



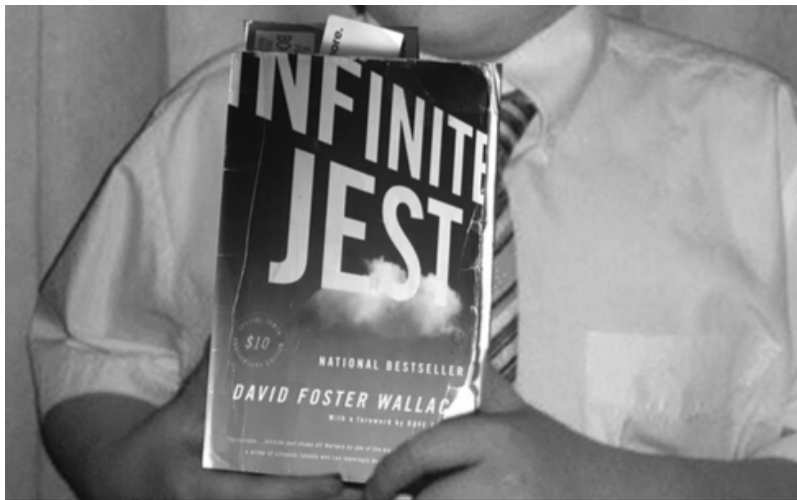
## Thank you for our new seat.



In 2019 our seat outside the hub was taken. We all missed it as it was enjoyed by many. It was made to measure and fitted just inside the window of the hub.

A wonderful local gave us a donation to have a replacement made and it was delivered to the Hub this week. Pictured are Kevin and Lou from Menzshed, dropping the seat off and trying it out.

The seat is made from recycled wood with the seating part made from old pews rescued from a church. We are looking forward to doing other projects with Menzshed in the future.



## Book Swap at the Hub

We are holding a book swap at the Hub. You can bring your old books to swap and share or pick up a book when you are passing by!

The swap will run from 5pm to 7pm Thursday 8 April at the Mt Vic Hub, 24e Elizabeth St.

Thanks to everyone who has donated books for this and dropped them to the hub. Any books left will be distributed in our little libraries around Mt Vic we have have two new ones coming very soon.

Thursday 8 April

5pm-7pm

At Mt Vic Hub

**BOOKSWAP**



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# School Strike 4 Climate Wellington

## Friday 9 April from 11am

# STRIKE WITH US



Kia ora koutou! SS4C is back!

Meet at Civic Square at 11am on Friday April 9th to march to Parliament and demand climate justice from our politicians. Bring a placards, bring your friends! Arriving at Parliament at 12pm!

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## Wellington at night survey

The Wellington City Council, along with its partners, wants to ensure that Wellington City is a safe, accessible, and enjoyable place to be at night.

In this survey we would like to hear about your experiences, including where you visit, what you do, your thoughts on safety, and ideas for night-time activities in Wellington.

Your voice is important and the information you provide will help us understand and develop the Wellington at Night Action Plan – aiming to ensure Wellington's night life thrives, captivates, and makes you feel welcome and safe.

We know COVID-19 has changed the way we socialise. In this survey, we'd like to hear about your current behaviour and opinions. Even if you don't go out – we'd like to hear why.

The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.

Here is the url for the the survey

<https://ap1se.voxco.com/S2/s>

Some of the questions in this survey contain potentially sensitive content and could be challenging to engage with. You don't have to answer the questions if you don't want to and you can stop at any time.

Your answers are completely confidential, and will be grouped with others so that individual people cannot be identified. If you have any questions about this survey please contact the Council research team at [WCCResearch@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:WCCResearch@wcc.govt.nz)



# Tararua Tramping Club

Tararua Tramping Club has talks open to everyone each Tuesday at our clubrooms, 4 Moncrieff Street, 7.30pm, \$2 doorcharge

## Coming up:

**6 April:** West of Mesopotamia Station  
A trip along the mighty Havelock River into Ka Tiritiri o te Moana - Simon Davis

**13 April:** Hiking in the Pyrenees and Czech Republic - Pat Duignan and Sally Munro

**20 April:** Epic views, rock churches and runaway donkeys in Ethiopia - Jonty Crane

**27 April:** Fairweather hitchhiker - travels and climbing and tramping adventures in the 1960s and 1970s. - Julia Millen

**4 May:** Karokoram Mountains of Pakistan - a trek around Nangha Pharbat - Les Molloy

**Tararua Tramping Club is located at:**

**4 Moncrieff St., Mt Victoria.**

**<https://ttc.org.nz>**

# Mt Victoria Historical Society



**Sunday April 11 at 2.30pm**


Victorian afternoon tea on Mt Victoria  
Join us for a picnic afternoon tea on Mt Victoria to mark early settler, Mary Taylor's, climb to the top to look for a ship to take a letter to her friend Charlotte Bronte.

