



## Lockdown, Level 2 and Life in Mt Victoria

Kia ora koutou Mt Victoria. We hope you are all well, and have come through our latest lockdown safely. We saw many of you out and about, getting to know our streets and parks again, and waving (from a safe distance) at each other.

Its great that most of NZ is now back in Level 2 (even if its L2 Delta), and we can have a bit more freedom. As we move through the coming weeks, lets make sure we keep to the rules, to keep everyone safe.

Remember, our vaccination rates are still needing to go up, not everyone can be vaccinated, and vaccinated people can contract and pass on Delta - so make sure you mask when required, keep social distancing up, and if you are sick, stay home and get a test!

While we are back in Level 2, we are very aware of the stress and burden Auckland is under. If you have friends, family or colleagues up there, how about sending them a postcard, bakery delivery, text or phone call - check in and see if you can brighten their day in some way. It always helps to know people are thinking of you, and cheering you on.

With that note, we'll be back in the Hub under Level 2, but won't be open to the public because of the need to maintain social distance rules. However, if you need us, you can email, call, text or message us. Let us know how you are doing.

We look forward to being back to a more social level as soon as possible - Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui (be strong, be brave, be steadfast). We will see you all soon!

Sara and Trish.

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# Te Wiki o te Reo Māori 13 - 21 Mahuru 2021 Give te reo a go!

**Kia ora!** - Hi/Hello/Thank you

**Tēna koe** - Hello (to one person)

**Mōrena** - Good morning

**Nau Mai, Haere Mai ki...** - Welcome to...

**Kei te pēhea koe?** - How are you?

**Kei te pai** - Good

**Ko ..... tōku ingoa** - My name is .....

**Āe** - Yes

**Kāo** - No

**Aroha mai!** - Sorry/Excuse me!

**Ngā mihi nui** - Thanks so much

**Haere rā** - Goodbye (speaker is staying)

**E soho rā** - Goodbye (speaker is leaving)

**Ka kite anō** - See you again

**Kia pai te rā** - Have a good day

**Mā te wā** - be for now/see you later



# Innermost Gardens

## Compost Bins under Level 2:

The compost bins at Innermost Gardens are now will be open for CONTACTLESS drop off . This means no coffee husks will be available in the black bin to put on top of your kitchen waste. The public have also been advised not to use the taps or hoses, this also goes for allotment watering too.

## Upcoming Backyard Workshops:

The team are going to run a series of gardening workshops over the coming months, for example bee keeping, pruning, composting, mushroom growing and others. Keep an eye on their Website and Facebook page for dates, events and ticket link.

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

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# Missing Cat: Jake



**Missing in Mount Victoria since 20.8.2021. He's a big black cat with a collar with a 'prescription diet' tag on it. Please call or text us if you see him: 021 736 695.**

## Tararua Tramping Club Talks

You're invited to some exciting talks at the Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Tuesdays 7.30-8.30, \$2 entry fee

### **14 September Two national parks, ten passes**

Andy Carruthers went on two backcountry adventures in the Nelson Lakes and Mount Aspiring National Parks.

### **21 September Living the dream: An epic Southern Alps traverse**

In November 2020, Maddy Whittaker, Conor Vaessen and two friends embarked on a three-month alpine traverse of the Southern Alps. It took them into some of the most remote and inaccessible places in New Zealand.

### **28 September New cave exploration in Golden Bay**

Golden Bay resident and TTC member Phil Castle is part of a small team discovering and exploring new caves in Golden Bay.

### **05 October From Matebian to Mundo Perdido: Peak experiences in Timor-Leste**

While working in Timor-Leste, Jo Newman came up with the goal of reaching the top of its four highest mountains. Each expedition was a unique experience.

# Are you satisfied with the current Council ward system?

Consultation has opened on Wellington City Council's representation, so you can help ensure our community has an effective voice at the Council table. The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires councils to review their electoral arrangements at least every six years. Wellington City last reviewed its arrangements in 2018 but - due to the decision by Council earlier this year to establish a Māori ward - another review is required before next year's local elections.

Councillors' preferred option is to keep the current ward structure and boundaries, plus the additional new Māori ward, but other options include 'at large' councillors elected city-wide. This means you'd be able to vote for your ward and for two 'at large' candidates. So there would be three fewer ward councillors directly responsible to their local communities: Pukehinau Lambton would lose one. Of course, having councillors vote on the most effective representation is like the clichéd 'turkeys and Christmas'!

I think the ward system works well; I certainly love working directly with communities (like Mount Victoria), developing strong relationships and building my local knowledge - it would be hard to do this when representing the whole city. At large councillors would be comparable to list MPs, with far less accountability.

The Representation Review Initial Proposal is open for public submissions until Monday, October 4. The consultation document and further information can be found on the Council's website, or write to the Deputy Electoral Officer, P O Box 2199, Wellington 6140.

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## Free Rides to Vaccinations:

Age Concern Wellington Region is working in partnership with the Wellington City Council to offer free transport to seniors needing to get their Covid vaccination.

If you live in the Wellington City area then get in touch with Age Concern if:

- You're over 65
- You have a booking for a Covid-19 vaccination

- You have no one else to help you get to the vaccination centre

Call Ann on 04 499 6648 and she'll arrange it for you.

Thanks to the Wellington City Council for their support and funding for this service.

## In-Home Vaccines:

For those who are not be able to go to a vaccine appointment because of mobility issues, in-home vaccines may be available. Call your DHB to have this organised for you.

