



Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

MARCH / POUTŪ-TE-RANGI 2020

SUPPORTING
CLYDE QUAY SCHOOL
Te Kura O Matairangi

Villa Victoria House Tour 2020

Brought to you by Just Paterson

Sunday 29 March

10.30am - 2.30pm

**Limited Tickets go on sale Monday 2 March
Check out our facebook page 'Clyde Quay
School' for full details**

Villa Victoria is a tour of selected houses within our local community of Mt Victoria. Many of the featured homes have been recently renovated by local architects so this is a superb opportunity to get some great ideas or just have a good old nose!



WALK TO WORK DAY

#Walk2WorkNZ
livingstreets.org.nz

Wednesday 11 March 7am - 9am

Mt Victoria is a suburb with a proud tradition of walking, with most of us regularly walking to work, school or our daily activities.

**Celebrate the wonderful, social power of our feet.
Join us along Wellington waterfront for
Walk2Work Day - #Walk2WorkNZ
or Check out Wellington City Council Facebook for
walks with your local councillors.**

The Minimal Co. Now In Mt Vic

The Minimal Co. aims to make sustainability simple. Located at 24 Elizabeth Street they offer a range of low waste products for your home and body, as well as a full Eco Store Refillery.

From shampoo and conditioner bars to compostable dish cloths, they offer a range of product options not currently readily available in New Zealand.

Growing as an online business over the past year, founder and Mt Victoria resident Bridget has grown the business and curated a product range from NZ and overseas, as well as perfecting products that are made in house.

After opening Smashed Avocados, Bridget noticed that people were a lot more likely to move to sustainable alternatives when they could shop in person, and decided to take the leap and open her very own store in her community dedicated to sustainable solutions. Her hope is that this store will make a low waste lifestyle more accessible.

If you're looking for sustainable home and body products, reusables or house plants, then The Minimal Co. may just be the store you've been waiting for!

The Minimal Co., is right next to the Hub on 24 Elizabeth Street, Mt Victoria www.theminimal.co.nz - you can follow them on Instagram or Facebook, or drop by and say hi!



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TRIBUTE TO TONY BURTON OF THORNDON

Perhaps not many Mount Victorians will be aware of their indebtedness to the recently departed Tony Burton. With unflinching determination and foresight, he was one of the prime movers to have the Demolition Rule woven into Wellington City's District Plan. To some extent, the Mount Victoria Residents' Committee followed the lead of the initiatives forged by the Thorndon Society.

Tony embodied an enjoyment of dramatic gestures, with a practical grasp of the shifting politics within the City Council, both officials and our elected representatives. Should you be enjoying all the heritage character of Mount Victoria and the retained character of other inner-city neighbourhoods, raise a glass to Tony Burton.

Craig Palmer, committee member of the Mount Victoria Residents' Association

Mt Victoria Residents Association

Last month I wrote that we'd stay in the fray of the Let's Get Wellington Moving and Planning for Growth programs. The fray is ramping up quite fast (!).

You can be directly involved - have your say on the proposed changes to speed limits within the CBD.

Have a look at <https://lgwm.nz> for the link to this.

Back in early February, we spoke to the Council in support of safer speeds throughout the CBD and beyond, from our earlier submission regarding Golden Mile (and beyond) improvements.

A public meeting about a possible second Mt Victoria Tunnel is being held at 6pm on March 9th, at St Marks School. Do come, have your say. See how what you want for Mt Victoria marries up with what people from wider Wellington want from their commute.

It's so good to see resource consents being granted, where the architectural narrative makes a nod to not only the need for increased housing in Mt Victoria, but existing heritage values and respecting neighbours' existing amenity. Admittedly, this is still small-scale - an additional dwelling here and there. We look forward to these things being drivers when larger scale developments are planned. We're always interested in what you think, so

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.

Explore St Mark's Preschool

If you are considering a Preschool for your child, you are warmly invited to come and explore St Mark's Preschool on Wednesday mornings between 10:30am-12pm. Your children can have some hands on experience while parents receive a tour. There is no need to make an appointment, please just call in on a Wednesday morning.

St Mark's Preschool is a vibrant and caring environment for boys and girls aged 2-5 years. We are located at the Basin Reserve, and we are open 48 weeks of the year, from 7:30am-5:30pm.

