



LET'S CLEAN UP MT VICTORIA



**SUNDAY 23 MAY
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**

LUNCH PROVIDED AFTER

BOOK CLUB AT THE HUB!



Thursday 20 May from 7pm

We are starting a Book Club at the Hub over the winter months.

Our first one is the 20 May (and the 3rd Thursday of each month going forward). We will have some wine and nibbles and you are more than welcome to bring your own snacks/drinks as well. Everyone is welcome. Come along from 7 pm.

Mt Vic Hub, 24e Elizabeth St, Mt Victoria

Slow Down Mt Victoria - Join the Change

The Hub, alongside other community groups, are starting a campaign and petition to encourage better behaviour on our streets and slow down traffic in Mt Victoria. We want to see our streets become safer for all users, to be a suburb where people can cross safely without fearing if a car will stop, and bike safely on the road to their destination.

A group of residents recently met with Iona Pannett (one of our local councillors) and some Wellington City Council engineers about community concerns regarding traffic speeds in the Mt Victoria area and the lack of safe crossing locations across the suburb.



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Daily we see cars on Majoribanks St, Hawker St, Pirie St, and many others drive with no regard for other residents. At the Hub on Elizabeth St, we watch cars speed past the school, putting our mokopuna and their teachers at risk. We have witnessed many near misses, especially at the Elizabeth St crossing and there have been several crashes in the area involving pedestrians and cyclists in the past few years.

We also see how hard it is for wheelchairs users, those living with disability, using pushchairs and the elderly to navigate the road crossings which are sloping and have trip hazards or where visibility is a problem (this can be an issue for everyone).

We would love to hear from our community about your thoughts on this and actions we can take to make some positive changes in our suburbs. Email us at hello@mtvichub.org.nz or drop into the Hub at 24e Elizabeth St any Friday afternoon from 1 pm until 5pm to discuss your concerns or hear more about the campaign or get involved!

We will all still arrive safely and on time even if we slow down a little, watch out for everyone else on the roads, and drive considerately. Lets drive the way we want others to drive - and model the change we want to see!

A Word From Grant Robertson

Hope you're enjoying these pleasant autumnal days. There has been a lot of talk about safety in our city these last few months. Let's be absolutely clear, everyone has the right to feel safe in Wellington, and however safe we as individuals feel, we have to work together to make sure that happens. Violence and intimidation, especially against women, is a scourge in our community that we must work to eliminate.



The conflation of this issue with the provision of transitional and emergency housing and those who need these services is in my view "dog whistle" politics. The government has invested significant money to house people and support them to long-term housing solutions. There is (always) more to do here, especially in stepping up the wrap-around support we give to people in our emergency and transitional housing.

I have heard from business owners, community groups, residents and council leaders that they are concerned about some activity from gangs and others that have recently come into the city. We all need to do more to work together to provide our city residents with the support that is needed and at the same time to stamp out any criminal or threatening activity that is happening. Both are possible without the need to stigmatise those who need transitional and emergency housing.

Mt Victoria Housing Planning Group - Rob Brown

Future of Mt Victoria at stake

One of the reasons people choose to live in Mt Victoria is the character of the suburb. That character comes from the unusually high number of Victorian and Edwardian houses tightly packed on the hillside and visible from many parts of the city. They also happen to make for a vibrant, friendly, and pleasant area to live in.

Another reason is our view of other parts of Wellington – our pre-Colonial heritage – we can see the hills and the harbour, we can feel connected to the wider city.

Community under threat

The Wellington City Council's spatial plan, released last year, threatens to change that character, and with it, that sense of community. Proposals to dramatically reduce existing heritage and planning controls would transform Mt Victoria from what is already a densely-populated suburb uniquely reflecting the city's history and recognised throughout the world as special, to having pockets of heritage housing surrounded by four- to six-storey apartments

Alongside these changes will come the obliteration of view shafts from our neighbourhood to other parts of Wellington.

Radical changes not supported by facts

The worst thing about these radical changes is that they are not even needed. Since the spatial plan was released, the council revised the population numbers supporting its growth projections: far fewer people are now projected to want housing in the inner-city suburbs, dramatically reducing the number of new dwellings required.

A better plan

A group of Mt Victoria residents has been crunching the numbers, and working out how we, the people of Mt Victoria, can help the council see where best to house these new dwellings, rather than allow radical planning changes to rip the heart and soul out of our iconic suburb.

We've worked out that areas like Home and Hania Streets – which are ripe for development – could provide enough new housing to satisfy these revised requirements, as well as revitalise these areas for the community.

Public Meeting

Come along and learn more. The future of Mt Victoria is at stake. Changes to the district plan, which will be based on the spatial plan, will cement the rules that govern the development of our area, and determine the character and feel of our area.

