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Neighbours Day Aotearoa 2021: March 20th- March 30th Growing stronger together

Neighbour's Day is coming up from 20 - 30 March. We will be having a 'Plant and Puzzle Swap" outside the Mt Vic Hub on Friday 26 March from 1pm until 3.30pm. We will also have a free sausage sizzle. If you are keen to run something on your street get in touch and we can give you some Neighbour's Day resources or print flyers for you. Email us here at the Mt Vic Hub - hello@mtvichub.org.nz







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## Mt Victoria Resident's Association News

Kia ora koutou!

We saw huge community interest in the plans for the Elizabeth St play area in February. Many thanks to everyone who swung by the submissions party at the Hub, who submitted to the Council and who engaged with us to inform our submission. The large number of submissions has been noticed and acknowledged by the Council, and they've subsequently been really helpful, fielding follow-up queries from the community since the close of submissions. This is just fantastic, and it's a pattern we want to see repeated in future.

Last month, I talked about the work we've been doing with other Mt Victoria groups and individuals, to develop ideas for how Mt Victoria might look and feel ten, twenty, thirty years from now. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a little more of an update about where that activity has got to.

We'd like to see the same level of community engagement for this, as we did for the play area. Engagement now strengthens our position for better design rules that will ensure healthy, safe, connected housing for our mokopuna throughout Wellington.

The other thing that's kept us busy has been fielding queries around consents being issued for developments, and demolition of pre-1930s houses. There's a lot going on – not just the visible building work in progress – but lots of plans for subdivision of properties and more construction.

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

Email us at mtvicra@gmail.com facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents; twitter.com/MtVictoria2 Instagram/mtvicresidents Or call me on 021 188 7432 Cheers, Angela.



## Mt Victoria Historical Society Events

Two great events coming up for Mt Victoria Historical Society - both open to members and non-members:

## Sunday March 28 at 2.30pm

Guided walk on Paterson Street, finishing at Wellington East Girls College Find out about Waring Taylor's house and Ettrick cottage, amongst other historic sites and enjoy a special visit to Wellington East's renovated main building with Principal, Gael Ashworth.

Meet on the corner of Brougham and Paterson Streets by 2.30pm

## 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.)

Below: Ettrick Cottage with the Atkins family on the verandah, c1890.



# Walk2WorkDay 10 March 2021

Walk2Work Day on 10 March, celebrating the climate friendly act of walking. Something Mt Victorians do really well. Take a walk and share a photo of your trip to be in to win some prizes, and join Living Streets along the waterfront for a light breakfast from 7-9am.

# Recent events in Mt Victoria: Community Dinner



Thanks to everyone who came to our community dinner as part of the Seeds to Feeds Festival. We had a lovely evening with perfect weather, wonderful company and delicious food from Amber at Taco Addicts. Looking forward our next one.



## **Annual Moir St Party**



The residents of Moir Street held their annual street party recently. Everyone on the street was invited and gathered together one sunny Sunday evening at one end of the street. Flag bunting was hung across the street, tables and chairs brought out and the BBQ was set up. Everyone brought a plate. It was lovely seeing everyone taking the time to catch up for chats and check in with each other, new and old residents to the street. A wonderful tradition, one we should emulate in other places. We'd love to help you run a street party on your street - just let us know if you are keen!



#### **GROCERY HELP**

Do you or an older friend you know need help with groceries? We have a shopping service now available to help seniors with grocery shopping and delivery by volunteers.

If you are struggling with mobility, our volunteers can;

Go to the supermarket with your shopping list and fetch your groceries for you, or

Pick-up an online grocery order you have made and deliver it to your house Please call 04 499 6646 for more information.

# STAYING SAFE WORKSHOP FOR SENIOR DRIVERS

Staying Safe is a classroom-based refresher workshop for senior road users. The workshop aims to maintain and improve safe driving practices and increase knowledge of other transport options available to help senior road users remain safely mobile. Courses are planned on several dates and different locations around the region. Please call 04 499 6648 for more information.

