



Mt Vic & Oriental Bay: Emergency Response Practice meeting

Sunday May 7th, Clyde Quay School, 1-3pm



Come along and find out more about the Mt Victoria and Oriental Bay Community Emergency Hub and the types of help that may be needed after an emergency. Have fun meeting together and practicing various volunteer roles with an interactive earthquake scenario.

Open to all ages and abilities, no experience needed! Refreshments provided! Please register through Eventfinda (just type the name of the event above into the search bar).

Confirmation of registration may appear in your junk mail. If you have any issues registering, email info@wremo.nz.

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A SPECIAL
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BOOBIES FOR A CAUSE

M+W Pottery is celebrating our 1 year anniversary by
throwing a fundraising event for Wellington Womens
House!

A Wellington Women's House Event

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023
7:30 PM – 9:15 PM

71 Daniell St, Newtown,
Wellington 6021, New Zealand

Tickets can be found on Eventbrite,
search "Boobies For A Cause"

NZ\$65.00 each

The Wellington Women's House is a transitional housing provider for women and has been operating here in Pōneke for the last 30 years. To celebrate her one year anniversary, creative goddess and entrepreneur legend Morgan of Mud+Woman Pottery is holding a special workshop to raise funds for our house! We are so excited for this event and we hope to see you there! Tickets on sale now.

Ticket includes:

- Pottery Materials
- Guided instructions for building your piece
- Food and drinks sponsored by some lovely local businesses
- Silent Auction fundraiser with lots of beautiful gifts from local Wellington businesses.

Kia ora

Hope you all had a good Easter break! We have been hibernating for almost a month and have got a lot of behind the scenes work done to ensure our centre carries on thriving. I want to personally thank the members of our board and volunteers from the community for stepping in to keep the doors open while we had some unexpected sickness in the ranks. The support is hugely appreciated!

We have a little more info from the board on page 3 and some more detailed information on how to help and stay involved up in the window / on our Facebook page.

Meanwhile, congratulations to local Ralph Highnam, recently named Wellingtonian of the Year! Ralph's career has been focussed on early detection of breast cancer and using screening mammograms to improve this process. His life saving work has been rightly commemorated and we are proud to celebrate him as a community.

Hope to see you at the Emergency Response meeting at the weekend!

Ngā mihi

Sara / Mt Vic Hub Team

Email: hello@mtvichub.org.nz

Farewell to a Friend - Pat Hubbard

One of the first people I met many years ago when we first opened the Hub was Pat Hubbard. She was a regular who popped in many times and I looked forward to our wee chats since that first meeting. One of the things that stood out for me about her was her warmth and friendliness. And she always wore lovely hand knitted sweaters. We had many discussions about yarn and patterns how simple or challenging a stitch or pattern was, she always looked cosy and jolly. She always had a smile and time to stop to have a cup of tea and I loved to stop with her at those times.

She was a regular at our community dinners when they first started and she enjoyed many of our feasts. She had such a wonderful community spirit and loved to be involved.

We held a luncheon for some seniors in our community recently that included a celebration of Pat's birthday (much to her delight), sharing cake and some good chats across the table.

Pat had been one of the regulars attending our Steady As You Go exercise class up until very recently too. We missed her when we hadn't seen her for a bit.

Pat was always out and about, a kind caring neighbour to many, took many of our tamariki under her wing with her amazing early childhood work. She was so well respected for her work in this area working tirelessly for families.

She will be very sadly missed by many in our community, everyone I have chatted to have spoken to highly of her and she was held in very high regard by Mt Victorians and all who knew her.

Dear Pat, you will be very missed, go well and rest well, your work here is complete. You have left an indelible mark of goodness behind. To her extended family we send our sincerest condolences.

by Trish Given



A message from the Hub Board.

In our April newsletter we mentioned we were about to enter a quieter phase at the Hub. This month, we want to tell you a little more about what this will look like and how we would love your help.

Why the reduced hours?

A number of factors mean we need to find ways to continue to serve the community with less money and less hours. This is because the funding we have received is less than previous years and costs are increasing. In the past Trish, our previous coordinator was doing significantly more hours than she was paid to work. This is not a sustainable expectation. As a result we have asked that our new incoming coordinator, Sara, not exceed the hours they have been contracted to do.

We will be doing behind the scenes work, like meeting groups similar to ours, exploring other funding avenues, creating a community engagement and strategic plan, reflecting on our past and beginning to reimagine the future for the Hub and what that looks like. During this time you can still expect:

Monthly newsletter, regular hours on specific days, monitoring of our email box, Monday Morning Makers (everyone welcome), social media updates, space hire, book box outside whenever the Hub is open and enabling others to run activations at the Hub or locally.