"The Preschool provided our son with an experience above and beyond anything we could have hoped for" -

Finnegan's Mum

St Mark's Preschool is located at 13 Dufferin Street

Further information at www.st-marks.school.nz/preschool

A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou, Just recently, the Government announced the biggest infrastructure investment in a generation to build and rebuild the facilities our communities rely on. We are investing in smart transport solutions, in almost every school in the country, and in hospitals and healthcare.

In Wellington Central, I've heard from our schools about important projects made possible with our up to \$400,000 investment per school. We've also got great news for Wellington Hospital, where faulty copper pipes are getting some much needed upgrades.

We've also made progress on earthquake strengthening. Too many people have been uncertain about how to finance strengthening costs for their homes. We've stepped in to provide low interest loans to owners facing hardship. It will ensure more people can do the work needed to strengthen their homes. I'm really pleased with this step.

All this work continues the journey we began in 2017. Great things are happening thanks to Jacinda and our government. There's more to do, of course, but I'm proud of the progress we've made so far.

Over the next couple of months, I hope you can take part in the festivals, fairs and fun going on in Wellington. All the best for the month ahead. - Grant

Age Concern Companion Walking Service

Age Concern Wellington is now offering a Companion Walking Service in the Wellington Area and immediate suburbs. Our walking service matches fully trained and police checked volunteers with older people to assist them on walks in their local community. The service is aimed at people experiencing reduced mobility, mild cognitive impairment or a need for companionship.

This is an ideal service for those recovering from an operation and would appreciate the security and companionship of a volunteer to assist with mobilising and improving confidence. As we know, walking has many benefits, relieving tension and stress, boosting physical and mental wellbeing as well as the benefits to joints, muscles, circulation and bone density.

We are keen to help older people improve their health through walking. Clients will be matched up with volunteers with similar interests so that they can enjoy a safe and rewarding experience on their road to recovery. If you would like more information about the service go to our website <https://www.acwellington.org.nz/> or contact Lynn on cws@acwellington.org.nz

Mainly Music In Mt Victoria

Mainly music is a weekly music, movement and community session held during the school year for babies, preschoolers and their parents/caregivers. Each mainly music has been designed for enjoyment - full of fun, educational music and musical activity to grow and develop your child, followed by something to eat, time to play and time to chat and meet new people.

If you are new to the area or just looking to develop new relationships with other parents or caregivers, Mainly Music is a wonderful way to do that.

Time/Day 9:30am - 11:00am, Tuesdays during term time

Location The Street Church, 21 Hania Street, Mt Victoria

Session Cost \$4.00 per child or \$5.00 for two or more children.

Concession cards available (two free sessions per term)

Contact Please contact Myra for more

information families@thestreet.org.nz

INNERMOST GARDENS

Haere Mai / Welcome

Backyard Workshop Series 2020

"Backyard Beekeeping"

Sunday 15 March

1pm - 4pm

On Sunday 15 March Dave Hodson will present a workshop on Backyard Beekeeping at Innermost Gardens. Dave is a local beekeeper who attends the beehives at the gardens and also one of the Beeples Honey Collective Beekeepers. He will take you through what is involved in beekeeping followed by demonstration in a hive set up (without bees), what is a 'Smoker' and its uses and having a close inspection of beehive (this will be done in shifts given the area size where the hives are). There will be a chance to try-out a bee-suit, to view a working hive and to ask lots of questions. There will also have a taste of honey produced by the Beeples Collective on the day. Attendees are welcome to join the usual garden day which starts at 11am. Workshop is from 1pm - 4pm - rain or shine. You are welcome to BYO lunch and have it at the gardens. Please see Innermost Gardens Facebook event for link to ticket. All proceeds go to Innermost Gardens and The Beeples Honey Collective. If you have any questions please email innermostevents@gmail.com



Bead The Change

You Want To See!

UN Sustainable Development Goals made creatively and easy.

Sunday 8 March from 3pm - 5pm

The Minimal Co., 24 Elizabeth St



You are invited to our inaugural "Bead and Proceed" workshop here in Mt Victoria at the newly opened The Minimal Co eco and sustainability store at 24 Elizabeth St.

