



Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

AUGUST /HERE O PIPIRI 2019

Join us at Charles Plimmer Hall
for the

INNERMOST GARDENS

Haere Mai

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

COMMUNITY

Innermost Gardens

multicultural group of people working together

learning from each other

working together

at about

sharing the joy of gardening and growing

nourishing food

Friendship, support and learning from

each other in our garden where it is lovely to sit and

chat a while

most of all...com

www.innermostgardens.org.nz

Guest Speaker After & Light Supper Provided

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST

FROM 5.00pm

CLYDE QUAY SCHOOL

QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION FUNDRAISER

\$20

SILENT + LIVE AUCTIONS
FANTASTIC PRIZES
DELICIOUS FOOD

6.30PM
SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 2019
MT VICTORIA BOWLING CLUB

Tickets from CQS reception or clydequaypta@gmail.com
Individuals and teams welcome

Gather up your friends & family for a great evening at this Clyde Quay School Fundraiser. Bring a team of up to 8 people, or come as an individual and we'll set you up with a team.

We have live and silent auctions and delicious food on the night. Bar opens from 6.30pm.

Tickets at \$20 available at the school reception on 27 Elizabeth Street, Mt Victoria.
We look forward to your support.



Let's Kick Start Neighbourhood Support!

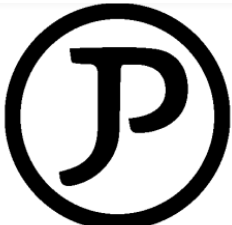
Do you remember all those "Neighbourhood Watch" signs that were on every street a few years ago? Most of these have been defaced and are illegible but we want to replace them all with these new colourful signs (pictured left) and we need your help. "Neighbourhood Watch" is now called "Neighbourhood Support" but still doing the same job. We want to make Mt Victoria a safer place to live with everyone looking out for their neighbours. Together we can create a safe vibrant community. We have all the info here at the Hub to set up Neighbourhood Support on your street. You can register www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz and we will give you leaflets to drop to your neighbours. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours and a chance to look out for each other. Email us at hello@mtvichub.org.nz or call 021765525 and we will put you in touch with the right people.

HELL PIZZA - Sponsor of the Mt Victoria Newsletter



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

This Month's Pizza voucher goes to Chris Montgomerie from Innermost Gardens for all your inspiration and energy - Thank you for all your hard work.



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A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,
Congratulations to my Youth MP Charise Perez for her work representing our youth here in Wellington Central at Youth Parliament last month. Sounds like an incredible experience. She and other Youth MPs are carrying on the mahi by organising an event for our rangatahi in October to highlight youth mental health. Watch this space!

During the July recess of Parliament, we had some big news about climate change. We've introduced a feesbate scheme which discounts new vehicles with lower emissions by charging fees on high emissions vehicles. We have built historic consensus with farmers to bring agriculture into the emissions trading scheme. The Zero Carbon Bill which puts us on a path to being carbon zero by 2050 is progressing. We know how important action on climate change is. Doing nothing is not an option. Be sure to check out what's on during this year's Film Festival. There are a lot of great films to see, including the film "Maiden" about the first all-female yachting crew in the Whitbread Round the World Race. A lot of creative talent on display.

- Grant



Youth MP Charise Perez with Grant Robertson

News From Innermost Gardens

Innermost Gardens is Mt Victoria's community garden. Many of you will be familiar with us as the hall is the location for the community dinners and other events, and we also have compost bins that are open to the public. There are many ways to get involved in the gardens. As well as contributing food scraps to our bins, we are always keen for people to help turn the scraps into compost at one of our working bees (11-1 on the first and third Sunday each month).

If compost is not your thing, we operate a number of communal garden beds which are planned, planted and harvested by garden volunteers. We also rent out space for allotments. These are the clearly named plots - mainly near the bowling club - which people pay money to grow their own produce in.

We are looking forward to a native planting day on **Sunday 18 August from 11am**, where we will be planting natives at our entrance and through the garden site. Everyone is most welcome and all gear will be provided.