Come in Victorian costume with a small contribution to the picnic.

Cancelled if wet (but it's never rained yet!). Meet on the grass beside the last set of steps up to the lookout. (Just look for the people gathered in their wonderful Victorian garb.)

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# A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

It's an odd feeling to think a year has passed since we went into Level 4. So much has happened in that time it feels longer and in other ways the memories are so clear. From time-to-time moments come back to me that will stay with me for a long time, particular situations. I remember the feeling of finding a loaf of bread in Kelvin Davis' office I could pinch on the first day of lockdown because I hadn't had a chance to restock my office fridge!



I haven't had a long reflection on the whole year and what it's meant but the people I meet and the conversations I have, it's the extraordinary impact it had on people that stands out. To you all, I want to say thank you. There have been ups and downs, things have not always gone 100% right, but we have stuck to the plan and stuck with each other. And as we look to the freedoms we have compared to the rest of the world, this is a great place to be. Arohanui Aotearoa.

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## Mt Victoria Resident's Association News

Kia ora koutou!

Elsewhere in the newsletter is an update of where our work with other Mt Victoria groups and individuals around planning for our neighbourhood's next half-century (!) has got to.

If you've got ideas that you'd like to share, if you'd like to see where we're at – please do get in touch. Engagement now strengthens our position for better design rules that will ensure healthy, safe, connected housing and communities for our mokopuna throughout Wellington.

There's lots of scaffolding up around Mt Victoria just now – yes, I'm looking at you, Armour Ave – in this street alone ...

- an additional dwelling being built on land previously used for parking a car, with a nod to heritage values already existing in the area;
- a new three-storey block nearing completion in an entirely different style from the rest of the street, and
- a grand house being renovated in line with its original character.

We're always interested in what you think, so ... Email us at [mtvicra@gmail.com](mailto:mtvicra@gmail.com)

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

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

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

Or call me on 021 188 7432

Cheers, Angela.

# WE ARE MAKING OUR CITY PREDATOR FREE



PREDATOR FREE  
WELLINGTON

NO RATS, STOATS, WEASELS OR POSSUMS!



Predator Free Wellington is getting ready to step out into the next phase of its eradication project to make our city free of rats, possums, stoats and weasels in this exciting world-first.

This second phase will involve Mt Victoria along with 18 other suburbs - from Kilbirnie around to Owhiro Bay and up through to the CBD.

The method for phase two will be similar to that used by Predator Free Wellington on the Miramar Peninsula.

Bait stations and traps will be placed on private properties, in bush reserves, parks, coastal and commercial areas. These will all be serviced free of charge.

Before devices are installed, Predator Free Wellington are seeking permission from approximately 7,500 households to have a trap or bait station in their backyard.

If you live in the area, you could give the project a huge head start by signing up and giving your permission now - [www.pfw.org.nz/island-bay-to-cbd](http://www.pfw.org.nz/island-bay-to-cbd).

Mt Victoria is fortunate to already have a strong community of backyard and reserve trappers. Predator Free Wellington won't be taking over the community trapping, this project is about us all working together to achieve a shared vision.



After a lengthy hiatus Mt Matakairangi is open for mountain bike racing! Four iconic trails, three hours and more roots than we can count, the Mt Vic Enduro is central city shredding at its finest. Registrations are open now on [wmtbc.org.nz](http://wmtbc.org.nz). Race day is Sunday the 18th of April from 9am and everyone is welcome to come along and spectate at what should be one of the best races of the year.

