



New Year Message from the Mt Vic Hub

Kia ora koutou. Greetings from 2021 - a new year for us all. I hope your January has been restful. Following the challenge that was 2020, we are looking forward to getting back to our mahi, supporting the Mt Vic community to be engaged and involved in the activities that are important to you.

This year (COVID willing) we will be bringing our usual popular events to you once more - dinners, clean up Mt Vic Sundays, the Treasure Hunt, picnics, swap meets, neighbours day outreach and other events you would like to suggest. We will also be continuing our work to help you engage with each other, discuss issues of importance, and look out for each other, as NZ and the rest of the world settle into the reality of living in a pandemic, and all the challenges that may bring. For now, remember to enjoy the summer (when the wind lets up!), and keep up the good practices that kept us all safe last year - wash your hands, stay home and get a test if you are unwell, and scan, scan, scan!

We look forward to seeing you all in 2021, Ngā mihi nui, Trish, Sara, Pam, Justin, Tom and Alice (your Mt Vic Hub Community Centre and Trust Team).



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Age Concern Wellington Region is here for our region's seniors. Do you need help with shopping? Would you like a friendly weekly visitor, a fun exercise class, or perhaps a refresher course about driving? Please call 04 499 6648 for more information.

Alpha Course

All of us explore. We ask questions, we seek answers. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore all the big questions of life and the Christian faith with food, a talk and open discussion.

Bring a friend and join us on Monday evenings from 15th Feb, 6:30pm - 8:30pm(dinner provided)
The Street Church, 9 Hania Street.

Email: alpha@thestreet.org.nz to find out more and to register.

Family Cargobike Trial

Throughout February, Bicycle Junction are offering families at five schools in Wellington extended test rides on our Yuba Spicy Curry bikes. Clyde Quay School is one of those five schools. One lucky family will get to keep the whole package!

For more information and to sign up for the trial, pop in to the bikery and have a chat with one of our team or have a look at our blog post on our website via the following link;
www.bicyclejunction.co.nz/blogs/news/family-cargobike-trial

Become a Cargobike Champion.

This is your family's chance to try a family cargobike from Bicycle Junction.

One lucky family will win a Yuba Spicy Curry!



Jan and John Schmidt - Resident friends

Stand with your back to Clyde Quay School's entrance and look up Moncrieff Street. Across the end you see a trio of buildings.

'This is the heart of Wellington Quaker life,' says Jan Schmidt. She and her husband John are the Resident Friends, living in the house on the right, which also has a flat in which younger members of the community live. Quakers are the Religious Society of Friends.

On the left is the classic square red brick Friends House, where Quakers hold Meeting for Worship on Sunday mornings. Major earthquake strengthening work has been done recently.

There is a mid-week meeting in the Quaker Centre on Wednesdays at 12.15 and a walking group on Thursdays.

Jan and John have been here for a year, from North Carolina. "We love living in Mt Victoria,' says John. 'We can walk to the central business district and the bush. We love the harbour and the beach.

'The people are great. We have not met a person we did not think was wonderful,'. 'We miss our children and grandchildren, but we have seen as much of them by Zoom as we could have been if we had been at home.'

Says Jan, 'We came from the insanity of the United States to a place where people are sane and believe in science – where people cared enough about each other to follow the rules during lockdown. This is a civilised place: the leader reminds you to be kind!' 'Even before Covid we asked for another year in this role. The first month we knew we wanted to stay forever. We love our job. The Quaker community has been so accepting and warm. We arrived a couple of days after John's birthday, and they had a present for him.



'Quakers live their beliefs. Our community work is important, an integral part of our faith.' Both Jan and John are volunteers in a scheme where older people who can't get out on their own go for a walk once a week and other community activities.

The Friends buildings are used by the community, groups ranging from Zen Buddhists and AA groups to those meeting to make crafts and discuss writing. Some groups have dropped out since Covid-19 and an office space with toilet facilities (behind the Meeting House) is available for rent.

For information for facility rentals, contact Jan on wgtnquakers@gmail.com

Mt Victoria Resident's Association News

Happy New Year!

Even though it's February already, this time of year still feels a bit holiday-ish, what with the warmer temperatures and the ease back into routines. As I'm writing this, I'm thinking about whanau things - stationery and school supplies, negotiating slots for music lessons, meetings, weekly catchups.