Our AGM is coming up on **Sunday 11 August from 5 pm**. Please come along to hear about the work of Innermost, and from our guest speaker who will be speaking about Wellington's edible food network.- A light supper will be provided.



Help
Innermost
Get a New
Outdoor
Table!!

We think Innermost Gardens might like a new table. Their current table is a bit worse for wear and has been well loved. Duct tape can only help so much. If you can help, or know someone who can, please get in touch. Innermost do so much for our community it would be great to give back and help them out.
Call - 021766525 or
hello@mtvichub.org.nz

Mt Victoria Residents Association

The recent demolition of a 19th-century cottage at 99 Elizabeth Street was watched by residents with shock and sadness. A few days of enquiries later, and we understood from the Council - who approved the demolition - that the proposed replacement building is to follow the form of the previous, now-demolished structure - not to be replaced with something out of character, as we've seen often in Mt Victoria. On one hand, we're saddened to lose the heritage, authenticity and collective value of the original cottage. We have the council-commissioned Mt Victoria Heritage Study which states that this area has "high heritage value", remarking in particular upon the high number of houses in Elizabeth Street built in the 1870s: "This part of Mt Victoria contains more houses from that decade than any other". The study maintains that the heritage of the part of Elizabeth Street where the demolition occurred, also has "educational value in demonstrating something about the way people lived their lives in the 19th century and early 20th century in working-class Wellington". On the other hand, the house had fallen into a wretched state and work to remediate and replace in a form in keeping with its previous self will now be able to be carried out. We hope the Council maintains its promised vigilance, and we're stoked that the owner(s) have determined to preserve the previous form. This comes as we're thinking about how the Planning for Growth and Let's Get Wellington Moving programmes will affect Mt Victoria.

The MVRA will be hosting a Candidates' meeting on September 5th, in the Tararua Tramping Club Hall. The evening kicks off at 6:30 pm, with our AGM, and proceeds to hearing what candidates for the Lambton ward, and for Greater Wellington Regional Council, have to say. As always, let us know your thoughts on these and any other ideas you might have for the Mt Victoria community. Email us at mtvicra@gmail.com Check us out online at www.mvra.org.nz; [facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents](https://www.facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents); twitter.com/MtVictoria2 Or call me on 021 188 7432 Cheers, Angela.

Meet the Candidates Mt Victoria &
Mt Victoria Residents Association AGM
Tararua Tramping Club
Thursday 5th September
from 6.30pm

Meet the Locals

Who are you?

I am Gerald Parsonson, an architect running a small practice in Cuba Street. We design mainly new housing and the occasional Multi-unit project (including Zavos Corner). I have lived in Wellington since 1980, on the Kelburn side of the city until 2011. I have always wanted to live in Mount Victoria. My wife Christine



and I are involved in climate change awareness, trying to help build on the growing momentum to move humanity towards a more sustainable future. We have set up a group, website and facebook page called Keep a Cool World <https://www.facebook.com/keepacoolworld/> and have connections with other groups including Generation Zero, initiators of the Zero Carbon Bill currently going through Parliament.

How long have you lived in Mt Vic? 6 years

What do you like most about living here? It's sunny, warm and there is a rich and varied mix of housing, there are Mount Vic community gatherings, interesting mixes of people and history, friends nearby and very close proximity to the city. There are many different and enjoyable routes to choose from to cycle or walk into town. We live next to the town belt and close to Wellington East Girls College, it's a very peaceful retreat and the birdlife is amazing. We are keen cyclists and often do variations of a circuit on the roads or through the town belt up to the top of Mount Vic down to Evans Bay and back which we enjoy.

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

I like the Cuba Street classics of Floriditas and Loretta as they have consistently great food and service, I know the owners well and my practice designed Loretta

If there was one thing you could change about the neighbourhood, what would it be? When we designed Zavos Corner (the multi-unit project with the clock tower on the corner of Brougham and Pirie Streets) we had solid resistance and objection from some locals, which we had thought would happen. I do hope now that it is complete and bedded in that some of the fervent objectors might see something in it as an example of how to create good quality higher density living on the edge of the commercial area of the city.