# THE IMMUNISATION ADVISORY CENTRE

In February 2021, New Zealand commenced a COVID-19 immunisation programme. For more information, please click here or call 0800 466 863



# Coming Up at BATS Theatre as part of the Fringe Festival

# SHITSPEARE

#### 18 - 20 MARCH 2021

Shakespeare is still seen as the greatest literary icon of the English speaking world.

No-one's denying that he wrote some beautiful stuff. That wonderful theatrical moments happen in his plays...

But, yeah, they're written by a man - yet again, a man's view of the world, and of women ....

SHITSPEARE is a fast and furious reframing of Shakespeare's words to create female voices and viewpoints.

# IN POOR TASTE

## 19 - 20 MARCH 2021

In Poor Taste is a Drag show that brings an alternative, underground style drag of drag to the surface for a night of edgy, explicit fun.

Hosted by Wellingtons Resident Drag Monster Stabitha (TVNZs House of Drag) In Poor Taste debuted in 2020 and BATS is resurrecting the show just for Pride 2021

To view the full schedule for Fringe at BATS this year: https://bats.co.nz

or you can call

Box Office: 04 802 4175

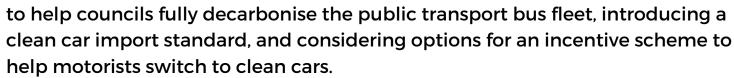
## A Word From Grant Robertson

Ngā mihi ki a koutou,

At the beginning of February, people from around the country gathered outside Parliament to present their demands for urgent climate action.

Just a couple of days later the Government announced a raft of new policies focussed on a cleaner, greener transport network.

We're planning to mandate environmentally friendly biofuels across the transport sector, committing \$50 million



The Government laid the foundations for change in our first term. Now we're seizing the economic opportunity that climate action presents, as part of our COVID recovery.

Together these measures to reduce transport emissions will ensure our journeys are better for the planet, and our communities are cleaner and healthier. They're just the first tranche of our election promises to take action on climate change. I want to thank the young people who gathered at Parliament last month. I receive the same strong messages from students here in Wellington.

Please know that your efforts have an impact. They remind us that we all have a duty of care to our environment and we must act now to protect the planet for future generations. - Grant

## **Pop Up Picnics In Parks**



In late 2020 'Picnics In Parks' held an event outside Bats Theatre providing a space for you to have your coffee, park your bike, sit and catch up with friends.

"Picnics In Parks" is a grassroots activism movement bringing attention to how we can utilise space in our cities better.

We would like to bring a 'Picnic' to a space near you in Mt Victoria over the coming weeks.

If you would like to get involved contact us via the Facebook page or keep an eye out for where we will be. Facebook page - "Picnics In Parks".



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 - mtvictoastmasters.org.nz

## **WANTED PLEASE!**

Books, Plants and Puzzles for our Neighbour's Day event on Friday 26 March and for our Little Book Boxes in Mt Victoria.
Our book stocks are running a bit low and we would love to fill them up. Everything is welcome We can pick up from you or you can drop to the Hub at 24e Elizabeth St or at any of the other shops beside us.

You can email us at hello@mtvichub.nz or call/text 021765525

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 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

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

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

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### Just Paterson's Market Comment

It's been a busy month in our office, last week we launched a new development at Cambridge Terrace (opposite Waterloo station) Lower Hutt, with 10 of the 14 apartments under contract - the ground work has started and they are due to be finished February next year. Did you know that we have a Just Property management company? James specialises in looking after residential property on behalf of the owner, James is on hand to answer any questions so please give him a call 027 243 5553 — he's here to help!

Even though we are yo-yoing between levels, this hasn't slowed things down, we are incredibly busy and achieving the highest possible price for our vendors through our bespoke service and strategic marketing. If you are thinking of selling and want to experience the JP way please give me a call — always here to chat and a coffee!

#### February 2021 Mt Victoria Sales Statistics From REINZ

Hawker Street \$2,325,000 Mcintyre Street \$1,563,000
Hania Street \$651,000 Derby Street \$1,550,000
Caroline Street \$1,517,000 Austin Street \$660,000





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