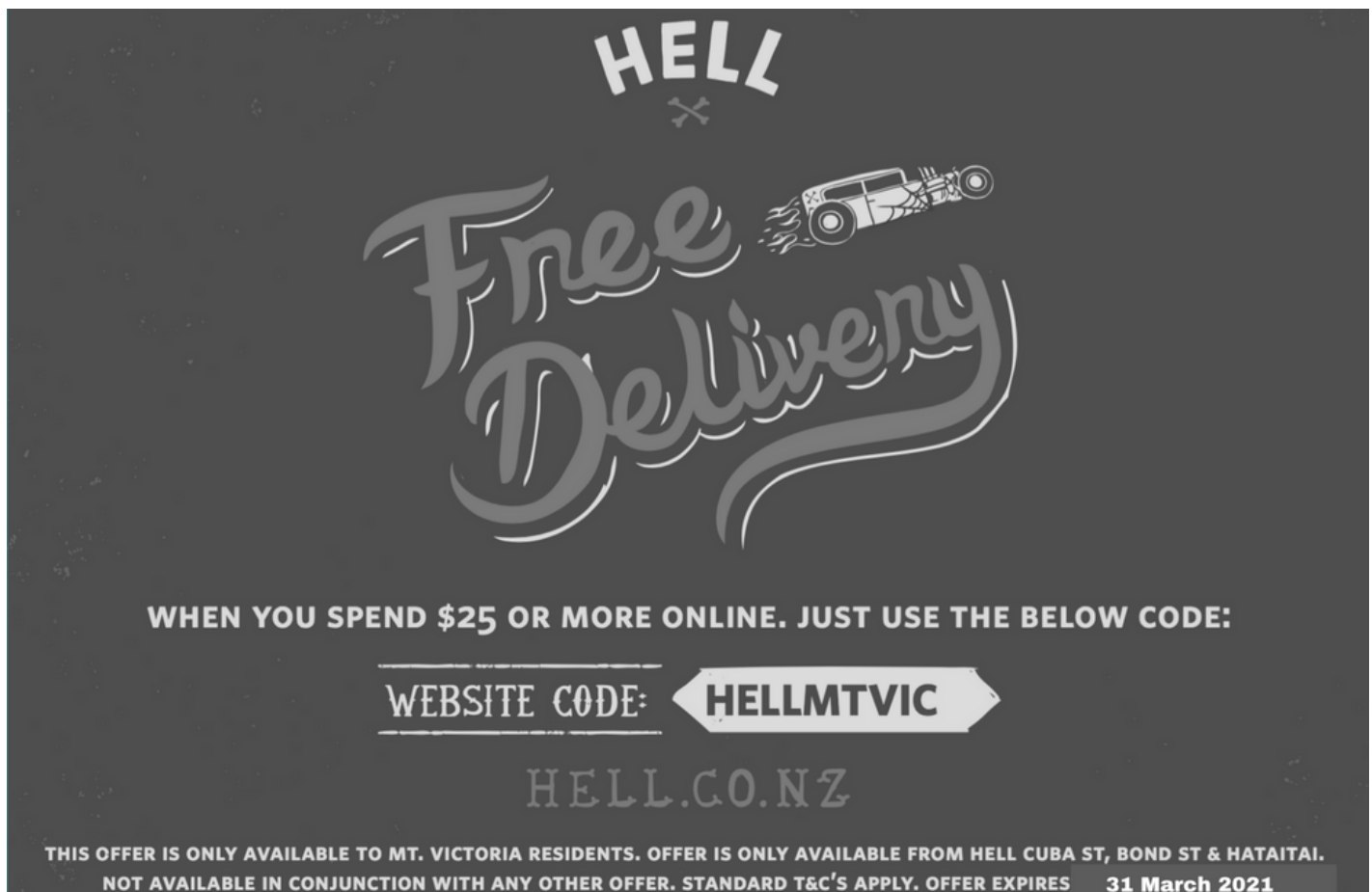
I'm also thinking about what MVRA has coming up for 2021. Towards the end of 2020, the LGWM (Let's Get Wellington Moving) programme indicated that there would be public consultation around, among other things an additional Mt Victoria tunnel, and the long-awaited MRT system. Last year, we asked you to get informed, tell us what you think, have your say about the housing strategy in the draft Spatial Plan.

Now we need you to do the same thing for transport strategy from LGWM.

And the Spatial Plan doesn't go away. The Council have invited co-design ideas from residents, so we're working with other groups and individuals from throughout the community to develop a more detailed, specific scheme for Mt Victoria and beyond - one that will provide safe, warm, quality housing and environs for our growing population. So, as usual, we need your input. We're going to be pushing ideas out to the community for comment soon, and we look forward to your feedback. We're always interested in what you think, so

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Or call me on 021 188 7432

Cheers, Angela.



The graphic features the word "HELL" in a bold, sans-serif font at the top, with a small skull and crossbones icon below it. Below this, the words "Free Delivery" are written in a large, stylized, cursive font. To the right of "Free" is a small illustration of a delivery van with motion lines behind it. Below the main text, it says "WHEN YOU SPEND \$25 OR MORE ONLINE. JUST USE THE BELOW CODE:". Underneath this is a box containing "WEBSITE CODE:" followed by a grey arrow pointing right with the code "HELLMTVIC" inside. Below the arrow is the website "HELL.CO.NZ". At the bottom, in small capital letters, it states: "THIS OFFER IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO MT. VICTORIA RESIDENTS. OFFER IS ONLY AVAILABLE FROM HELL CUBA ST, BOND ST & HATAITAI. NOT AVAILABLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER OFFER. STANDARD T&C'S APPLY. OFFER EXPIRES 31 March 2021".

