



# Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

DECEMBER/HAKIHEA 2019 & KOHITĀTEA / JANUARY 2020



Some of the great stories that came out of Mt Victoria this year.

L-R from top - Seeds to feeds 2020 Cooking, Moir Street Party, Neighbours Day Random Acts of Kindness, Clean up Day, Bicycle Swap Day, Seeds to feeds, Carpenters become friends over lockdown, Olive Harvest 2020.



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# Mt Victoria Resident's Association

You'll be seeing, in the media, ongoing discussion around housing and how retaining heritage sites will affect it. Sadly, we see that it is still presented as a decision between one or the other – we very strongly disagree with this. We can achieve the growth required by the draft Spatial Plan without increasing height limits and demolishing historically important sites (not just houses!).

Thanks to everyone who submitted on the Spatial Plan. The important thing is that you said your piece, and now we need to see how well our council do at implementing our vision for the city. Much of what we've heard, and keep hearing, is that the council are not transparent, that decisions are made without reference to the public, that the consultation we get is of low quality.

Let's try to get them doing better in 2021.

You'll see mentioned in the previous newsletter that we had our annual Mt Vic Picnic on Sunday December 6th, to celebrate the year and our community. Thank you to everyone who came and made it such an enjoyable evening.

And thanks to all of you for your support and contribution through 2020.

Have a wonderful, safe, loving Christmas and New Year, and we'll see you in 2021.

We're always interested in what you think, so please....

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Or call me on 021 188 7432

**Cheers, Angela.**

**Chairperson**



**Thanks to everyone who came along to the end of year picnic!**

# Investing in our city for the future - Iona Pannett



It has obviously been a very challenging year; my heart goes out to people who have lost friends and family or suffered financial distress. Let's hope that 2021 brings much better news. Council has been in the news quite a bit, contrary to what is covered in the news media, we are making some significant infrastructure decisions; namely to rebuild our central library, invest into a solution to deal with sewage sludge which will allow us to reduce the amount of waste we throw away, a regional growth plan is nearly approved which will show how we can accommodate more people and a new bylaw has been developed to reduce waste. Work continues on our spatial plan and we have now completed hearings, thanks to the many Mt Vic people who appeared before councillors. At the time of writing the petition to save heritage in Mt Vic will be soon presented to council.

We are also working on big budget for next year which is expected to see many millions invested into water, waste, transport, building and housing infrastructure. There will be plenty of chances to have a say on what we should spend and on what. Have a wonderful and safe break, it is well deserved after a sometimes very difficult 2020. Contact me on 021-227-8509 or [iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz).

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## Opinion Piece:

Dear 'Anon', I like to think we've probably passed many times on the street, and maybe even smiled in passing - Mt Vic is that kind of community. So I couldn't agree more with you that people are important.

But people are nourished by the communities they live in and also need to be guardians or kaitiaki of them. Mt Victoria residents - both owners and renters - care about the heritage of Wellington because it makes the city unique and gives a depth to our lives here. Highlighting statistical problems underpinning the Spatial Plan is not an attempt at "misdirection"; simply a desire to ensure good decisions are made on the best evidence. I believe the solution is more nuanced than the two simple options you present.

Like you, I understand that we need more housing but part of your option 1 can be achieved. Areas like Adelaide Road, Kent and Cambridge Terrace are crying out for 'density done well' instead of car storage and other non-people-centred functions. Development could start there.

Many of those who own houses in Mt Victoria are not "rich". Admittedly, house prices have escalated, but this is common across much of New Zealand. People choose to live here because they love and care about Mt Victoria.

I think you'd find that many are incredibly interesting people who are not inherently "resistant to change". You're worried that "gardeners, cleaners and tradies, our students" can't live here, although I know of many who do. Unfortunately, I fear that if the large houses containing their flats are sold it will not be 'affordable' housing that goes up in their place. Then these groups really will have lost an opportunity to live here. The spirit of community that exists here in Mt Vic is partly because of the style of housing derived from its heritage. - Jo Newman

# A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi kia a koutou, We are nearly at the end of a very strange year. A year that has presented some unique challenges and opportunities for us all.

I'd like to thank you, again, for your trust in re-electing me as your MP for a 5th term. Where does the time go? My office in Willis Street is as busy as ever and I make every effort to get there on Fridays for my constituent days. We have two new labour list MP's in the Wellington area, Dr Ayesha Verrall and Ibrahim Omer. Ayesha has been given a ministerial portfolio; she is Associate Minister of Health, Research, Science and Innovation and Minister for Food Safety and Seniors.

Ibrahim is going to be sharing the electorate office with me and you will soon see his name and face on the signage outside my office. Ibrahim is going to be a fantastic MP and I know he is looking forward to 'getting stuck in'. If you want to know more about Ibrahim and his journey from refugee to MP in New Zealand, take a look at his maiden speech in Parliament this week.

<https://ondemand.parliament.nz/parliament-tv-on-demand/?itemId=215501>

As the corona virus continues to rage overseas, we have a lot to be thankful for here in New Zealand and I thank you for continuing to play your part in our struggle against it.

Have a happy and restful holiday. My office will be closed from 24th December, but we'll be back on deck on the 11th January 2021.

All the best.

