



Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

FEBRUARY/RŪHĪ-TE-RANGI 2020

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE ANNUAL PANIYIRI GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL!

Saturday 22nd February 2020

Greek Community Centre,

1-5 Hania Street, Mt Victoria

10am - 3pm. Everyone is

welcome and admission is

free. Please feel free to bring

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and bags

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SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
HANIA STREET ~ 10AM TILL 3PM

COME AND ENJOY A TASTE OF GREECE; FREE ENTRY AND ALL WELCOME!
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Mt Victoria Historical Society Event:
A Guided Walk Exploring Historical Ellice Street with Alan Olliver.

Sunday 23 February

Meet at 2.30 pm at 'Bogarts Corner' at the bottom of Ellice Street, where Kent

Terrace meets the Basin Reserve

roundabout. For more information about

the Society, or to join, contact Joanna

Newman on 385 2254 or

at jonewman@xtra.co.nz.

Visit our website for lots interesting

information about historic Mt

Victoria: <http://mvhs.wellington.net.nz/>

Sunflower Winners

Pikopiko kindergarten were the proud winners of the Daltons Sunflower Challenge Wellington Region for the widest flower head.

Our winning flower was nine cm

across the face at close of the

competition. The children had

grown the sunflowers from seed

and had various pots and

containers of seedlings placed

around our grounds for optimum

growing.

We look forward to more growing

of food seedlings for our garden

pots and community garden plot at

the Mt Victoria inner most gardens

over the next few weeks.



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Wellington Conversations

Pōneke by Mojo (Clyde Quay Wharf)
Wednesday 19 February: 2.30-4pm

Mt Vic Hub, 24e Elizabeth St
Thursday 27 February: 6-7.30pm

Free monthly events that connect locals over conversations that matter.
See what is happening in your neighbourhood
www.wellingtonconversations.nz

Classes Update

Please note that the following two classes have changed location and days:

Feldenkrais is now being held on Tuesday evening at the Quakers, Moncrieff Street on Tuesday evening from 6-7pm classes starting 11 February

Qigong is being held at Hataitai Bowling Club, 157 Hataitai Road on Tuesday evening from 6pm

Mt Victoria Residents Association

Happy 2020, Mt Victoria!!

There's a poster at my workplace that lists "Five Ways to Thrive". They are:

Give, Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning!

Last year, we channeled our energy into the "Let's Get Wellington Moving and Planning for Growth programs". This year, those programs will bring forth some concrete decisions and plans for work, so we'll stay in the fray.

As I'm writing this, I'm seeing a strong media focus regarding transport - ideas around congestion charges, the just-announced decisions about the government's transport spend, and continuing analysis of just how our own individual transport choices affect the environment, and contribute to climate change.

And there's increasing light being shone on large-scale developments throughout the region. We'll continue to seek genuine community engagement and consultation from both of these programs, because in order to be truly successful, they need to support our community to live, move and thrive.

We see great examples of infrastructure done right in other countries and there's no reason why it cannot be the same here.

We're always interested in what you think:

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

Rubbish Collection in Mt Victoria

Thursday is rubbish collection day in Mt Victoria

Please put your rubbish out before 7am on the day of collection - Alternate weeks for glass and other recycling. (This week 6 Feb is Glass)

Please do not put broken glass in recycling - Wrap all broken glass before putting in rubbish bags.

Keep the footpath clear and be considerate of other footpath users.

Composting facilities are available at Innermost Gardens for vegetable scraps - please read composting rules before using.

For further info see <https://wellington.govt.nz/>

A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou, 2020 has arrived, and Wellington's summer events have been a splendid way to start it. Between Gardens Magic, preparations for the Festival of the Arts and the Pasifika Festival, there has been no shortage of activities for (the sometimes sunny!) summer days.

We have some interesting events coming up, including Round the Bays. I've taken part every year for the last 12 years. It is inspiring to see thousands of Wellingtonians band together and enjoy a day on the coast to raise money for others. It really speaks to the values that are a foundation of our city.

I've also spent the beginning of 2020 in the electorate office meeting with constituents. The summer period is a great time to connect with people about their concerns for Wellington. Lastly, a big thank you to the many people who worked tirelessly over Christmas on the broken sewer pipe in the CBD. There is a lot of critical maintenance happening in Wellington, and these planned and unexpected projects have caused some disruption. However, it is all necessary work. If you have any concerns or questions for me, you can email me at newsletter@grantrobertson.co.nz. I'd love to hear from you. - Grant

Coming Up at BATS

6 Degrees Festival from Jan 30 - Feb 15

Victoria University of Wellington's Master of Fine Arts programme in theatre is proud to celebrate the return of the Six Degrees Festival. In January and February 2020, 11 Masters students will present 8 shows in celebration of their achievements and a years worth of learning in the MFA programme. Showing at BATS Theatre, the Festival is made up of both emerging and established artists who are excited to share their talent and work with Wellington. From a solo work about the power of women to a promenade party full of actors; a VR and dance experience to a verbatim piece about the Napier earthquakes, there is sure to be something for everyone!



NZ Fringe Festival from Feb 28 - March 21.