## ninetees baby

Ninetees Baby is a clothing line started here in Mt Victoria on Shannon St by Kat O Sullivan . It was inspired by her love of 90's RnB and Hip Hop Music and features illustrations also done by a local Wellington artist. It is about celebrating the love of music, having fun and dancing like no one is watching. There are pieces suitable for the whole family and the business is online you can check out her clothing line here - <https://nineteesbaby.com> OR email [help@nineteesbaby.com](mailto:help@nineteesbaby.com)



# **The City's Big Budget - Your Say : Iona Pannett**

As I write this, I have enjoyed a fantastic weekend along with so many Wellingtonians with CubaDupa, Pride and the National Skate championship. After a difficult 2020, it was so great to be able to go to so many events.

The 8th of April will see Council begin consultation on the Long Term Plan for the city. It is a big budget with a lot in it. On average, residential rates will be 13.5% in the first year with an average of 9.9% over the first three years. The main drivers of cost are Covid related due to the fact that we kept council services going through debt funding and the need to invest in new and current infrastructure. We fully understand that for some these rates increases will be difficult so let us know if you would like the council to make some economies.

The main things that will be consulted on with options for differing levels of investment are:

- Water \$1.7b operational expenditure, \$678m capital expenditure
- Cycleways \$120m capital expenditure
- Climate action \$20m operational expenditure, \$9m capital expenditure (in addition to transport and planning initiatives)
- Leasing out two council buildings in Civic Square
- New library \$187m capital expenditure

Debt headroom has been left to pay for things like growth and Let's Get Welly Moving.

Further information will be on the Council website on the 8th. Please have your say. Contact me on 021-227-8509 or [iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz).



## **Update On Response to Draft Spatial Plan**

As a result of concerns regarding potential adverse impacts of the Draft Spatial Plan a group of residents, and community organisation representatives, decided to begin work on an alternative Neighbourhood Housing plan that would deliver better outcomes for both Wellington and Mt Victoria.

The group met with Council planning officers recently to kick off a conversation concerning the plan. Council planners advised that they are working towards creating a Neighbourhood Planning Framework that would enable community-led design to determine the future look and feel of neighbourhoods. We are hopeful that Mt Victoria can become a pilot for the NPF.

We'll be reaching out to you soon for ideas and thoughts to feed into the process of developing the alternative Neighbourhood Housing Plan for Mt Victoria.

Angela Rothwell

**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

**Well Balanced Yoga at the Tug Boat**  
Classes on Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri. More info: wellbalancedboat@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/Wellbalancedboat> or call 0274 953 052

**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)

**Yoga Flow** at Innermost Gardens: Monday and Thursday - 6.30pm - 7.30pm - \$10 Per Class. For more info email [namastehori@gmail.com](mailto:namastehori@gmail.com) or call/text 021 086 03298

## The Minimal Co.

The Minimal Co. would like to thank the residents on Mt. Vic for their support after celebrating one year and are happy to announce that they have signed on for another year! They also have an office space available for day hire or week hire, if interested please contact Bridget on [hello@theminimal.co.nz](mailto:hello@theminimal.co.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 Third 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](mailto:families@thestreet.org.nz)

**Yoga By Amanda** - Tuesday mornings 10.00am - 11.15am  
Hataitai Centre, 157 Hataitai Road. To book contact Amanda 021 08301662 or Email [yogabyamanda49@gmail.com](mailto:yogabyamanda49@gmail.com)

**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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# Wellington City Market Report

February 2021 \* stats from REINZ

It's a year since we went in to lockdown and no one could have predicted what would happen to the real estate market, it's such a hot topic I thought I'd share with you some interesting stats to give you an idea of what's happened in Wellington City in February.

- Median Sale price \$1,100,000, up from \$885,000 in January 2021 and up from \$815,000 this time last year.
- Number of homes sold in February 2021 287 compared to 320 this time last year.
- That is a 35% median price increase from February 2020
- 41 sales were between \$550,000 - \$799,000, 168 sales were between \$850,000 \$1,499,000
- With an average days to sell at 41

Keeping it local for Mt Vic in February we had 5 sales for standalone homes with an average sale price of \$1,736,333 34% over RV.

If you would like to get an idea of what your home is worth in today's buoyant market then feel free to get in touch. I have lived in Mt Vic for almost 15 years and have an in depth knowledge of the local market and the incredible community we are lucky enough to live in.

**WE WON!** We are also very excited to let you know that at ratemyagents recent 2021 awards we collected the award for agency of the year **Suburb Winner in Mt Vic!** You can read all about us at:

<https://www.ratemyagent.co.nz/real-estate-agency/just-paterson-real-estate-ltd-mreinz-ac481/sales/reviews>.



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