Grant



**Join The Street Church, 9 Hania St. on Christmas Eve for a one hour Carol Service at 8pm. We will sing carols and celebrate the day of Jesus' birth. Invite family and friends to sing the likes of 'Joy to the world' and classics like 'O Holy Night'. All ages and all people welcome. Pyjamas are also welcome!**

# BOQUITA

23 Kent Terrace

AND THE BITTER BROTHERS PRESENT

## A GRAND NEW ZEALAND OPRY

the greatest array of New Zealand country and acoustic musical entertainers  
(available on this date)



**Ar Kay Cajun**



**Linda Joy**



**The Bitter Brothers**



**Cotton Daisy Backstep**

featuring the rich comedic stylings of our beloved host **Liz Butler**

**Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
7-11pm koha welcome

**Boquita Brings You.....**

**Not just food but music too!**

The Bitter Brothers was the first band to play in the space behind the vegan taco restaurant, Boquita, in Kent Terrace. Rachel Williams, who is running the restaurant, renovated the large back room after lockdown, and suggests those who want to do stand-up comedy, lectures, dancing or yoga classes might want to have a look. 'The capacity is probably 30 to 50 people,' says Rachel. She says that 'the charges won't be high. I like the koha mindset: give what you can'. People who are interested can get in touch by emailing [rachelfwilliam@gmail.com](mailto:rachelfwilliam@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Gig - 'A Grand New Zealand Opry' Saturday 19 December from 7pm**

## The Mt Vic Hub Your Community Centre

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past year, one that has been challenging for all of us.

We are hoping to bring you an event filled year in 2021 (Covid permitting). 2021 will see the return of the Mt Vic Treasure Hunt, more community dinners, street clean-ups, potluck picnics, all kinds of workshops, new groups, seniors lunches, bicycle swaps and a little bit of urban activism happening in and around our streets.

And to add to this we would love to hear from you in our community, what your ideas are, so we can help bring them to fruition.

We have a small space for you to use or can help you find a space suitable in Mt Victoria.

We want to see more things happening on our streets, parks and places.

The Hub is your community centre and we are here to help you, so please get in touch - Trish

**Contact us:**

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**Facebook - Mt Vic Hub**

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# Wilderkids School Holiday Programme at Innermost Gardens

Wilderkids is the ultimate adventure-based school holiday programme for young explorers aged 5 to 12 in Wellington. It is centered on care, curiosity, connection and respect for each other and the environment. Based at Innermost Gardens in the heart of Mount Victoria, Wilderkids is the perfect place for your child to explore, have fun, learn and play.

**Summer 2021 Dates:** 18 to 29 January 2021 (excluding Wellington Anniversary Day)

**Time:** 8.30 am to 3.15 pm

**Location:** Innermost Gardens, Mount Victoria

**Cost:** \$56 per day and there's a 10% discount for full week bookings

For further information contact the Sustainability Trust


<https://sustaintrust.org.nz/school-holiday-programme>



## Donate a Spot On the School Holiday Programme

Currently the Sustainability Trust offers ten \$10 spots for kids from families with a Community Services Card to attend Wilderkids. They would like to offer more. If you would like to help please check out this link - <https://sustaintrust.org.nz/donate>

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NOT AVAILABLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER OFFER. STANDARD T&C'S APPLY. OFFER EXPIRES 30 JANUARY 2020

**Feldenkrais Method -Awareness through Movement classes.** Call Sue 0274667123 - Please note this has moved to the Quakers room, 7 Moncrieff St: Tuesday night 6 - 7pm

**PikoPiko Clyde Quay Kindergarten** Mon-Fri 8.45-2.45pm, @ Elizabeth & Brougham. Offers 20 hours ECE. 04.385.0441 or [www.wmkindergartens.org.nz](http://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 and offers 20 hours of state-funded ECE for over 3s. Contact us at 04 3848201 email [julie@crosswayscreche.org.nz](mailto:julie@crosswayscreche.org.nz)

**Mt Victoria Toastmasters** at Tararua Tramping Club, Moncrieff St. See Facebook or website for class times and dates - [mtvictoastmasters.org.nz](http://mtvictoastmasters.org.nz)

**Old Time Banjo Classes** - 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at the Mt Vic Hub, 24e Elizabeth St.. Group and Individual classes by arrangement. Contact Helena Faust 0273800773

**Karuna Clinic - Acupuncture.** 20% discount for first visit to readers of Newsletter. Contact Karuna Olatunji 021 1789 640 [www.karunaclinic.nz](http://www.karunaclinic.nz)

**The Quakers**, 7 Moncrieff Street has meeting rooms for regularly scheduled or one- time meetings for nonprofit and governmental agencies. Wifi and projector available. Call: 04-385-4897 or Email: [wgtnquakers@gmail.com](mailto:wgtnquakers@gmail.com)

**Innermost Gardens** - Gardening Sundays 11am-1pm - First and second Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome and Tuesday morning gardening every week during school term 10am - 12pm.

### **Mainly Music**

If you are new to the area or just looking to meet other parents or caregivers, Mainly Music is a wonderful way to do that. 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) Please contact Myra for more information [families@thestreet.org.nz](mailto:families@thestreet.org.nz)

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# Just Paterson's Market Comment

Christmas is just weeks away and we have seen a flurry of activity with owners wanting to get their homes in the market before Christmas and getting them ready to go on in the New Year.

The holidays is a great time to get jobs done around the house so you are ready to go to market in the new year.

Living in the neighbourhood I am always happy to help with any real estate questions and if you need a tradie to help get those jobs done give me a call.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and look forward to catching up in 2021.

## Recent Mt Victoria Sales Statistics From REINZ

Queen Street - \$595,000

Pirie Street \$1,236,500

Roxburgh Street -\$1,005,000

Elizabeth Street \$530,000

Pirie Street - \$2,250,000



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