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DID YOU KNOW? WE HIRE THE THE MINIMAL CO. SPACE OUT FOR A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FROM WORKSHOPS TO TALKS AND EVEN LAUNCH PARTIES.

For workshop hire, the store can be transformed into a space which has the capacity to seat 10-14 people around 2-3 tables. This space is available at any time outside our standard opening hours and rates start from only \$30! Interested in holding a class or event?

Pop in store or email us at hello@theminimal.co.nz to find out more and book a time!

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<https://www.theminimal.co.nz>




CLYDE QUAY SCHOOL
Te Kura O Matairangi


FUND OUR FUTURE READERS!

Clyde Quay Primary School is facing a budget deficit which will mean significant cutbacks in learning resources for 2021.


We need your help to raise funds to prevent these cut backs!




A 50% reduction in language tuition




Less teacher aide hours (1 FTEs worth)



No new library books



Reduced library hours



Less reading recovery support



Head to givealittle.co.nz to donate:
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/clyde-quay-school-the-gift-of-literacy-fund>

Part Time Administration Assistant for Mt Vic Hub

The Mt Vic Hub is looking for someone to join our team to support our Coordinator. This role is for 5 hours per week and has the potential to grow. We would to hear from someone who is detailed focused, has well developed ethical and community values and enjoys working collaboratively.

Hours and working arrangements would suit a stay at home parent or someone looking for a flexible community-based role
If this sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you!

Full job description on our website - www.mtvichub.org.nz/news
Or you can email us for a copy at hello@mtvichub.org.nz



Kia ora e te whānau from the team at Anytime Fitness Kent Terrace! Many people struggle with regular exercise. We aim to provide the Mount Victoria community with the professional guidance, 24/7 convenience, and supportive environment needed to develop a consistent and effective exercise routine.

To help our members start strongly, we provide a complimentary:

- Initial Fitness Consultation with a qualified coach to help plan your first few weeks
- Evolt 360 body composition scan to provide a benchmark to track your progress.
- Personalised 30-day 'get started' plan that aligns with your goals and current fitness level

With genuine care and a surprisingly personable experience at the heart of all we do, we're confident you'll love being a member of the Anytime Fitness family. If you'd like to learn more, contact Club Manager Shale at kent.terrace@anytimefitness.co.nz or 04 801 5867 or pop-in and see the team between 10.00am – 6.30pm, Monday – Friday.



Coming Up at BATS Theatre

THE SECRET LIVES OF SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRLS: 16 - 20 FEBRUARY

Real-life mother and daughter star in the premiere of a resounding new show about growing up online and IRL. Screenwriter and actor Sarah Boddy takes the stage alongside her teenage daughter, Lola Gonzalez Boddy, and whip-smart actor Emma Rattenbury. Together, they bring to life familiar characters from home and high school

STANDARD ACTS: 18 - 26 FEBRUARY

Karin and Arlo are friends. One is stronger; the other remembers their lines. Created by award-winning performance makers Karin McCracken and Meg Rollandi with Arlo Gibson and Julia Croft, Standard Acts is a new experimental theatre show that explores the nature of power and its effect on our lives, bodies and relationships.

Clyde Quay School

BBQ Fundraiser 2021

Come join us at CQS for BBQ foods, vegan and vegetarian international platters and summer salads and delicious baking. Eat with us or take it home to the family. All proceeds go towards library books for our students.

Weather permitting, bouncy castle and games.

Wednesday 24 February
4.30pm-7.00pm

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

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

Mt Victoria Toastmasters at Tararua Tramping Club, Moncrieff St. See Facebook or website for class times and dates - mtvicttoastmasters.org.nz

Karuna Clinic - Acupuncture. 20% discount for first visit to readers of Newsletter. Contact Karuna Olatunji 021 1789 640 www.karunaclinic.nz



Save the Date

Our Mt Victoria Seeds To Feeds Community Dinner will be held on Friday 26 February from 6pm

Tickets will go on sale soon

Keep an eye on Facebook page for "Mt Vic Hub" and "Seeds to Feeds" for full details or for any information please email us at hello@mtvichub.org.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

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 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

Newsletter Guidelines

The Mt Victoria newsletter team have created and published a set of editorial guidelines and policies. These are available on the website under 'Other' tab. www.mtvichub.org.nz/other or you can email us for a copy at hello@mtvichub.org.nz

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Just Paterson's Market Comment

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing break and enjoyed some time with family and friends. After a bumpy 2020, thankfully it looks like 2021 is off to a good start with great weather and a continuing booming property market!

While we can't predict what the year has in store there are several key factors worth noting:

- The market is hot, buyers are hungry and sales are fast - if you have been thinking of selling now is the time to do it.
- A shortage of homes is pushing the sale price up.
- We expect the low interest rates to continue to have an impact, making it easier for buyers to arrange finance.

Whether you are buying or selling I am here to help you navigate the property market.

December Mt Victoria Sales Statistics From REINZ

Edge Hill	\$1,855,000	Elizabeth Street	\$1,422,000
Brougham Street	\$450,000	Kent Terrace	\$586,500



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