



# TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

Mt Victoria Newsletter

MAHURU/SEPTEMBER 2019

Mt Victoria Residents Association Presents

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

### & MT VICTORIA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

### THURSDAY 5 SEPT



MT VICTORIA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
AGM - FROM 6.30PM

MEET THE CANDIDATES - FROM 7PM

TARARUA TRAMPING CLUB  
4 MONCRIEFF ST, MT VICTORIA

It's the time to think about whom we vote for and hear the candidates have their say. Come and join us on 5 September, let us know some questions for the candidates in advance. Email us at - [mtvicra@gmail.com](mailto:mtvicra@gmail.com)

EVERYONE WELCOME

## Kia Kaha te Reo Māori

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori  
10-16 Mahuru 2018  
[www.tewikiotereomaori.nz](http://www.tewikiotereomaori.nz)



Māori Language Week  
10-16 September 2018  
[www.maorilanguageweek.nz](http://www.maorilanguageweek.nz)



## MT VICTORIA

Historical Society  
AGM and Talk

### Brickmakers & Potteries of Mt Cook

An Illustrated Talk presented by Alan Oliver  
Sunday Sept 15th at 3pm at 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

## LET'S CLEAN UP MT VICTORIA



## SUNDAY 29 SEPT

FOR ONE HOUR

STARTING AT 11.30AM - 12.30PM

MEET AT THE MT VIC HUB,

24E ELIZABETH STREET

## HELL PIZZA - Sponsor of the Mt Victoria Newsletter

Nominate folks doing good in your neighbourhood and get them a voucher for some free Pizza!

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# A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,  
We are committed to preventing, reducing, and ultimately eliminating homelessness. To reach this goal, \$54 million is being put into supporting people at risk of homelessness. One initiative being funded is Sustaining Tenancies, where we are collaborating with DCM to help people keep their tenancies and avoid homelessness. This money is separate to our \$197 million Budget investment into Housing First, which provides long-term homeless people with a permanent home and support services they need. I am pleased we have been able to take this action. We have also announced our plan for a new Archives building. Right now, we hold our most precious national items in a building that is at capacity, leaking and needs earthquake strengthening. It is no longer fit for purpose. So, we've committed \$25 million to get consent and to design a better building for our Archives. It will protect our stories, heritage and culture for future generations. Wishing you the best for the month ahead. - Grant

# Nicola Young

Residents may remember Council produced its own olive oil in 2005 from Mount Victoria's street trees; winning a gold medal in the USA. Council no longer prunes our fruit trees, many of which urgently need shaping. Tree maintenance is now restricted to the legal minimum, as there aren't resources to prune for fruit production.



The looming council elections will be particularly interesting with so many candidates. I know people are worried about our rates, with 50% increases projected over the next 10 years. Council needs to spend our money more frugally so that our liveable city remains affordable. I'm standing for re-election as a Lambton ward councillor, so when your voting papers arrive shortly after September 20, don't tuck them away for 'later' - make sure your vote counts!

Please contact me if you have questions:  
Nicola.young@wcc.govt.nz or call 021 654 844

# Calling All Puzzle Lovers!

## An event you have been waiting for... Wellington Community Puzzle Swap!

Bring your pre-loved puzzles to the Mt. Vic Hub and let the swapping begin!

- What: Puzzle (& Game) Swap.
- When: Saturday 21 September from 12-3pm.
- Where: Mt. Vic Hub, 24 Elizabeth Street.
- Why: Puzzles & Games are the best!
- Who: Every game lover in the community!!

All puzzles and games are welcome.  
Format: Bring puzzles then swap. Its easy!  
We will also have puzzles set up on the tables for everyone to get into. All leftovers puzzles will be donated to the Toy Library in Miramar so feel free to drop off donations if you don't want to swap.  
So get involved! Do a spring clean then reuse, recycle and get to know your awesome puzzle and game loving community. For more event info, check out Puzzle Loverzzz on Facebook or write to katesaintgeorge@hotmail.com.

# Victoria Bowling Club: A beautiful oasis in the centre of Wellington



Victoria Bowling Club proudly remains a centre of competitive bowls in Wellington which has sadly seen off other city bowling clubs like Thorndon, Kilbirnie, Vogelmorn, Berhampore, Terawhiti, Hataitai and Wellington. Sure, the club no longer has 4 greens, but the two remaining cotula greens are lined by a spectator embankment anticipating the high-quality bowls entertainment that takes place there. The greens are a real treat... thanks to the former greenkeeper who has been lured back to the club.

The club's competitive bowlers expect greens that enable competitive bowls. After all, Victoria has a record to defend - the Club has won a national title every year for the last 6 years running. Photos of 13 Centre Gold Star holders adorn the walls of the clubhouse. The club has a serious bowling pedigree.

Immediate Past-President and Green Superintendent Lou Newman is unapologetic. "I know that a lot of other bowling clubs put an emphasis on the social aspect of bowls ... on and off the green. We tend to attract members who want to play competitively ... to play against the best. They want to improve their game, and be the best they can. Bowls is no different than any other sport where people are motivated to play socially or to play competitively ... or both." Victoria has 90 full-playing members. "Every year in late September we hold the Victoria Invitation Pairs," says Lou. "Where 32 teams are invited to play in the tournament. . The tournament just keeps on getting better."

