



## MT VIC PICNIC 2020

**SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER  
FROM 4PM TIL 7PM  
INNERMOST GARDENS**

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# Absolutely Positively Wonderful!



We all know Trish as the face welcoming us into the Mt Vic Hub with a smile and the offer of a cuppa. Not only is she an extraordinary community coordinator in the suburb of Mt Victoria, she also works with many other community and voluntary organisations around Wellington. This commitment to the people of the city has now been officially recognised. On October 20th, Trish Given, Mt Vic Hub Community Coordinator, was honored with an Absolutely, Positively Wellingtonian Award.

Having her work acknowledged at a city wide scale is fantastic for her at both a personal and professional level. One of eighteen people awarded this year, Trish received her award with an acceptance speech that made the audience, including the Director General of Health, Ashley Bloomfield, crack up laughing. It is this warmth of spirit, bubbling humour and her willingness to muck in (sometimes literally

at our Street Clean Up days) that has Trish at the centre of the Mount Victoria community. Please do pop by The Hub to congratulate Trish if you are in the area! Let her know we appreciate the work she does and that we hope to have many more adventures with her in the future.

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## Mt Victoria Resident's Association

What a month October was!! A huge amount of effort went into everyone's submissions to Wellington City Council on the draft Spatial Plan. We're grateful to all the people who got in touch, who came to our information sessions, who invited us into their homes, and all the other ways you allowed us to hear your concerns, listen to your ideas and share with you what we were hearing from other community groups around Wellington. We've met with councillors, to present our submission and hear their initial thoughts.

With a new government and cabinet in place, we're seeing hints of what plans will affect Mt Victoria in the future. An additional Mt Victoria tunnel is still very much at the front of the media's mind, at least, despite the fact that the Let's Get Wellington Moving programme has failed to land on any long-term or Wellington-wide plans yet.

And suddenly Christmas is nearly here! You'll see mentioned in the newsletter that there's a picnic planned for December 6th, to celebrate the year, the sun, our community ... whatever you want to celebrate. It'd be great to see you there. We're always interested in what you think, so ....

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**[twitter.com/MtVictoria2](https://twitter.com/MtVictoria2)**

**Or call me on 021 188 7432**

**Cheers, Angela**

**[facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents](https://facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents)**

**[Instagram/mtvicresidents](https://Instagram/mtvicresidents)**



# LET'S CLEAN UP MT VICTORIA



**SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER  
FOR ONE HOUR**

**STARTING AT 11.30AM - 12.30PM  
MEET AT THE MT VIC HUB,  
24E ELIZABETH STREET**

**BAGS AND GLOVES  
PROVIDED OR PLEASE  
BRING YOUR OWN GLOVES**

Let's get Mt Victoria looking beautiful in time for the holidays. We will be meeting at the hub from 11.30am and for one hour cleaning. We will have lunch for everyone when we are finished. Everyone is welcome.



**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DEC ★ 9AM & 11AM**  
[thestreet.org.nz/christmas](http://thestreet.org.nz/christmas)

**Some things may have been cancelled this year, but Christmas is still on! Bring your friends & family and join us.**

**CAROLS - CELEBRATION - BBQ**

**Celebrate Christmas 2020 at The Street Church, Hania Street.**

# The Residents The Book!



A huge congratulations to local Lucy Revell and the launch of her book "The Residents: Made In Wellington" last night at Unity Books, what a wonderful achievement.

Lucy started her website "The Residents" 5 years ago and this has been a dream of hers to bring her stories to print.

The Residents, is a website that features interesting stories about entrepreneurs, creatives, foodies and designers who live Wellington.

With the help of a crowd funding campaign her wonderful book came to fruition. It is the perfect present for any Wellingtonian.

It is available at The Minimal Co on Elizabeth St., Unity Books and all good book jobs.

You can check out her website at [www.theresidents.co.nz](http://www.theresidents.co.nz)



# Happy Birthday Get Lost Cycling!

"A lot has happened in the year since we opened. We've survived a nationwide lockdown, patted a lot of dogs, and even fixed the occasional bike. Now entering our second year we're excited to welcome our new mechanic Jak to the team and can't wait to see what 2021 and beyond has to offer. We'd like to extend a huge thanks to the Mt Vic community which has supported us from day one, and we look forward to seeing you all soon."

Pop in say hi and wish them a Happy 1st Birthday  
[www.getlostcycling.co.nz](http://www.getlostcycling.co.nz)



## Housing vs Heritage in Mt Vic? - Iona Pannett

Thank you to all of you who have had their say on our draft spatial Plan (or how we will accommodate 50,000-80,000 more people over 30 years into our city). Hearings will soon begin as I write.

