

Mt Victoria Newsletter TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

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Delivering for the Community

The Mt Vic Hub is delighted to be able to confirm our funding has been approved by the Wellington City Council for another three years. The recent competitive funding round was strongly contested, and WCC's approval of our application is a testament to the work of our Coordinator, Trish Given, the Trustees and all our wonderful volunteers who put together our events, newsletter and community networks.

As part of our application, we increased our request for operating costs – and were successful. This increase will enable us to extend the Coordinator's hours, employ an Administrator (see our ad on the website www.mtvichub.org.nz), undertake important community resilience work with our neighbours in Oriental Bay, and of course, continue to develop new and exciting community events and networks in our suburb.

We look forward to working with and for you all over the next years. And, as always, we would love to hear from you with any ideas, requests for events or networks, or if you would like to get involved in any way. Stay warm out there, and enjoy these 'nesting' months.

Ngā mihi nui, Sara Williams (Mt Vic Hub Chair)

INNERMOST GARDENS AND MT VIC HUB BRING YOU MT VICTORIA COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY 27 JULY FROM 6PM AT INNERMOST GARDENS MT VICTORIA

AMBER FROM TACO ADDICTS IS BACK TO BRING US MORE OF HER CULINARY DELIGHTS

MUSIC BY JAMES CARROLL

SEATS ARE LIMITED TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL US AT HELLO@MTVICHUB.ORG.NZ OR CALL/TEXT 021765525

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS FOR A FUN EVENING

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

CAP Life Skills Course - July

Learn valuable budgeting skills to help you spend less, achieve your savings goals, and live well within your means. You'll learn how to implement a budget, start saving, debt reduction, and discuss cash spending. Budget, save, spend. Beginning Thursday 18th July, 7:30pm for 3 weeks. Life Centre, 21 Hania Street, Mt Victoria To register, email capmoney@thestreet.org.nz



Nominate folks doing good in your neighbourhood and get them some free Pizza! Email nominations to hello@mtvichub.org.nz

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This Month's Pizza voucher goes to Alison Pharoah for her amazing work with CleanStreetsNZ - Thank you for all your hard work.

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A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

It has been over a month since I unveiled the Wellbeing Budget and I thought I'd share some of our initiatives for Wellington.

We've introduced free mental health services for 18-25year-olds in Wellington. Mild to moderate mental health support has been neglected for too long. These free services will provide invaluable support to young people who otherwise couldn't access it.

We're supporting more Pacific people into work by expanding the Pacific Employment Support Service. It is local, tailored to Pacific communities and works closely with families. This service improves the wellbeing of communities on their terms and has already helped hundreds of Pacific people into work.

We're also investing in our arts and culture. Te Papa's annual budget has been increased by \$12.5 million to maintain its facilities and modernise exhibitions. We've contributed \$7.1 million over four years toward the Town Hall refurbishment to create a National Centre for Music. Our arts and culture are taonga. Preserving and promoting them are so important.

At their heart, these programmes are about improving wellbeing in Wellington. If you'd like to share your thoughts on the Wellbeing Budget, email newsletter@grantrobertson.co.nz. Wishing you the best for next month.



WRITTEN BY AMALIA CALDER & DIRECTED BY ISOBEL MACKINNON

Crochet Blankets

Crochet Blankets for sale. A gift to warm your knees,for baby or for your bed. From \$30+ each. Contact Irena: 04 384 2914



LET'S CLEAN UP MT VICTORIA



SUNDAY 7 JULY FOR ONE HOUR STARTING AT 11.30AM - 12.30PM

MEET AT THE MT VIC HUB,

24E ELIZABETH STREET BAGS AND GLOVES PROVIDED OR PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN GLOVES

FREE HOME BAKES AND HOT DRINKS FOR EVERYONE AFTER!

FIND OUR ABOUT AND SIGN UP TO #CLEANSTREETSNZ

Help us get our seat back!



We had this seat taken from outside our local community centre recently. We would love to get it back please, as it was used daily. It was a resting and waiting point for many. We applied for funding to get the seat and had it specially built by a local carpenter to fit this space and fit into our office, this is the only one of these seats.

