



Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

DECEMBER/HAKIHEA 2019 & KOHITĀTEA / JANUARY 2020

New Artwork at The Hub!



"Matairangi at Matariki"



A busy, fulfilled year!

We've had a busy yet wonderful year here at the Newsletter and Mt Vic Hub. We've hosted and co-hosted lots of events, met lots of new people and made new friends.

Thanks heaps to everyone who has supported and attended our events, the Treasure Hunt, community dinners, street clean-ups, writers gathering and all the many others. Without your support, our sponsors and that of the Wellington City Council (our funders) we couldn't do what we do! We are taking a well-earned rest over the holidays and we hope you do too.

We've got lots of plans in place for events next year. As always, we welcome new and inspiring ideas about things you'd like to see happen in our neighbourhood, so have a think and let us know! Wishing you all a wonderful holiday period and a peaceful new year. See you in 2020!

Thank you for making our place beautiful

We would like to extend our huge thanks to Diana Risk, who recently purchased this piece of art (above) created by kids from a local school and very kindly donated it to the Hub for others to enjoy.

Pictured are her grandkids Immy and Tom Ocroft dropping the paintings off to the Hub. We are incredibly grateful to her for her very generous donation and look forward to many others enjoying these beautiful pieces for many years to come

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This month's pizza voucher goes to Ellen Blake - Without Ellen so many things wouldn't happen. We love her energy and commitment to so many causes and groups - especially the Bush Regeneration Group, Living Streets and the MVRA. Thank you for being awesome! Nominate folks doing good in your neighbourhood and get them a voucher for some free Pizza! Email nominations to hello@mtvichub.org.nz



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Historical Quiz

Which Mt Victoria resident, whose own house still stands next door to the Monastery, built the Town Hall?

John Paterson – who, with friend and business partner, as Paterson Martin & Hunter, built the Town Hall which was finished in 1904.

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/>.

Victoria Bowling Club

With summer almost upon us, the Lawn Bowls season is well underway at the Victoria Bowling Club. Saturday afternoon interclub competition is in progress, with the women's Premier division looking to defend their championship title from last year, and the men looking set to make the playoffs yet again. November sees Victoria running its popular "Twilight Bowls" competition on Tuesday evenings (play starts at 6pm). This extremely popular event will see the greens full to capacity with social bowlers participating in a fun-filled event that spans 5 weeks over November/December, with a second round run in February/March.

For those interested in the more competitive side of bowls, Bowls NZ is running a short-format version of the game called Bowls 3-5 (think T-20 cricket), with a national competition televised live on SKY Sport from 6pm Tuesday and Wednesday each week from 23 October to 28 November.

A local version of the game is also being played on Monday evenings in Wellington, with Victoria hosting games on Nov 11th, Nov 18th, and Dec 2nd (play starts at 6pm) - feel free to pop along and watch some of Wellington's best play this exciting new format of the game.

A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,
Looking back on 2019, I'm pleased with what the Government has achieved in our two years. We've launched the Wellbeing Budget, put \$1.9b into mental health funding, improved cancer care, ended NCEA fees, funded 2000 new teachers, built more social housing than any government since the 1970s, and passed the Zero Carbon Act, just to name a few. I'm pleased to start seeing progress from our work. Nothing happens all at once, but we are working quickly to deliver long term, intergenerational change. We are planning for the next thirty years, not just the next three! When we think long term, we make better decisions for our communities and the generations to come. We are becoming carbon neutral, transitioning to a higher wage economy and investing in modern infrastructure to improve wellbeing now and into the future. Next year will be big. Work has begun on Budget 2020, and after a chance to recharge the batteries over the holiday break, we'll be back into it. If you'd like to get in touch, you can email newsletter@grantrobertson.co.nz. Wishing you and your whānau peace and joy over the summer break. - Grant



Local Councillor Iona Pannett

I was honoured to be re-elected to Council in October and am grateful for the support from Pukehinau Lambton. Some great people have been elected and I'm looking forward to working with them on a number of projects. This triennium promises some big challenges as we build more houses and bus priority lanes, implement our First to Zero carbon plan, work to re-open our much loved central library, improve the lot of pedestrians and cyclists, earthquake strengthen more buildings and build a new District Plan for the next 50 years. I'm looking forward to those challenges. It was lovely to be at the recent Mt Vic community dinner. A victim of its own success, the room was filled out and we again got to eat a great meal.

Looking forward to more of these events next year. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me on 021-227-8509 or at iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz with any questions/comments. Have a wonderful break over the summer and I look forward to working with you in 2020. - Iona





LIVE IN MT VICTORIA AND LOVE LOCAL FOOD?

Wellington's festival celebrating local, natural, community building food.

Connecting local communities to community gardens throughout the summer growing season, culminating with a week long festival of feasts showcasing local food and produce.

We need local food do-ers, makers, preservers, growers and gardening volunteers to contribute to the Mt Vic feast Interested?