The plans are significant for our suburb with over 60% of the pre-1930s character rule proposed to be removed (this rule protects older houses from demolition) with the rest of the suburb being zoned for buildings from 2-3 stories to up to 6 stories.

Now more analysis has been done, Council staff have said that they think that there won't be as much development as they originally thought. They are estimating around 92-188 more buildings will be built in the area (rather than hundreds if not over 1000).

Rough estimates of an increase for water infrastructure is estimated at \$50-75m.

More work will be done to refine these costs.

Some of the debate has centred on whether we need to keep so much heritage given Wellington needs more homes. I think we can have both, a polarised discussion isn't needed.

It is important that people have their say as we finalise our spatial plan and then develop our new District Plan (development rules for the city).

Please get involved!

If you have any suggestions, questions, comments, don't hesitate to get in touch with me on 021-227-8509 or [iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz).





# A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

An incredible thank you to everyone who entrusted their vote to Labour and our team on October the 17th. This campaign has been about supporting our people, businesses and communities to be strong. For everyone, this year has been unprecedented. We are in tough times and as a government, the wellbeing of our people and communities is front of mind. We have a plan to recover and rebuild better than we were before and to keep our country moving.

As always, it is critical to keep using the COVID Tracer App and following good hygiene so we can limit the spread of COVID-19. The more we scan, the easier it is for contact tracing and the safer we will be. Congratulations to our recent graduates and students finishing their exams. It has been a tough year with such uncertainty adjusting to a COVID study environment. Getting through the academic year in these circumstances should be applauded. We will get through this together. Wishing you all the best for the month ahead. If you need information or support, be sure to visit [covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz). – Grant



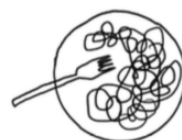
## **STANTEC AND WELLINGTON WATER QUEEN AND BROUGHAM STREET STORMWATER AND WASTEWATER RENEWAL**

Stantec and Wellington Water wish to inform Mt Victorians of Wellington Water project along Queen Street and Brougham Street which will be starting mid-late **October 2020** and finishing in **March 2021**. The purpose of the project is to renew the stormwater pipe along Queens Street and Brougham Street and the wastewater sewer within Queens Street. The project will also reduce the potential of localised flooding and the new stormwater pipes will be placed in a more accessible location, to ease future maintenance.

**Information and Maps can be found in the door and window of the Mt Vic Hub at 24e Elizabeth St.**

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INNERMOST GARDENS**

To end the year we are co-hosting with Mt Victoria Resident's Association, Innermost Gardens and the Mt Vic Hub a community picnic at Innermost Gardens on Sunday 6th December.

We will have a sausage sizzle with salads, ice creams for after and some activities at the gardens.

Local band Stellarize will bring some of their lockdown tunes to keep us entertained.

You can BYO food and drinks, find a spot in the gardens and kick back for an enjoyable evening.

Fingers crossed for a dry evening if it is raining we will take it inside. Koha donation is welcome. Hopefully see you there.

## THE MINIMAL CO. STORE HOURS

Tuesday	12pm to 6pm
Wednesday	12pm to 6pm
Thursday	12pm to 8pm
Friday	12pm to 6pm
Saturday	11am to 4pm
Sunday	11am to 4pm

24 Elizabeth St., Mt Victoria

### **Friends and family coming for the holidays?**

**Booklovers B&B on Pirie Street  
reopens 1 December:**

**Three ensuite rooms; reasonable  
prices; basic self-serve breakfast;  
use of the kitchen.**

**Pricing favours friend/family  
groups.**

**Phone/txt: Jane 0272577835.**



**Gardener wanted on a regular  
basis to keep a lovely Mt Vic  
garden tidy and well-  
maintained. Would suit a  
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Position is paid, and flexible  
with days/times. Please call**

**Tracey  
(04) 384 3033 or  
021 184 3670**

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# POSTPONED

## Poets Through The Ages

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the "Poets Through the Ages" event on Thursday 12th November due to unforeseen circumstances. We will reschedule it for 2021



# New Photocopying Service at the Hub



The Mt Victoria Newsletter has been going for over 40 years and for over 10 years we have used Fullstop printing to produce the newsletter. Unfortunately during lockdown Fullstop sadly closed its doors and we had to rethink how we printed the newsletter.

We decided to bring our printing in house. As well as being able to print the newsletter ourselves we are also able to provide printing services for our community.

We can do both B&W and colour printing and we are also able to provide scanning as well in A4 and A3 sizes. With our central library closed and not many options close by we are delighted to be able to provide a photocopying service close by at very reasonable rates.

If you need anything printed pop into the Hub at 24e Elizabeth St, text 021765525 or email [hello@mtvichub.org.nz](mailto:hello@mtvichub.org.nz)

Thanks to everyone who came along to the inaugural Bike Yard Sale last Saturday and who stopped by at our Random Acts of Kindness Day. Especially Chris, Nigel, Get Lost, Nocar Cargo for organising the bike event and to , Alice & kids for helping with deliveries & Julie for her beautiful posies, helping us to show kindness to lots of people.