If you know where it is get in touch or if you have it please return it. Call us on 021 765525



Mt Victoria Homes Tour Clyde Quay School are still looking for homes to participate inthe Mt Victoria Home Tour. The Tour will be in November 2019. If you are interested please get in touch with Joanna Lee 021738822 or clydequaypta@gmail.com

Meet the Locals

Who are you?

Di Jordan and Rob Brown How long have you lived in Mt Vic?

Since 1977/78 – 42 years. We met as flatmates in our house got married and raised three kids there. What do you like most about living here? Afternoon sunshine



The Town Belt - great place for walking our dog Gus Easy to walk or bike and no commuting problems Neighbours - old and new. We place great value on neighbourhood and community connections. We have such friendly daily contact with our neighbours and we have developed wonderful lifelong friendships during our years in Mt Victoria.

Proximity to everything in the city – restaurants and movie theatres, the waterfront, beach and cultural events. Mt Vic is such an attractive suburb. We love the villas and bungalows and have really enjoyed watching home restorations over the years.

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

We don't search for coffee haunts – the Wellington coffee standards are generally pretty good. We enjoy Prefab sometimes when we have guests

We like patronising the Hop Garden because it is our local and we can take our dog.

If there was one thing you could change about the neighbourhood, what would it be?

We are concerned that Council proposals to lift the protection of pre 1930s housing could result in unrestrained in-fill and high-rise housing and spoil Mt Victoria. In the late 1970s Mt Vic residents protested strongly against the construction of Melksham Towers. While we did not stop that building, no other out-of-proportion constructions have been built since and we think that the post-Melksham Towers arrangements have generally served Mt Vic well. Mt Vic is already one of the highest density suburbs in Wellington. Recently we have seen evidence of Council giving non-notified consents to some new in-fill developments that have impacted adversely on neighbours. Mt Vic residents will need to be vigilant to ensure that the interests of the Council and high-rise developers do not spoil the special way of life we all enjoy in Mt Victoria.



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My name is Frida - named after the famous Mexican artist. I'm a three year-old moggy cat, but due to my excellent diet I have a beautiful silky grey coat. I was born in Marton, but my owners moved me down to Mt Victoria a few years ago where I have settled in very nicely to the city life. I'm quietly confident and befriend neighbours all around the area. Several houses in a row have been known to keep me fed, and I sometimes even like to climb in my neighbour's windows and sleep on their beds.

The (younger) owners in my family like to dress me up (see attached photos) and make videos which I star in. I tolerate this, but I'd rather be sleeping or eating. Meoooow

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 petsofmtvic

Mount Victoria Olives

After 2018s successful community harvest of the local olive trees, producing 15 litres of oil, minor pruning is being undertaken to maintain the trees ability to crop well and be more easily harvested. Experienced olive grower Colin Kelly will lead the task. It will be done over several sessions. Each likely to be an hour or less. What we need is volunteers with trailers, to take the prunings to green waste recycling at the landfill. Dates can be flexible, If available and willing, contact Colin on 021 439 727, or colin.kelly@raywhite.com

Victoria Bowling Club Winter Indoor Bowls

The club has been running social indoor bowls on a Thursday evening, and the current standings are attached below.

The bowls starts at around 6pm each Thursday over the winter months, so even if you are not in the mood to play, it would be great to see members (full and social alike) up at the club. If anyone is interested in playing just let me know nairn.macgibbon@hotmail.com

Victoria Bowling Club Winter Social Indoor Bowls Progress





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

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 **Crossways Community Creche** at of 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://mtvictoastmasters.org.nz

Steady As You Go (SAYGo) \$2 per class. Quaker Meeting Rooms, 7 Moncrieff Street Mt Y 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.

Beginners Ukulele Class - email or call below Compassionate Communication Empathy and Emotional Intelligence - email or call below: Wellington Heart - email or call

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

Classified Ads

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 have MOVED!

We are very excited to have moved into our brand new office at 12 Jessie Street (next to Prefab).

If you are passing by please pop in, we'd love to show you around and I'll shout you coffee!



Living and Selling in Your Neighbourhood carolinejustpaterson Carolinecollisonx

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

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or to send us feedback please contact us at the Mt Vic Hub hello@mtvichub.org.nz or 021 765525 or 04 3901411 Thank You. www.mtvichub.org.nz