Contact Trish at the Mt Vic Hub
Email- hello@mtvichub.org.nz
Phone- 04-390 1411



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Crossways Community Creche Getting in the Christmas Spirit



Mt Victoria Residents Association News

This year has been busy for us at the Residents' Association. The Let's Get Wellington Moving and Planning for Growth programs loom large over Mt Victoria and Wellington, and have consumed a lot of the community's attention - and therefore our attention, too. If we, as a city, can get these programs right, we can achieve that most wonderful thing - a city that supports all its residents to live and move and thrive.

We're looking forward to the next steps with both programs. There's a certain amount of nervousness about it, due to the lack of progress so far, but we expect the pace of planning, and announcements, and active community engagement and consultation will pick up in the new year.

As I write this, it's not quite the end of November.

The days have been long and warm, and we're thinking about Christmas and the upcoming holidays. Before closing out for the year, I'd like to thank the committee, and all the individuals and groups who've supported us over the last year.

But mostly, to the residents of Mt Victoria who've got in touch with us over the year, who've invited us into their homes to talk over concerns, who have Liked our photos on social media, who have turned up to meetings, called up, whatever - THANK YOU.

Enjoy Christmas, and we'll see you in 2020!

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 - [Instagram/mtvicresidents](https://www.instagram.com/mtvicresidents)

Or call me on 021 188 7432

Cheers, Angela.



Pictured Michael Hartley receiving a lifetime award along with Sara Williams (MVRA) and Angela Rothwell (Chairperson MVRA)

Community Garden Etiquette

It takes a community to make a community garden hum, and at Innermost Gardens we share the workload and then share the fruit and vegetables of our labour.

A couple of things to keep in mind as the gardens become more plentiful:-

- Take a little less than you put in. If you are keen to pick some vegetables for your dinner, please also think about lending a hand too.

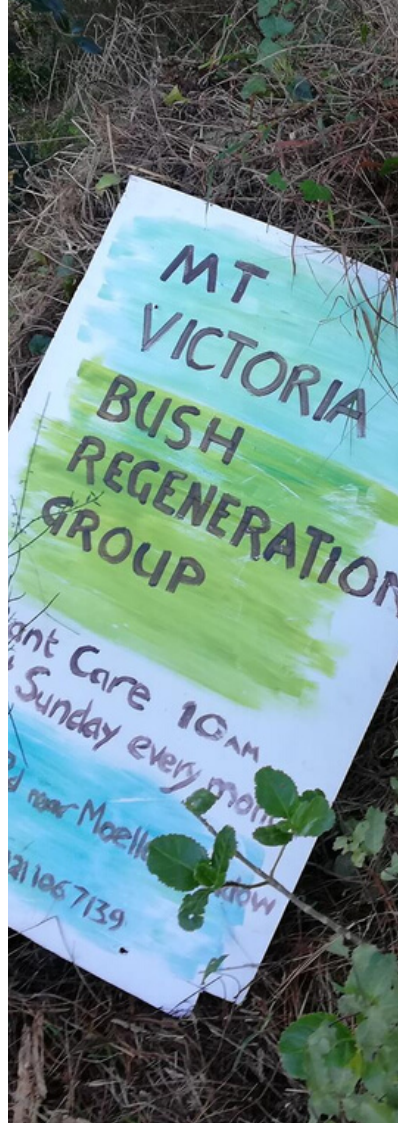
Come to a working bee (first and third Sunday of the month 11-1 or Tuesdays 10-12 during school terms) to learn about how we run the gardens, and then just pop up when it suits.

- Our communal annual beds are the ones with green numbers on the Northern (Majoribanks St) field. Any bed with netting, a visible name or in the Southern field closer to the bowling club is a private allotment for private use only.

- Be mindful when you pick - just take outer leaves so the smaller inside leaves can keep growing. Leave some for the next person.

A Year in Mt Victoria-2019





Summer Time Colouring In

Help us colour in our "Seeds to Feeds" poster image



Bad (or Good) Christmas Cracker Jokes

What do you call a deer with no eyes?

No I-Deer

What do you call Father Christmas in the beach? Sandy Clause!

What do elves post on Social Media?

Elf-ies!

Why does Santa have three gardens?

So he can 'ho ho ho'!

Who is Santa's favourite singer?

Elf-is Presley.

Who hides in a bakery at Christmas?

A mince spy

What do you call a line of men waiting for a haircut?

A barber-queue

Christmas at The Street Church

Christmas production:

A story like no other. Come and celebrate the Christmas story with music, drama, food, and festivity! Like Christmas itself, this Christmas production is for everyone.

So bring your family, bring your friends, and join the celebration. (Production is approximately 1 hour long, with finger food to follow.)

Sunday 15th December 9am & 11am
The Street Church, 21 Hania Street

Street Christmas Carols

It's only once a year, when carols fill the air.

