



Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

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Let's GET Wellington MOVING

Finally, an announcement has been made that the government has committed to fund up to \$6.4 billion of work for an 'indicative package' to improve our transport system. You will recall the LGWM project came to life after a 2015 decision finally ditched the Basin flyover, and it focuses on the Ngauranga to airport journey.

LGWM say At its heart, the programme seeks to deliver a multi-modal transport system that moves more people, goods and services reliably, with fewer vehicles. Mass transit will be a core element of the programme. There will be a 60-40 split between government and local government funding for the programme. Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington regional council now need to approve and confirm their part of the funding. This is the critical next step and it needs to happen before the elections in September if we are to see any progress.

Once the funds are endorsed we might expect to see some more of the details! The proposals are still sketchy. What's in it for Mt Victoria?

There is a welcome move to make safer speeds across the network that will improve traffic flow, make it more pleasant to be near vehicles, and easier to cross the road. Safer speeds will extend to Ruahine St, which should make it easier for Saturday sports folks to get in and out of the netball courts. The Golden Mile will get more bus priority which should improve bus reliability. And there is a proposal to widen footpaths and make crossing the Golden Mile easier.

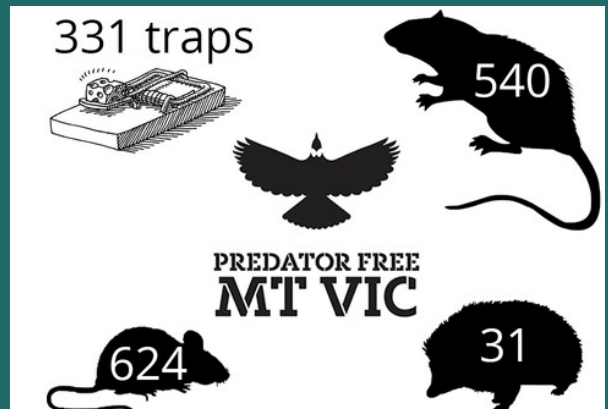
A key part of the LGWM proposal is to develop mass transit, we understand this to mean a high capacity public transport system probably light rail, although there has been recent talk of trackless trams (aka buses). The route for this seems to be leading along the Quays up Taranaki St to the hospital and in the future to the airport. So, no direct benefit to Mt Victoria and hard to see how this will reduce bus congestion on the Golden Mile where people want to go. Some early projects include some 'at-grade changes to improve reliable access for all modes' at the Basin Reserve. Grade separation is still on the cards for later and there are some images of a bridge-like structure to let north-south separate from east-west as if that is the only way people will want to go. And it seems that a new Mt Victoria tunnel is still well in the sights.

There are a set of performance measures that will be critical to get right as all progress will be set by them. And the programming is also key with some projects due to be delivered by 2024 and others in a second tranche by 2029. It is good to see some progress on LGWM, and I attempt to remain optimistic that the project will improve Wellington but we need to see the detail.

Let Mt Victoria Residents Association know your thoughts on the proposals, for the submission, we will inevitably be making, email mtvicra@gmail.com Check LGWM proposals out

<https://getwellymoving.co.nz/the-plan/>

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 suburb 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.

Let's Get Wellington Moving Mt Victoria

Thursday 6 June - 7-8pm
at Greek Community Hall, 5 Hania St
Join Mayor Justin Lester and Councillors
to discuss how the recent
announcement on Let's Get Wellington
Moving will affect the inner city

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Kia Mau at BATS

The region of Wellington is known for the strength of Tāwhirimātea, the God of the Winds, this is the home of Kia Mau Festival.

From 1-15 June 2019, theatre and dance will be performed by Māori, Pasifika, and Indigenous artists and their companies from across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa and the globe. Artists, whānau, friends, communities, and audiences are invited to join us in sharing contemporary performance and knowledge from an Indigenous worldview. BATS has 9 unique and eye-opening shows hitting their stages.



Head to bats.co.nz for more info on Kia Mau Festival.

A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

We have big news for our city's transport future. The Government has endorsed Let's Get Wellington Moving and invested over \$3 billion into the project. The goal is to make Wellington a liveable city with high quality transport options and reduced congestion.

We'll be investing in connected cycleways, better public transport and modern rapid transit between the station and the airport. It'll make our city an even better place to live.