Capital & Coast District Health Board:  
04 385 5999



# **Mt Victoria Residents Association**

**Kia ora koutou! What we're thinking about at the moment ...**

**As I'm writing this, we're in Level 2. I certainly enjoyed the sudden arrival of kaka in my garden after Level 4 lockdown, and I heard from a lot of other residents that they did, too. As a city, we work hard to protect and encourage our bird life, and it's powerful to see how quickly and positively it responds to removing cars from the roads.**

**Our AGM is coming up, on September 23rd at the Tararua Tramping Club. We'll kick off with the formalities at 6:30pm, then we have a speaker (or two, still working on it) after that. Do come along to hear about what we've been doing over the last year, and what our focus for 2022 will be.**

**With Level 2 restrictions in place, there will be two options for attending. We'll be in the hall, with social distancing in place and everyone in masks. You can also join via zoom – details will be on our website, and we'll be emailing them out to our members.**

**Last week, we had a very useful zoom catchup with our ward councillors – Iona, Nicola and Tamatha. Among other things, they laid out the roadmap for District Plan and Let's Get Wellington Moving consultation and submission for the next nine or so months.**

**These two pieces of work will have a significant effect on Mt Victoria, so we encourage you to get informed. Reach out to us if you want some help on that. We're keen to hear what you think.**

**And as always, if you've got something you want to share with us, please contact us ....**

**Email us at [mtvicra@gmail.com](mailto:mtvicra@gmail.com)  
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[twitter.com/MtVictoria2](https://twitter.com/MtVictoria2)  
[Instagram/mtvicresidents](https://instagram.com/mtvicresidents)  
Or call me on 021 188 7432  
Cheers, Angela.**

## **Mt Victoria Bush Regeneration**

**Next regular plant care and weed day is Sunday 26 September starting at 10am. We hope to be able to get out and do some plant care and weeding by now so please come along and join us. Location will be weather dependent so rsvp to [windynell@gmail.com](mailto:windynell@gmail.com) or keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details - [MtVictoriaBushRegeneration](https://facebook.com/MtVictoriaBushRegeneration)**



**Had a clear out over lockdown? Got some sports gear that's no longer needed?**

**Wellington City Mission have a programme that collects items like this to give to kids who need sports gear. If you have anything that might be suitable please get in touch with us here at the Hub and we will get it to the City Mission. We can pick up as well email us: [hello@mtvichub.org.nz](mailto:hello@mtvichub.org.nz) or text/call 021 765525**



# Wellington Women's House

The Wellington Women's House provides low-cost, temporary housing for women on low incomes or in transition. For more than twenty years, it has been home to women who need a safe place to stay, often at a difficult time in their lives.

The house depends on volunteers and donors who give generously to provide a safe home for women in need. They are currently looking for donations to help them support these women and we would love our community to help support them too in the amazing work they do. Here is a list of some of the things they need:

- Good quality shoes and clothing
- Toiletries: Shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, sanitary products, new hairbrushes
- Dehumidifiers - to help keep rooms nice and dry
- Good quality bedding for single beds
- Gifts for their residents : Cinema vouchers, gift cards, perfume, scarves, nice mugs
- Non perishable foods/canned food items
- Cutlery- if you have any knives forks or spoons
- Art and craft supplies: paints, paintbrushes, canvases, small easels.

Please contact [neveh.shimi@wwbh.org.nz](mailto:neveh.shimi@wwbh.org.nz) or you can drop them to Trish at the Mt Vic Hub, 24e Elizabeth St and we will ensure they get delivered safely.

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## What's Happening at Council - Iona Pannett

As I write this, most of the country is now after a lot of hard work, enjoying more freedom under Alert Level 2 due to Covid-19. I am deeply grateful to the essential workers that have kept our city and country going whilst we have been in lockdown and to government and the charities that have provided necessary support to families and businesses.

The Council continues to work at pace. Big changes to the way residents are housed and travel will be consulted on through November. We will ask for feedback on our new District Plan (the rulebook for development and planning in our city), options for Let's Get Welly Moving in terms of a new tunnel, light rail system and a new cycleway plan which will aim to build a complete network for the whole city.

From a suburb perspective, the changes will be very significant. The District Plan will build on changes made in the Spatial Plan which removed much of the character protection in Mt Vic. Let's Get Welly Moving will depending on the option chosen, introduce more cars or people on foot, bikes and public transport. November will offer another chance for you to have your say on what you want our city to look like.

For further information, [iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz) or 021-227-8509.



**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](mailto:wellbalancedboat@gmail.com) <https://www.facebook.com/Wellbalanceboat> 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)

**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](http://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](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. Contact them on [innermostgardens@gmail.com](mailto:innermostgardens@gmail.com)

**Mainly Music** - This is a wonderful way to meet other parents or caregivers. 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 are available 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)

If you wish to attend a class please contact them to check if they are running under Level 2

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If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or have any comments please get in touch.

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## Market Update September 2021

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Did you know that Quotable Value (Council's valuation service provider) is due to announce the new rateable valuations? You can find out the new RV of your home by visiting [www.qv.co.nz](http://www.qv.co.nz). If you are thinking of selling, then this may be a good time, we have motivated buyers that are wanting to move into Mt Victoria.

## October is Malaghan Month at Just Paterson

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## Recent Mt Vic Sales Stats from Reinz

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Pirie Street \$1,700,000

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Levy Street \$700,000

Majoribanks Street \$560,000

Caroline Street \$2,300,000



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