An alternative plan for Mt Victoria will be presented at a public meeting, by a group of residents that has been working to find a better way forward. We look forward to seeing you there and getting your feedback.

When: Monday 24 May - From 7pm

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington.

Music Poetry Comedy Improv WhatYouWill

OPEN MIC & JAM

BOQUITA
23 Kent Terrace
Vegan Taco Restaurant

Come perform your poem, song, stand-up routine, twerk, ... to a supportive audience! Part of the kaupapa is to give the artist the chance to ask for constructive feedback from the audience. Hosted by Ingrid and the Ministers' fiery front-woman Ingrid Saker, this open mic is a joyful, nurturing space for you to hone your performance skills.

6pm - signups

6:30pm-8pm - performances

Wednesdays 6-9pm

Book Swap Thank You

Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the recent book swap and to everyone who donated books to the Hub. We have a huge collection of books we are regularly distributing to our libraries. We have currently two little libraries out on the streets with a 3rd and 4th coming very soon.

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Mt Victoria Resident's Association News

Kia ora koutou! It's been a busy time. We've just submitted to Greater Wellington Regional Council on their Long Term Plan, and we're putting together our submission for Wellington City Council's Long Term Plan. It's good news that there's an emphasis on addressing climate change issues, amongst a lot of other things.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is an invitation for you to a public meeting about ideas we've been working on with other community groups and members – it's an early step in a community-led design process, that we hope will see us have some say in what our neighbourhood looks and feels like for us in the short term, and for our mokopuna in the future.

If you've got ideas that you'd like to share, if you'd like to see where we're at – please do come along on Monday 24 May to Tararua Tramping Club from 7pm. Engagement now strengthens our position for better design rules that will ensure healthy, safe, connected housing and communities for our mokopuna throughout Wellington.

We're always interested in what you think, so Email us at mtvicra@gmail.com
[facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents](https://www.facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents);

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[Instagram/mtvicresidents](https://www.instagram.com/mtvicresidents)

Or call me on 021 188 7432

Cheers, Angela.

Mt Victoria Bush Regeneration Group



Mt Victoria Bush Regeneration Group is doing a twice-weekly weeding and plant care for May to get ready for planting which starts in June. Join us to clear some space for new plants so they can get the best start!

Sundays 10 am - next one will be on 9 May (a special treat for all the Mothers out there)

Thursdays at 1.30 pm - first one 6 May
They meet at the top of Majoribanks St and then head to the spot for the day, picking a nice area depending on the weather.

Message for more information or to let them know you are coming -
windynell@gmail.com

Also you can find us on Facebook:
Mt Victoria Bush Regeneration Group

Mt Victoria Olive Harvest 2021

Join us for our annual olive harvest in Mt Victoria



Sunday 13 June

From 1pm until 3pm

After we will have some kai and korero at the Mt Vic Hub. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to help organise please get in touch or just show up on the day.

hello@mtvichub.org.nz

Find us on Facebook - Mt Vic Hub

Or Website - www.mtvichub.org.nz



Make a Meal in May
Haratua Tunu Kai

Make a Difference
Tākohatia te Aroha

kaibosh
FOOD RESCUE

Get together and make a meal with a difference for Kaibosh's annual fundraising appeal – Make a Meal in May (Haratua Tunu Kai). Make a meal at home or work, get your friends, whānau or colleagues to donate what they would have spent on a meal out, and help us put food on the table for people in need. For every \$20 you raise, Kaibosh can provide 28 meals to those in our community who need it most. You can make whatever kind of meal you like – brunch, lunch, dinner, afternoon tea, even snacks to go with Friday work drinks.

To find out more <https://www.kaibosh.org.nz/makeamealinmay>

Matariki In Matairangi

We would love to celebrate Matariki in Matairangi (Mt Victoria) this year. Matariki is being celebrated between 19 June to 11 July. We would love to run a community dinner or lunch or pot luck dinner or gathering to celebrate. If you would like to help out please get in touch or send your ideas to hello@mtvichub.org.nz

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

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

One Mindful Breath is a meditation group based on secular Buddhist principles. Beginners and experienced meditators are welcome. We come together on a Wednesday evening to meditate, followed by thoughtful discussion and a cup of tea. We meet at the Friends Centre, 7 Moncrieff St, Mt Victoria. Doors open at 7.15pm, the meditation starts around 7.30pm. You can just turn up! For more info onemindfulbreath.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

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. Contact them on innermostgardens@gmail.com

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

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Elizabeth Street \$2,067,000

Scarborough Terrace \$1,595,000

Oriental Terrace \$726,950



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