We have run several clean up Mt Vic Days and these are having an impact on our community and we are very grateful for the help and support of all our neighbours who come out to help.

But we would love to try to clamp down on cigarette butts and we would love businesses to help us out and have a facility outside their premises to accommodate their smoking customers. We can't make them stop smoking but maybe we can stop cigarette butts get washed down our drains and into the sea.

We also spoke recently about being a responsible dog owner and picking up after your dog. We know it ain't very nice carrying around a bag of poop but its not very cool either stashing it along the street. Maybe next time take it home with you!

But together we can help keep our streets clean and find a solution. if you have an idea send us a message - hello@mtvichub.org.nz or 021765525 or call in to the Hub.



You may know me already if you walk up and down Queen Street on your way to work or to school. My name is Gems, I was rescued from the SPCA in 2005 and have lived with my family on Queen Street for the last 11 years. My human family have a dog so I prefer to stay outside rather than venturing inside. I am quite happy with this as I have lots of friends that stop to stroke me. At home sometimes I hear little footsteps coming up the stairs to my house looking for me, they also feed me which I love. Please say HI next time you see me! Meoww.

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

GOODBYE WINTER... HELLO GOOD ROOTS

Hey plant lovers!!

Do you have unwanted plants, cuttings, pots or other plant stuff and want to donate them to go to good, loving homes as beautiful surprise gifts?

Good Roots (Fronds with Benefits) can help! We are a new, local plant charity that will grow, revive & rehome plants to give away to awesome folk around Wellington. **Gratis!!**

GET INVOLVED!
Come to the Mt Vic Hub
31 August 1-3pm and drop off your unwanted plants & cuttings.

Basically, Good Roots deliver cute, easy to care for plants to your friends that come from humble cuttings. Everything is donated, gifted, upcycled or recycled creating a totally money-less plant community.

Spreading the plant love one frond at a time.

Instagram [goodrootsnz](https://www.instagram.com/goodrootsnz)
facebook [Good Roots NZ](https://www.facebook.com/GoodRootsNZ)
To nominate a friend to receive a plant write to us: goodrootsnz@gmail.com

p.s. there will be cake.

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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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
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 4 & 18 August .
Everyone is welcome and Tuesday
morning gardening every week from
10am - 12pm during school term

Eckankar - You came into this life to
spread your wings and live in
freedom - heart, mind, and Soul! Are
you everything you wanted to be?
Sunday 25th August - 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

Upright piano (Chappell) free to
good home (excl moving costs)
before 30 August. Plays well, some
small marks/wear and tear. Good
access to move. Email
claireinwellington@gmail.com or
0211002913.

Carpenter/Maintenance -call Paul
021 269 7989

JUST PATERSON have MOVED!

We have moved into our new office at Level 1, 12 Jessie Street, have unpacked and are absolutely loving it! The move reminded me there is lots to do when you sell. We accumulate so much stuff over the years and de-cluttering can be daunting. So if you are thinking of selling later in the year, or even if you are not, now is the ideal time to have that clear out. As always I'm here if you have any questions, I'd love to hear from you do pop in to the office and say hi to me and the team.

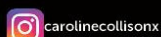


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Living and Selling in Your Neighbourhood



RECENT MT VICTORIA SALES STATISTICS FROM REINZ

Moncrieff Street	\$595,000
Rixon Grove	\$587,000
Austin Terrace	\$650,000
Austin Street	\$1,800,000
Earls Terrace	\$1,830,000



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Mt. Victoria Historical Society Inc

Brickmakers and Potteries of Mount Cook An illustrated
talk presented by Alan Olliver

Sunday Sept 15th at 3pm.

St Joseph's Church, Brougham St, Mt Victoria

The Society's AGM precedes the talk at 2.30pm.

All are welcome to attend the AGM.

The talk will be followed by afternoon tea.

For further information contact Joanna Newman
ph 3852254 or 027 7577 984.

Boogie for your Brain

You are never too old to
dance fitness class at
Thistle Hall, Cuba St.
Tuesday at 5pm
Contact Lynne -
0274416079 or email
lynnebreed@outlook.com

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