How can you help? Volunteer at the Hub! Share your ideas!

If you can spare 1-2 hours over this period / ongoing to help support the Hub we'd love to hear from you. You can help us maximise the hours our doors are open. And while we don't plan on doing formal community engagement over this time, we'd love to hear from you with ideas and thoughts.

You can email us at hello@mtvichub.org.nz we look forward to hearing from you

Laurina, Tom, Alice and Trish

what's on in the clubrooms?

Tararua Tramping Club has talks free for everyone each Tuesday at our clubrooms, 4 Moncrieff Street, 7.30pm (cup of tea available beforehand)

Here's what's happening in May:

2 May Three parallel rivers of Yunnan and Tibet - Les Molloy

Les did a two-week horseback trek through the remote, wild landscape of the upper reaches of the Yangtze, Mekong and Salween rivers and later journeyed from Yunnan to their source in Tibet.

9 May Upgrading Robin Saddle Hut - Paul Maxim

Dave Bamford, John Wild and Paul went into the Murchison Mountains in Fiordland to climb the striking Mt Irene. Captivated by the beauty of this remote location, they volunteered to upgrade the 60-year-old Robin Saddle Hut for the Backcountry Trust.

16 May Tales from a maturing mountaineer — Dave Bamford

Dave shares some stories of personalities and places over the last 60 years, from Butterfly Creek to remote mountain corners of the world.

23 May The health of Wellington's natural ecosystems - Dr Roger Uys (GWRC)

Roger reports on the environmental health of natural dunelands, forests and wetlands in the Wellington region, and the effectiveness of the GWRC's Key Native Ecosystem programme in managing them.

30 May Winter activities

Come along at the earlier time of 7 p.m. for a glass of gluhwein, and find out how the club can help you to enjoy some great adventures in the snow this winter. There is a \$4 entry charge.

message from
councillor Iona Pannett

PUKEHĪNAU/
LAMBTON WARD



As I write this, Council is consulting on changes to Elizabeth Street. We have had a number of complaints over the years about tripping hazards, uneven footpaths, sump blockage, and tree trimming. The proposal is to remove a number of coupon parks and to replace some of the trees which has met some opposition. We are carefully listening to feedback and a street meeting will happen soon. Changes are highly likely to be made. If you can't make the meeting, please feel free to get in touch with me as the councillor leading on the issue.

Consultation closes 5th May. More detail can be found here at [Elizabeth Street upgrades | Kōrero Mai | Wellington City Council](#).

For further information, iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz or 021-227-8509.



message from councillor Tamatha Paul

Pukehīnau/ Lambton Ward

Kia ora Mātairangi Mount Vic!

I'm Tamatha Paul, your local Green City Councillor. I am the Chair of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee. Here is some of the awesome work we have coming up:

Safer speeds: on 27 April, we are considering a reduction in speeds across the City and particularly around schools and early childhood centres. This will impact 90% of the road network.

Housing Action Plan: in June, we will consider the Housing Action Plan for the City. I have been working hard on this plan:

- Tools for renters including investigating the Healthy Homes Commitment campaign by Renters United
- A commitment to facilitating more public housing and affordable housing
- Reducing financial and regulatory burdens for the development of new public housing
- Solid actions towards ending homelessness in Wellington

Live music venues: I've been working on opening up a medium-sized, independent music venue in the central City. This is about plugging a major gap in our arts offering, supporting independent venue owners and having a great vibe in the City!

I'm always keen to kōrero with you - email me at Tamatha.Paul@wcc.govt.nz

Mauri ora!

Tamatha Paul



TRACES OF THE PAST

Mt Victoria is one of the oldest European-settled areas of Wellington. Many of us find antique broken china under or around our Victoria and Edwardian houses, but some residents have found real treasures – the detritus and lost possessions of earlier lives – like these ones from a house in Elizabeth Street.



On this theme, Mount Victoria Historical Society invites Mt Victoria residents to join us for our next event: **Digging up the past – Life as an NZ Archaeologist**

Sunday 21st May at 2.30pm, Society of Friends Hall, Moncrieff Street

Mary O'Keefe, a professional archaeologist, will talk to us about her work. Mary has run her consultancy, Heritage Solutions, since 1996. Prior to this she worked for Historic Places Trust and Department of Conservation. Mary's work has taken her all round New Zealand, to see some special places and hear some remarkable stories, including projects in Mt Victoria.