BATS Theatre, where Fringe found its home in New Zealand 30 years ago, is proud to be showing 30 shows for the festival's 30th anniversary. The New Zealand Fringe Festival has been an annual event on the Wellington calendar since 1990, when a bunch of like minded people got together at BATS Theatre and made it happen. This festival is open access and includes contemporary work in art forms including (but never limited to) audio, busking, cabaret, clowning, comedy, circus, dance, film, fashion, improvisation, music, online, physical theatre, podcast, poetry, puppetry, spoken word / storytelling, theatre, visual & digital art.

Helping Wellington Womens House

Wellington Women's House is in need of your unwanted items.

We are currently seeking towels, books and DVD's in good condition that you might have laying around. Please contact us at house@wwbh.org.nz for any enquiries.

The Backyard Gardener

Up at Innermost Gardens we've been applying permaculture ethics and principles to everything we've done for over a decade. We're proud of the healthy soils we've developed and how, as stewards of the land, we've worked closely with the natural systems to produce a yield and facilitated a rich bio-diverse environment for everyone and every other species.

We're keen to pass on our experiences and skills, so you can apply them in your own backyard to grow healthy nutrient dense produce for you and your family.

As a result we've developed a series of practical workshops called the 'Backyard Gardener' series. Each Backyard Gardener workshop will be standalone in nature so you can attend just one, or more, or all of them if you wish.

The class will be around 3 hours long and will provide you with a nice healthy dose of theory and practical hands on experience in the gardens. Kicking off in March the classes we plan to offer include:

Backyard Permaculture Applied (note: this is not a Permaculture Design Course), Backyard Soil Building, Backyard Comfrey Operation, Backyard BioChar Production, Backyard Composting, Backyard Bee Keeping, Backyard Oyster Mushroom Production, Backyard Tree Pruning, Backyard Tree Grafting and Backyard Orchard Development.

Each workshop will be \$30/head with a discount for signing up to all of the classes noting that we'll only proceed with each workshop if we get a minimum class registration of 10 people. We just posted a Facebook poll to determine interest (please see our Facebook page - Innermost Gardens), but you can also register your interest by emailing us at - innermostgardens@gmail.com.

For those that register interest we'll be in touch with updates as the program firms up.



The Mt Victoria Bush Regeneration Group first weeding and plant care day this decade will take place on Sunday 23 February at 10am. Meet at the map at the top of Majoribanks St. For more details check out our Facebook page. If you're taking a walk in our park there are a lot of thirsty seedlings that would appreciate a little watering - adopt a plant!

Villa Victoria 2020

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.

Please contact us if you can help with any of the following:

More houses or gardens to show.

Sponsorship from local businesses.

Volunteers to help run the event

Please email clydequaypta@gmail.com or phone Joanna 021 738 822.

We are grateful for your support. More information on the event to come - please LIKE the Clyde Quay School FUNdraising Facebook page

Writers Workshop

Mt Vic Hub Writer's Workshop First meeting: Saturday 15 February 2020

Meetings from then on to be held on the third Saturday of the month.

Timing: 11-1PM. Place: The Mt Vic Hub, 24 Elizabeth Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Come along to the Mt Vic Hub with your current writing project and write in a quiet but communal setting for a couple of hours once a month. The last half hour of each workshop will be what we are calling 'Sip and Share.'

In this part of the event, you are welcome to discuss and share part of your work in progress if you feel comfortable doing so while having a cup of tea. Baked goods will be provided by the convener as will access to hot water and generic tea and instant coffee.

Bring along your own speciality tea if so desired.

Note that The Hub is near Courtenay Place and its public transport links if you are coming from another part of the city.

The space is reasonably accessible although there is a small step into the hub space. Any queries re this event or accessibility email Stella at hello@mtvichub.org.nz



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



Classes & Groups

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

Feldenkrais Method - Awareness through Movement classes
Call Sue 0274667123 - Please note feldenkrais restarts and has moved to The Quakers room on a Tuesday night from 6 - 7pm

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://mtvictostmasters.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

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Sunday Feb 9 and Feb 23, 2020
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.
Contact: Elaine 021379319
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
Please note this class has moved to Hataitai Bowling Club, Hataitai Road

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

**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
Text/call 021 765525 or
04 3901411**

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Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing break, it's hard to believe we are in February already. We are back on board and busy with new listings. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about our listings coming up or would like a free market appraisal.

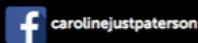
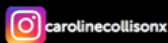


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A Word From Iona Pannett: Council Dog Policy & Animal By Laws

Happy New Year! I hope people had a chance to have a good break.

As I came back to work, a local issue has been raised with me regarding the way Animal Control is enforcing the Council's Dog Policy and Animal Bylaw for dog owners.

Matairangi Mt Victoria is of course beloved by many people for walking, biking and other recreational purposes. User conflict has been raised on a regular basis for a number of years which has been managed in a number of ways. I will be meeting soon with some locals to talk further about how we manage those conflicts.

People will have their chance to have a say on a new Dog Policy this triennium and I look forward to hearing feedback from people in Mt Victoria on the issue. As the city grows, dog numbers increase and there are continuing concerns about protecting biodiversity, these discussions will need to be had. Looking forward to coming up with some new solutions so everyone can enjoy Matairangi Mt Victoria.

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