## **A word from Mt Vic Hub Chair Sara Williams**

The Newsletter exists as a forum for information, and discussion of issues of interest to our community. For those who have read the Newsletter for many years, you will recall active debate on earlier planning issues in the community. The arrival of the Spatial Plan has seen a level of community interest we have not seen for some years – probably since the time of the Basin flyover. At the moment we are receiving a lot of opinion pieces on the Spatial Plan. As a free community newsletter, we publish opinion pieces to help reflect the variety of views in the community and hopefully add to a healthy debate on the things that are important to Mt Vic. This discussion is important, and we hope the Newsletter can continue to provide a forum for all such discussions around the future of our neighbourhood. While the Plan is an active topic of interest, and of importance to readers, we will endeavour to publish extra pages to cover the debate and any developments from Council. If you have a perspective on the Spatial Plan which you wish to share via the Newsletter, please submit it through the normal channels. Please note, however, that the Hub and the Newsletter are not forums to channel your perspective to the Wellington City Council. We encourage you to keep using the Council submission processes, and talking to your local MP's, to make sure your voice is heard on this issue, and all areas of importance to you.

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### **OPINION PIECES:**

#### **Residents Voice : Rob Brown and Di Jordan – Learn from past mistakes.**

The Brown/Jordan whanau have lived in Mount Victoria for over 40 years. When we arrived, Melksham Towers had recently been erected and the community was in a fragile state. People were scared that the developers, with Council blessing, were about to unleash the bull-dozers on Mt Victoria to replace their homes with multi-storey tower blocks. Residents protested against this dystopian future. While it was too late to stop the construction of Melksham Towers, it was successful in building a closer community in Mt Victoria.

Our view is that the pre 1930s protection arrangements have generally worked well to preserve the special character of Mt Victoria while at the same time allowing sympathetic redevelopments to occur. They have provided a level of certainty for families to build lives in the suburb and have contributed toward a more stable community.

Mt Victoria residents are not opposed to urban density. We already live in NZ's densest suburb. We also recognise the need for provide more housing for a growing population. However, we do not believe that a Spatial Plan that gives developers the right to construct multi-storey apartments while disenfranchising adversely affected residents is the answer. The plan will do irretrievable damage to the built landscape and create unnecessary distress for the community.

There is a better way that will allow significant increases in housing stock to occur within Wellington while at the same time protecting the special character and community of the Mt Victoria that we all love. We are happy to provide a copy of our submission to anyone who is interested.

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**Residents Voice :Mt Victoria Historical Society Committee Member:  
Phil Kelliher - Door knocking and what I learnt**

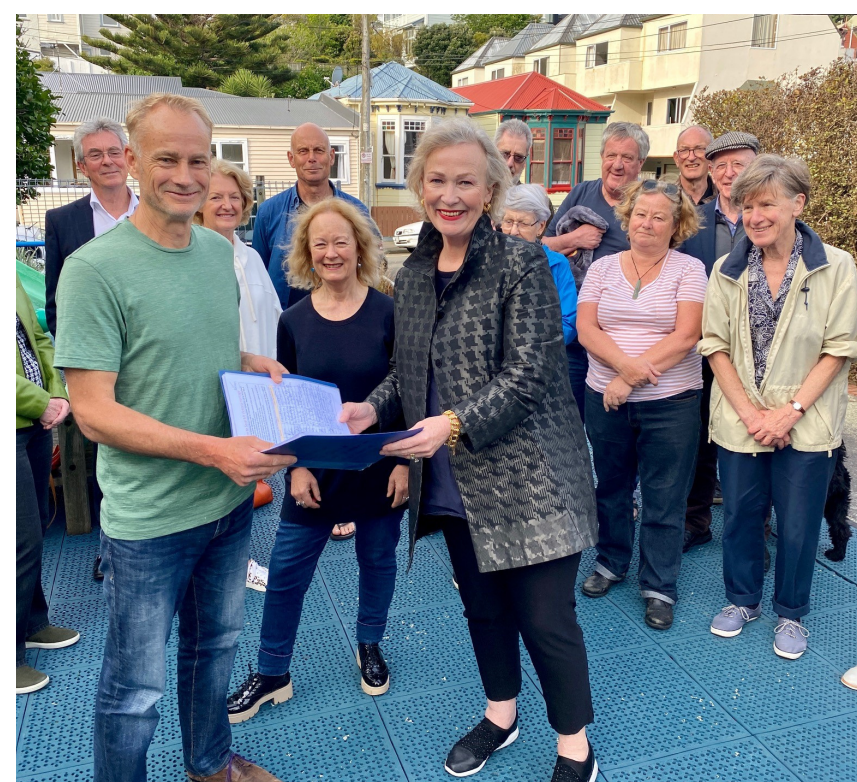
A petition with signatures of more than 750 Mt Victoria residents calling on the Council to retain the pre-1930s demolition restriction rule for all of Mt Victoria was presented to Councillor Nicola Young by Mt Victoria Historical Society on Wednesday 28 Oct. The petition is possibly one of the most significant engagement exercises ever undertaken in Mt Victoria.