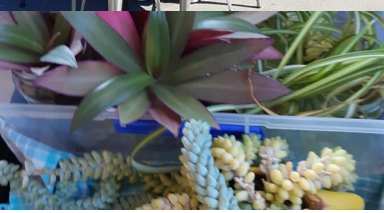
Social bowls aren't completely forgotten and the club also attracts a large number of corporate events - "It's a great spot for an event," says Lou. However, socializing at the club wasn't so easy 30 years ago. "Before amalgamation, the women weren't allowed upstairs to the bar," recounts Lou. "They had to get a male friend to buy them a drink and bring it downstairs! We've come a long way."

If you are in the neighbourhood pop by the club. Drive up Pirie Street, but if you end up going through the Hataitai Bus Tunnel you've not only upset the council, but gone too far. The club's right there at the tunnel entrance on the left.



# Friends With Benefits!!

Thanks to everyone who came long to the Good Roots open day and plant drop off and gifting. We plan on doing more in the future. Watch this space and check our facebook for upcoming events



# Mt Victoria Residents Association

An active advocate on behalf of our community

We will be hosting a Candidates' meeting on September 5th, in the Tararua Tramping Club Hall, 4 Moncrieff St. The evening kicks off at 6:30pm, with our AGM, and proceeds to hearing from candidates for the Lambton ward, and for Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Do come and hear what the candidates have to say about the issues you care about. How well will our city and regional councils look after Mt Victoria for the next three years and beyond? From maintaining our drains and picking up our rubbish every week, to implementing vast transport changes and ushering in the **Planning for Growth** changes over the next umpteen years. We've got a diverse and dynamic community here, with fantastic people, resources and features that need to be shown some love.

What concerns do you have? What great things are happening that you want to see more of? There'll be an opportunity for you to ask questions directly at the meeting, but if you're not comfy with that, or if you're unable to make it, get in touch and we'll make sure your voice is heard. Email us at [mtvicra@gmail.com](mailto:mtvicra@gmail.com) Check us out online at [www.mvra.org.nz](http://www.mvra.org.nz); [facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents](https://facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents); [twitter.com/MtVictoria2](https://twitter.com/MtVictoria2) Or call me on 021 188 7432 Cheers, Angela.

## Calling all local 5 year olds!

To help us with our planning for 2020 please let us know if your son or daughter is turning 5 next year and they will be attending Clyde Quay School. Email us at [office@clydequay.school.nz](mailto:office@clydequay.school.nz) or call us on 385 0900.



The community of Crossways Community Creche has recently welcomed three new members, the guinea pigs Cocoa, Marshmallow and Sylvester. They are proving a hit with the children of Crossways in their new fancy new hutch. However, the cottage the centre calls home is in need of some attention.

Built in 1880s, the building was redeveloped in 1918 by noted architect Robert de Montalk, in the Arts

and Crafts style. 100 years later its distinctive lead light windows need loving care to ensure the history of the craftsmanship endures. We are currently seeking funding to ensure it is done mindfully and in keeping with the unique character of the home.

Any interested party can get in touch with the centre by emailing [info@crosswayscreche.org.nz](mailto:info@crosswayscreche.org.nz) or calling (04) 384 8201.

Families interested in joining are also encouraged to join the waiting list for 2020.

## Fairies, Unicorns and Mermaids!

Do you have a little one who loves fairies, unicorns and mermaids?

Fairy Cat and Friends invites you on three magical adventures at Clyde Quay School Hall!

At Fairy School, you will make fairy potions, learning flying techniques, craft fairy wands and make pixie dust wishes. Become a fairy in training as you enrol in Fairy School, where you will learn the fairies best kept secrets! For a list of all events on September 28th and October 5th and full details go to [www.fairycatandfriends.com](http://www.fairycatandfriends.com) Tickets available from [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)



# Wellington Womens House

Wellington Women's House, provides short term accommodation for single women on a low income. We currently have a few vacancies so if you are in need or know someone who is in need and you think fit our admission criteria please contact us at [hous@wwbh.org.nz](mailto:hous@wwbh.org.nz). To find out more information see our website [www.wwbh.org.nz](http://www.wwbh.org.nz)

What do we want to talk about, Wellington?

## Wellington Conversations

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Free monthly events connecting locals over conversations that matter.

**Deluxe - 5:30-7pm,**  
2nd Tuesday of the month - 10 Sept  
**Mt Vic Hub - 5:30-7pm,**  
4th Thursday of the month - 26 Sept

See what's on in your neighbourhood at [wellingtonconversations.nz](http://wellingtonconversations.nz)

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# MT VICTORIA COMMUNITY DINNER

AT INNERMOST GARDENS

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## 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 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** -ECK Wisdom on Soul Travel:  
Discussion Class  
Sunday September 22 - 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

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hello@mtvichub.org.nz or  
021 765525 or 04 3901411

# JUST PATERSON

Spring is just around the corner, if you are thinking of selling 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 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 the 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!

If you would like a free market appraisal please get in touch.



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## RECENT MT VICTORIA SALES STATISTICS FROM REINZ

Roxburgh Street	\$1,135,000
Majoribanks Street	\$887,000
Moeller Street	\$2,550,000



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