Some other big news: on the 30th of May I announced the Wellbeing Budget. I am writing this before it has been released, but we have already announced some great initiatives. One example is our \$320 million package to fight domestic and sexual violence, which affects 1 million New Zealanders. It is a long term challenge that requires a collaborative response, which is the essence of our wellbeing approach. I'm proud of initiatives like these that we've delivered in the Wellbeing Budget. Be sure to visit beehive.govt.nz to see all everything we've delivered.

Wishing you all the best for the month ahead. If you'd like to keep in touch digitally, email newsletter@grantrobertson.co.nz to sign up to my email list.

Planning to Retire? Read this First...

By Antony Zogg, B.Com, MIM

By default, "Retirement Planning" makes us think about the financial aspects of retirement. "Retirement Planning" tends to ignore the psychological, physical and lifestyle challenges facing people as they transition into retirement. The dark side to retirement can be aggravated by loss of work identity, social connection and lack of purpose leading to depression, alcoholism, drug addiction and suicide among older people. We can avoid the dark side of retirement by planning for a rewarding, stimulating and fulfilling retirement. Retirement Coaching is the process of helping clients prepare for and transition into retirement and focuses on issues such as replacing one's work identity, establishing a healthy and active lifestyle, staying socially connected and cognitively engaged, strengthening relationships, and finding meaning and purpose. Antony Zogg is a member of the Retirement Coaching Association in Ann Arbor Michigan. He is certifying as a CPRC (Certified Professional Retirement Coach) and needs practical experience to complete his certification. He is offering the first 12 Mount Victoria Residents responding to this article, a free 1-hour introductory coaching session. To register your interest in this offer, please call Antony on 021425926

Clyde Quay School Fundraiser Help

Would you be willing to showcase your home or gardens (or part of it)?

The last tour we held was in 2015 and was a huge success - a day enjoyed by all!

The school will sell tickets to the tour which includes entry to the approved areas of each home and a booklet with some detail including (if relevant) history, architecture/design notes, professional photography...

Home owners will be well supported on the day to ensure security and care for your home.

This is a major fundraising event for the school and will significantly enhance Clyde Quay's resources to provide a high quality education.

Your assistance would be hugely appreciated and we are happy to answer any questions or put you in touch with a home owner who was involved with the last tour.

Any support for the event will be welcome!

Please email if you can help or phone if you'd like to have a chat about this.

Joanna Lee 021738822

clydequaypta@gmail.com

Meet the locals.

Who are you?

I'm Jo Newman. I'm an Archivist and Information Manager in my work and over the years in Mt Vic I've been involved in the Residents Association, Civil Defence and, particularly, Mt Victoria Historical Society. I've been involved with that since its earliest days in 1996.

How long have you lived in Mt Victoria?

I've lived in Mt Victoria for 26 years, in the same little 1890s cottage.

What do you like most about living in Mt Vic?

There's so much I like about living here. It's warmer than many suburbs; it's close to the sea, the city and the open spaces of the Town Belt. I love walking on Mt Victoria, with its trees and birds, dog walkers and others enjoying the open air. There's a great sense of neighbourliness and community and so many lovely and interesting people live here. And, of course, as Convenor of the Historical Society, I think one of the most special things is the character of the suburb, coming from the extraordinary number of original, historic houses and the layers of stories of the past residents.

Seeing as we live in the coffee mecca of NZ, where is your favourite coffee haunt?

My favourite coffee haunt is actually a table in my garden on a sunny day, with a plunger of Havana coffee

If there was something you could change about our neighbourhood, what would it be?

I'd like some of the very run-down historic houses to be more loved. If owners don't appreciate them, or Mt Victoria, or don't want to maintain a good standard of dwelling, perhaps they could take their investments somewhere else.

If you would like to find out more about the Mt Victoria Historical Society visit - <https://mtvictoria.history.org.nz/>



Mt Victoria Residents Association

The end of last week saw the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme release their recommendations for how Wellington's transport will support us in the future. In its current form, it's a twenty-odd year programme of work. Have you seen it? Go online and check it out at <https://getwellymoving.co.nz/>. Public consultation has commenced, so check the website for upcoming sessions. Let us know what you think of the ideas the programme has come up with. In other news, we put on the Planning for Growth meeting last month. The presentation from the Wellington City Council was well attended and warmly received. The published scenarios generated a lot of calls and emails to us, and we submitted feedback to the council last week. This is another very long-term piece of work, and we hope to see that the direction it goes in echoes some of the more sensible and far-sighted ideas we've seen come out of Let's Get Wellington Moving.