"Bead and Proceed" is a social enterprise, which exists to educate people about the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to inspire action towards them through creativity.

The idea is simple: We bring people together to each make a 5 beaded necklace or keyring that represents the top 5 SDGs they are committed to working on.

While painting, everyone discusses their chosen 5 SDGs and come up with local initiatives that action the SDGs. The necklace or keyring serves as a reminder to the individual's commitment (as they physically wear it) as well as a conversation starter.

This encourages people to explain the SDGs and their chosen 5, which helps spread awareness.

March 8 is also International Women's Day and we want to celebrate it in a thoughtful way, leading to some great chats about changes we want to see in the world.

Light refreshments and nibbles will be provided and a chance to browse the store making sustainability simple - www.theminimal.co.nz - 24 Elizabeth Street.

Check out our Facebook event for tickets - "Mt Vic Hub - Bead The Change You Want To See" Spaces are limited.- Tickets are \$37 Each

A public meeting about a possible second Mt Victoria Tunnel and other transport issues at St Marks School. Come, have your say.

When: Monday 9th March

Where: St Mark's School Chapel, 13 Dufferin Street, Mt Victoria

Time: 6:00pm



LIVE IN MT VICTORIA AND LOVE LOCAL FOOD?

MT VICTORIA SEEDS TO FEEDS COMMUNITY DINNER

SATURDAY 21 MARCH FROM 6PM

Come for an evening of local food, music & chats

To book your seat go to the or Mt Vic Hub or Innermost

Gardens Facebook events listing and click on the Eventbrite ticket link to book your place. Ticket price is a donation for your dinner and please note tickets are essential!

All proceeds go to the gardens.

If you have any questions please email me at hello@mtvichub.org.nz or call/text 021765525



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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 feldkrais 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. Open Monday to Friday 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 & dates: 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. 1 & 15 March
Everyone is welcome and Tuesday
morning gardening every week
from 10am - 12pm during school
term

Eckankar - Experience HU, The
Sound of Soul
Sunday **MARCH 8 and 23**, 2020 2:00
PM to 3:30PM.
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
Compassionate Communication
Empathy & Emotional Intelligence
Wellington Heart - Email for all
wellington.heart.nz@gmail.com
Ph/text 027 345 2010

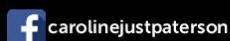
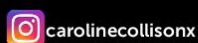
Got Questions? Alpha Course Is there more to life than this? Join us for a meal and to explore life, faith and meaning through our next Alpha Course Wednesday evenings March 11th - 20th May The Street Church, Life Centre, 21 Hania Street 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Market report from REINZ says that normally January is a quiet time of the year, and for a few regions that was definitely the case, however, overall the country had a strong start to the year with the most residential properties sold for the month of January in four years. Much of the increase in sales volumes is being driven by increasing confidence in the housing market which has been underpinned by a relatively strong economy, good employment rates and the low interest rate environment.



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Living and Selling in Your
Neighbourhood

RECENT MT VICTORIA SALES STATISTICS FROM REINZ

Austin Street	\$420,000
Stafford Street	\$1,501,000
Ellice Street	\$1,405,000
Majoribanks Street	\$1,170,000
Claremont Grove	\$565,000



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Writer's Workshop at the Mt Vic Hub

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first Writer's Workshop in February, we are looking forward to hosting our second workshop this month.

Due to the popularity of the first one we have decided to ticket the event.

Tickets are FREE and are available on our Facebook page "Mt Vic Hub" and see the event Mt Vic Hub Writer's Workshop.

Looking forward to catching up with you again on Sat 21 March 11am to 1pm at the Mt Vic Hub.



Moir Street Annual Party



Moir Street is tucked away off Brougham Street and is possibly one of the most neighbourly, sociable and cutest streets in Mt Victoria.

Every year they host a street party where they congregate at one end of the street, put up some decorations and everyone brings a plate. There are lots of chats, chances for everyone to catch up or to meet new neighbours.

It has been happening for quite a number of years now, this was my first time attending and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

How lovely would it be to see more of these happening in Mt Victoria.

Perhaps we could learn from the success of these gatherings, get to know our neighbours, be more connected and run street parties in our own streets. Bring fun back onto our streets and looking out for each other.

Thank you Moir Street!

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