I wasn't exactly looking forward to knocking on doors, but I remembered someone telling me once that "if you really want to achieve something sometimes you gotta do what others don't want to". It ended up being one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had. One of the things that really surprised me was how welcoming and appreciative most residents were that someone had bothered!

Whether they supported the Council's plans or were dead against them they appreciated being informed or being given the opportunity to express their views. Probably the most significant thing about the petition besides the large number of signatures was that the majority of tenants I met signed it ( approximately 50% of the signers are tenants, which mirrors the tenant/homeowner mix in Mt Vic). That really shouldn't have come as a surprise as tenants love Mt Vic for largely the same reasons home-owners do - close to the city, sunny, quiet and its character and wish to retain its essential nature.

I learned and discovered so much about what an amazing and unique neighbourhood we all share - not only its heritage and physical form but the interesting and engaging people that live here. For me, it certainly won't be 'That you don't know what you've got. Till it's gone'.

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Mt Victoria Historical Society presented its petition about the Draft Spatial Plan to Councillor Nicola Young. The total of 758 signatures gathered from Mt Victoria alone in support of retaining the pre-1930s demolition control rule, is significant, given that the Council claims the Draft Spatial Plan was based on feedback from just 1,372 people from across the whole city. A number of supporters gathered for the occasion and also enjoyed the informal opportunity to talk to Nicola about the Draft Plan.



# Surrogate Grandparents

The aim of this group is to unite families with surrogate grandparents throughout New Zealand. It may be that you have moved country and left your own family overseas or perhaps your family have moved away. Surrogate Grandparents are here to bridge that gap and provide support and companionship to all.

If you would like to find out more or get involved please get in touch

Local Coordinator - Jo Hayes

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[surrogategrandparentsNZ@gmail.com](mailto:surrogategrandparentsNZ@gmail.com)

[www.surrogategrandparents.org.nz](http://www.surrogategrandparents.org.nz)

## Age Concern

### BRAIN HEALTH WORKSHOP

Like the body, the brain benefits from being active, to maintain a healthy and clear mind. The Brain Health Workshop will offer tools to achieve this. After a brain health talk, we will prepare a meal together, eat, and then complete the session with a one-hour brain health activity that we will design together. This innovative four-part workshop is part of a research project aimed at understanding the importance of social activity on keeping our brains healthy in older age.

When: 26th November

Time: 10.30am - 1pm

Where: St Peters Church, Garden Room, Corner of Willis and Ghuznee

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**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)

**Innermost Gardens** - Gardening  
Sundays 11am-1pm - 1 & 15 November.  
Everyone is welcome and Tuesday morning gardening every week from during school term 10am - 12pm.

**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

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

**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)

### **Mainly Music**

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. Please contact Myra for more information [families@thestreet.org.nz](mailto:families@thestreet.org.nz)

**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)

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## **Newsletter Contribution**

If you would like to contribute to the Mt Victoria Newsletter please send it to [hello@mtvichub.org.nz](mailto:hello@mtvichub.org.nz) by the 25th of each month. Please keep your word count to 200 or under and photos are always welcome.

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# Just Paterson's Market Comment

We have all been taken by surprise by the unprecedented demand for property and the continued increase in prices.

- The number of available properties for sale is at a 13 year low. This lack of supply of listings is putting even more pressure on buyers to pay a premium.
- The OCR has dropped even further and now sits at 0.25%, with average 1 year bank mortgage rates sitting below 3% - record lows – Money is cheap.
- The LVR (Loan to Value Ratio), that was put in place to slow the property market, has now been completely lifted – those who can borrow, can now borrow even more money.
- As the seat of Government, we have a high proportion of our population whose salaries and jobs have been unaffected by Covid 19 – and average salaries are the highest in the country.

In an uncertain market, such as now, it is even more important, to get good advice on the best method by which to sell your home, formulate a strong marketing strategy and be clear on how best to guide potential purchasers about price so as get the very most out of your sale.

If you would like to know what your house is worth or have any real estate questions please give me a call.

## Recent Mt Victoria Sales Statistics From REINZ

Brougham Street - \$1,412,500

Majoribanks Street \$1,680,000

Edger Hill - \$1,855,000

Majoribanks Street \$1,411,000



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