Working through Planning for Growth confirmed for us that Mt Victoria's values and concerns are shared by other neighbourhoods around Wellington, and we consulted with a number of community groups about how best to respond. They share our view that growth and change can be accommodated in ways that support sustainable, people-centric ways of living.

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


Pet of the Month

Hello, my name is Paddy Pablo, I am a 5 month old French Bulldog cross. Even though I am new to the neighbourhood I have already met lots of people, I am super friendly and get very excited to stop and chat. I will probably jump up on you or try to eat your shoe laces, I may even try and follow you.

The other day I tried to get into a lovely lady's car with her.

At home I love to lie in the sun and try and play with my cat brother Leo who is 5 years old and not interested in playing, he just hisses at me. I hope we'll snuggle up together when the weather gets cold? I'll eat anything, I haven't found anything I don't like yet. I especially like finding apples and pears that have fallen off the trees in the garden. I've even tried lemons - that was a funny face I pulled.

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)



Filmmaker , Local and Dame - Gaylene Preston

A huge congratulations to local Gaylene Preston pictured recently with Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy at her investiture ceremony on 15 May for her services to film. Gaylene has continued to contribute New Zealand stories to global cinema and her award-winning work has screened extensively at international festivals. Telling our stories since she began at Pacific Films in 1977, Dame Gaylene Preston has had an illustrious career directing documentaries and feature films. We are very lucky to have you as a part of our community and long may your amazing work continue.



Lōemis Festival 2019 14-22 June

Lōemis is a festival that began in Wellington in 2016, and is now entering its fourth year.

It is an offering towards Maruaroa o Takurua; the winter solstice, which connects with and takes place around the rise of Matariki and Puanga. Events are staged across the city in multiple locations, with a particular interest in designing site-specific events to enable people to experience places in new ways. Several workshops are being held at the Mt Vic Hub and other locations around the city - Check out the website for full itinerary and event listings

www.loemis.nz

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A word from Iona Pannett

Population growth within suburbs like Mt Vic are potentially on the Council agenda. Thank you to Mt Victoria Residents' Association for organising a successful meeting on the Council's approach to accommodating thousands more people into the city over the next few decades. It was great to see a commitment from residents to intelligent growth whilst protecting the character of our much loved burb. There is a long process to decide on where this growth will happen and I'm very committed to make sure that inner city areas like Mt Vic have a chance to have their say, particularly on heritage issues. It

has been positive to work with the mayor on a commitment to declaring a climate emergency as many cities have already done. It is hoped that this will be proposed when we debate our Te Atakura - our Zero Carbon Plan in June. This is timely as at the timing of writing, another climate strike will soon take place. Momentum is now building to take real action on climate change and it was promising to see that Let's Get Wellington Moving will have a strong focus on mass transit over new roading projects. Thanks to all of you in Mt Victoria who have made such a big contribution to this project. It has literally been and will be a long road to travel on to make our city more liveable and sustainable.

Any questions, feedback, don't hesitate to get in touch on 384-3382/021-227-8509 or iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz.



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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www.overtherainbow.dance

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

**Awareness through Movement
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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 2 & 16 June.
Everyone is welcome and Tuesday
morning gardening every week from
10am - 12pm during school term

Eckankar - Experience HU: The
Sound of Soul
Sunday 23 June 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.

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evenings and on weekends. Contact
number: 0223450409

The decision by the Reserve Bank to cut the Official Cash Rate (OCR) has seen mortgage rates reduce further. This in turn should have a positive effect on the property market as lower interest rates mean that prospective buyers can borrow money more cheaply thus creating higher demand for homes which in turn drives up prices.

Although winter is upon us, in real estate terms, it's actually still a great time to sell. What typically tends to happen during winter is that the number of listings decline but there are still plenty of buyers out there looking for a home to buy. In Mt Victoria there is strong demand for properties and buyers are missing out!!

Come along to The Hub (24e Elizabeth Street, Mt Vic) on Thursday 14th June between 5.30-7pm and I'll shout you a glass of bubbles, put on some nibbles and we can have an informal chat about property.
Please RSVP to caroline@justpateron.co.nz



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Classifieds contd:

Keffir Yogurt Bug offer - an oversupply means there is some to give away. Call or Text Helen 027 2519311 First in first served.

Carpenter/Maintenance - call Paul 021 269 7989

Help wanted to teach writing and reading for Mt Vic Resident - Contact - Tala Claverly 384 2428

Greek Cooking Class

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6.30pm at 3 Hania St
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