title entitling her to a 'Gold Star'. Then in February the Women's Premier team picked up the Wellington Interclub title. And then came a rush of titles in April - Richard Corry, Bradley Down and Ray Martin defended their Wellington Open Triples title from last year giving Bradley and Ray their Gold Stars for 5 titles. Robyn Rintoul, Sarah Taukamo and Helen King won the Wellington Champ of Champ Triples which was Robyn's first ever title. And it was a Victoria double in the Wellington Easter Pairs last weekend with Tim Toomey and Mark Noble winning the men's (Tim's Gold Star), and Robyn Rintoul and Nina De Munnik also taking out the women's event beating another Victoria pair in the final. With one event to go this weekend, Victoria are one of four clubs still in the running to win the Wellington Women's Club of the Year award while the men will finish third. Members will soon wind up for a well-earned rest over the winter to recharge the batteries for another successful summer next season.

A Word From Nicola Young -

Resident parking permits are important in Mt Victoria because off-street parking is a rarity in our closely-settled suburb, so Council's proposal to increase the annual charge from \$126.50 to \$195 will affect many. I voted against this 54% increase; instead, I supported the officer recommendation of a small increase to \$145. Unfortunately, most of my colleagues supported the hike. This swinging increase is not only regressive but possibly illegal as the Land Transport Act allows cost recovery only for resident parking - it's not supposed to be a profit centre. Of course, the definition of costs is debatable; let's hope not in the Courts. You can make a submission, through the 2019/20 Annual Plan consultation; the deadline is 5pm on Wednesday, May 8. How should Wellington plan for the expected population growth of more than 50,000 people over the next 30 years? Four scenarios have been outlined on the Council's website, including new housing in character areas like Mt Victoria, more central city high-rises, stretching out into the suburbs and a combination of all options. Our decisions will shape the city for decades, so it's really important that your views are heard. There's lots of information about 'Planning for Growth' on the Council's website; send your views by 5pm, Friday, May 10.

Mt Victoria Writers Idyll

Booklovers Writers Residency, opening this May at 123 Pirie Street, is aimed at creative people who want to spend time in Wellington during the winter months. 'I want to provide the kind of place I am always looking for when doing historical research in other cities,' says Jane Tolerton, who runs her house as a bed and breakfast in the summer months. 'I have made the residencies from one to two months to suit researchers who want to spend a week at Archives New Zealand or the Turnbull Library as well as those who want to spend time writing. I spent a month at a writers residency in Finland last year, and it was fantastic to be in a place with like-minded people focussed on their own projects. It was like being provided with the perfect conditions to think and work,' she says. www.writersresidency.co.nz

Mother's Day Giveaway - We have one of Jane Tolerton's books to give away for Mother's Day - Nominate your mum and we will give you a copy of **"But I Changed All That - First New Zealand Women"** Send your entries to hello@mtvichub.org.nz and we will get it to you in time for Mother's Day - we also have them for sale at the Hub. Call/text us beforehand 021765525.



Dear Mt Vic Newsletter:

This is a message to the person/persons dumping supermarket trolleys on the corner of Ellice & Brougham St on a weekly basis: Would you PLEASE desist from using the supermarket trolleys from New World, Moore Wilsons and The Warehouse and then taking them back to Mt Victoria, unloading your shopping and then dumping them at the corner of Brougham and Ellice St. This is happening every week.

It is a highly irresponsible act dumping trolleys at that location and in high winds could cause an accident to pedestrians and motorists. Not to mention it costs the retailers extra money in having to send staff to collect the trolleys constantly. In the end everyone is paying for this selfish act. It would be good if you would stop doing it.

If you do see any further instances of dumped trolleys could you facebook message the shop to come and pick them up or in the case of New World, they have a 'trolley line - 021 949 359' which you can text them to notify them of this or buy a trolley for your shopping!

Thank you

An observant Ellice St Resident

If you have any issues you would like to bring to the attention of residents please get in touch and email them to us here at hello@mtvichub.org.nz

A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
Less than four weeks after the horrific Christchurch terror attacks, we have banned military style semiautomatic weapons. Parliament supported the move nearly unanimously. Now, military style semiautomatics and the parts to assemble them have been banned, with exceptions for pest control. I am proud to be part of a Government that has taken a stand and said we don't need these weapons in our society. Keep an eye out this month for our upcoming Wellbeing Budget. We have been working hard on delivering a different kind of Budget: one that addresses long term wellbeing challenges for our people. To get a better picture of how wellbeing is improved, we are focusing on our communities, people and environment as well as GDP. Mental health, child poverty, Māori and Pacific wellbeing, becoming carbon neutral and preparing for the future of work are all priorities for Budget 2019. We are making significant investments in these areas so we can improve long term wellbeing.

If you'd like to hear my thoughts when Budget 2019 is released, email me at newsletter@grantrobertson.co.nz, and you'll be signed up to my monthly email newsletter.

Wishing you a great May.

- Grant



HELP WANTED!