So bring a friend or neighbour and join the Christmas cheer! Sunday 15th December 4pm & 6pm

The Street Church, 21 Hania Street

Save your seat for any of the services

at www.thestreet.org.nz/christmas



Villa Victoria 2020

We have a date (and name!) for the Mt Victoria home and garden tour fundraising event. Villa Victoria 2020 will be held on Sunday March 29 2020. Villa Victoria will be raising funds to support Clyde Quay School. The support from our school and Mt Victoria whanau is always heartening, and all your contributions help to enhance the school's resources and ability to provide our tamariki with a meaningful educational experience.

What we need from our community:

• More houses to show!

• Volunteers to help run the event.

• Sponsorship from local businesses.

• Spread the word! Please let us know if you are interested or can offer any assistance.

Email clydequaypta@gmail.com or phone

Joanna 021 738 822. We are grateful for

your support. More information on the

event and tickets will be distributed in

the new year.

Coming Soon to BATS:

Misunderstood Millennial

BATS Theatre, to Party from Dusk 'til Dawn 12 hour, 90s nostalgia party, SUNSET, to takeover the whole of BATS Theatre from Saturday 14th December, 7pm - 7am. Turning 30 affects us all differently and BATS Theatre is no exception. 2019 has been a year of celebration, reflection and forward thinking with a string of nostalgic events, hui and strategic planning sessions. It seems only fitting that BATS' end of year party reflects this journey. This will be the final celebration for BATS' 30th anniversary year. Drop into the top floor Studio to listen in to Radio Active's 12-hour live stream of specialist on-air content with special guests. Get your hair and make-up done in the Dressing Rooms, then dance the night away downstairs on the Random Stage. Immerse yourself in a dreamy design installation in the Heyday Dome, or catch up with an old friend downstairs at the Sunset Cafe. SUNSET kicks off on Saturday, December 14th at BATS Theatre. This is a free event and an invitation from BATS Theatre to be a little nostalgic with them, before they have to be "grown-ups".



Local Councillor: Tamatha Paul

**"From the view at the peak of Mt Victoria,
down the dockside of Oriental Bay,
across the maunga Pukeahu of Mount Cook,
amongst the birdsong and native ngāhere of Aro Valley and
Highbury,
tracing the Kumutoto trail through Kelburn passed my alma
mater Victoria University of Wellington,
passed the skyline of Te Aro dotted by the steeples of this
cities historic churches,
the cultural wealth of the heritage buildings in Thorndon,
and to the ātea of Pipitea Marae.**

**Thank you to the people of Pukehinau Lambton Ward for
putting your support in me for the next three years."**

Kia ora Mount Vic! As fast as we were elected (or in some cases re-elected), we are almost wrapped up for the year. It's been an incredibly busy time for our Council - especially with induction.

Most significantly, we have been inaugurated, all of us new Councillors have given our maiden speeches, and we have hired a new Chief Executive, Barbara McKerrow.

The above poem was from my Maiden Speech. I am looking forward to serving you all, and hoping that you all stay safe, healthy and happy this silly season!

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi mō te tau hou!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your whānau.

Tamatha

Let's talk: Tamatha.Paul@wcc.govt.nz

[Facebook.com/tamathapaul1](https://www.facebook.com/tamathapaul1)



Mt Vic Hub Writing Group

The Mt Vic Hub is happy to host a new monthly writing group held in the Hub space at 24e Elizabeth Street. Seeing a gap in community activities, hub worker Stella Carruthers was inspired to start the group so writers could meet and write together in community. Writing is often a solitary pursuit and many writers crave connection with like-minded people. This group seeks to provide a space where writers can get together and over a cup of tea share ideas, workshop pieces they are working on and write quietly in a mutually supportive environment. Located close to public transport and The Golden Mile, the group is open to both local Mt Victoria writers and other Wellingtonian's who want to work with words in a supportive, fun and constructive way. More information to come in the New Year with specific dates and times.

Chaffers New World Garden Clean up

Sunday 8 December at 10.30am

As part of Walk and Collect Weekend, we're aiming to clean up the Chaffers New World Garden on Sunday 8th December at 10.30am. Bring a bag, some gloves and a litter picker upper if you have one! Meet outside the main entrance. Chaffers New World will be providing a voucher for morning tea!

Classes & Groups

Wellington Central Grey Power.
greypowerwellington.org.nz
You can sign up by email
greypowerwellington@gmail.com

Feldenkrais Method -Awareness through Movement classes -
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://mtvictoastmasters.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. 3 & 17
November Everyone is welcome
and Tuesday morning gardening
every week from 10am -
12pm during school term

Eckankar
Contact: Peter ph: 021 088 94934
Mt Vic Hub, 24E Elizabeth Street,
Mt Victoria. 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
Compassionate Communication
Empathy and Emotional Intelligence - Wellington Heart -
email or call below:
wellington.heart.nz@gmail.com
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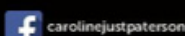
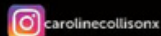
I hope you have a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year with your family!



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LET'S CLEAN UP MT VICTORIA



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SATURDAY

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