We are looking for several new newsletter deliverers to help us get the newsletter out to every home in Mt Victoria. Newsletters would be delivered to your home and delivery should take no longer than 30-45 minutes of your time once a month. We also need some backup people to call on when others are on holidays and someone to help sort and deliver the newsletter to the delivery people at the Hub.

We would be very grateful for any help you can offer.

Please get in touch with Trish at

hello@mtvichub.org.nz or call/text 021765525

HELP AMBER GET A CARAVAN!



We are huge fans of Amber who runs Taco Addicts - she has catered our community dinners and is a regular at the monthly Vegan Vault. She is raising money to help buy a van. We would love you to help her out, this special dinner is being run to help her PledgeMe campaign

Come along to this Tex-Mex botanas (little bites) night, created by Amber from Taco Addicts - a completely vegetarian/vegan 5 course community dinner. Held at the Innermost Gardens on Thursday 30 May from 6-8pm. Amber will draw on influences from her hometown of Austin, Texas, as well as her trip to Oaxaca, Mexico in September 2018.

The menu will be seasonal, locally made and delicious. It will be a combination of recipes that she is currently experimenting with for new tacos and also things she wants to make but doesn't often get the chance!

This dinner is a fundraiser for Operation Taco Caravan, and you must secure your place with a pledge for 'Tex-Mex Bites Night' on pldg.me/tacoaddicts. One dollar from every ticket will also go towards Kaibosh's Make a Meal in May. BYO drinks; water provided. Limited to 40 spots!

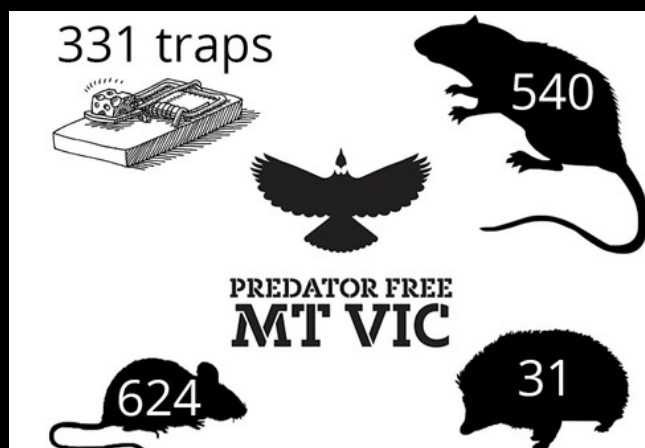
Thank you for your support

A huge thank you to everyone who dropped off sanitary products. We will continue to collect items on behalf of these various groups. We will also arrange a better drop off arrangement and thank you for your patience while we sort this.

You can drop items in the letterbox at the hub or text 021765525 and we can come and pick up.

Predator Free Mt Vic

It's a busy time of year for backyard trappers, with a mast season bringing with it lots of hungry rats. We've recently marked our 500th rat caught, with Kevin O'Donnell being the trapper lucky enough to snare it. Our group covers the suburbs of Mount Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath and Hataitai, with Hataitai leading the way with the bulk of our membership. We'd love to see more people from our other suburbs getting involved, so do spread the word, as our goal is to get one in four households trapping. We've recently received another 100 traps from Kiwibank, and are very keen to find them a home. If you'd like to get involved do get in touch and we'll have you trapping before you know it. Email us on predatorfreemtvic@gmail.com, or call Ian on 0274 491 489 or 385 6046.



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

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

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

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 - Drop In or
Call Age Concern Wellington
04 4996646 or email
communitysup@acwellington.org.nz

Innermost Gardens - Gardening
Sundays - 11am-2pm 5 & 19 May.
Everyone is welcome and Tuesday
morning gardening every week from
10am - 12pm during school term

Eckankar - The Sound of Soul:
Discussion Class.
Sunday 26 May 2 - 3.30pm.
Mt Vic Hub, 24E Elizabeth Street, Mt
Victoria.
RSVP Elaine - 021 379319. Donation
\$5

**Qigong - Chun Yuen Quan and
Dayan Qigong.** Tuesday 6.00-7.30pm
Contact Cynthia Shaw 021 613081 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.

Beginners Ukulele Class - email or
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Babysitting - 20 year old medical student
with experience babysitting both boys and
girls from age 15 months up to 14 years of
age. I have a first aid certificate, full drivers
licence and car available. I am free in the
evenings and on weekends. Contact
number: 0223450409

JUST PATERSON - Caroline's Corner

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 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.



Caroline Collison
027 566 1666
caroline@justpateron.co.nz
Living and Selling in Your Neighbourhood

**RECENT MT VICTORIA SALES
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Queen Street	\$845,000
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planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz**



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My property, my risk

High rise in the city
What's your view?
Make new suburbs in the outskirts

Live close to the action
What's your view?
Peace and quiet in the suburbs

House and garden
What's your view?
Apartment and balcony

More trees and birds in the city
What's your view?
Leave town to enjoy nature