Wellington Women's Refuge & Te Whare Rokiroki, Māori Women's Refuge operate a 24-7 crisis-line, assisted by a roster of volunteers responding to the crisis line outside of working hours. We are feminist organisations operated by women for women, providing support and advocacy to survivors of domestic violence; walking alongside and empowering them to make safe decisions for their future. It is our vision that all women and children have the opportunity to live lives free from fear and violence.



We are currently looking for after-hours crisis-line volunteers.

Women's Refuge relies on the work of committed volunteers to answer our 24/7 crisis line outside of working hours. This role is done from your own home.

This role is for women based in Wellington & aged 21 or older.

Calm personality with good listening & communications skills are a prerequisite.

Training & support provided.

In May we start our 40-hour Women's Refuge Advocacy training (held on Saturdays) for new crisis-line volunteers.

We will respond to all applications; however we have a limited number of places and may not be able to accept every applicant.

To read more about the role and complete application forms please click on the following link

<https://www.wellingtonwomensrefuge.co.nz/volunteering/>



Do you write provocative and edgy content?

Aotearoa's newest literary journal has opened a local section designed to capture the essence of Wellington in small, fun, bite sized anecdotes. As well as welcoming short stories and poetry, the founders are looking for quotes and observations from Wellingtonians about what makes our city unique. More information at www.follyjournal.com or email your content direct to editor@follyjournal.com

**Not everyone
trapped by alcohol
is an alcoholic**



Al-Anon Family Groups

Offering help and hope to the friends and family of alcoholics

For Local meetings call 0508 425 2666
www.al-anon.org.nz

If you feel your life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking, the following Al-Anon family group meetings are near Mount Victoria:

Saturday mornings, 10:30am to 11:45 am
Hataitai Community House (upstairs room in Community House)

112 Waipapa Road, Hataitai
Wednesday 5.45pm to 6.45pm
St Peter's Church (behind church, across from courtyard), 211 Willis Street

Just turn up to any of these meetings or call 0508 425 2666 for more information.
Al-Anon.org.nz

Open day at the Wellington Writers' Studio

The Berry Building, 145 Cuba Street: 9 May, from 3 – 6pm

The Berry Building has been home to local artists and writers for decades. In a bid to preserve the creative vibe of the building, and ensure desk space remains available at affordable levels for inner city creatives, the Wellington Writers' Studio has launched across two floors of the building. An Open Day is scheduled for 9 May for any writers interested to learn more about how this dedicated writers space works. More information at www.wellingtonwritersstudio.com

what's on?

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: wgtquakers@gmail.com

One Mindful Breath is a meditation group based on secular Buddhist principles. Beginners and experienced 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

Mt Victoria Bush Regeneration Group
Join us to look after our park and support native ecosystems. We meet at the top of Majoribanks St at 10am on the last Sunday of every month. Bring gloves and your favourite tool, wear boots. See Facebook page for full details.

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

Local Poi Class

Thursdays 12-12.45pm \$10 waged, \$5 unwaged, in the local Y, Te Pokapu Hapori, Manners St.

Spin Poi is a NZ initiative incorporating traditional and modern poi movements in a way that supports movement and co-ordination as well as being relaxing and fun.

Hall for hire: Tararua Tramping Club

The Tararua Tramping Club offers a hall and a room for hire for meetings, theatre productions and more.

Located at 4 Moncrieff St., Mt Victoria.

For details please contact: ttc.clubrooms@ttc.org.nz



Crossways Community Crèche, 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 info@crosswayscreche.org.nz

Professional dog walking and dog sitting service - Adventure walks - \$30

Does your dog need some exercise? Or do you need someone to watch your dog for a few hours, for a day or for the weekend? Call or text Tamara 022 1063540 for more info.

Awareness through Movement classes (Feldenkrais Method) start Tuesday 7 February 6-7pm. Improve posture, flexibility, breathing and more. Phone Sue Field 0274667123

PikoPiko Clyde Quay Kindergarten

Mon-Fri 8.45-2.45pm, @ Elizabeth & Brougham. Offers 20 hours ECE. 04.385.0441 or www.wmkindergartens.org.nz

If you would like to include anything in the newsletter please get in touch.

Email the newsletter at hello@mtvichub.org.nz or

Call/Text us 04 3901411 or 021765525

NEIGHBOURHOOD — MT VICTORIA —



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We just had the best experience with Caroline. Her advice was absolutely flawless, and she was really patient taking us through what could have been a really challenging sale. We're almost sorry we don't have another property to sell so we could team up with her again. Can't recommend her highly enough."

- Richard Walley

APRIL 2023 MT VIC SALES (stats from REINZ)

Earls Terrace \$2,075,000 Austin Street \$3,210,000

Kent Terrace \$650,000 Austin Street \$860,000

If you are thinking of selling or would like some real estate advice, please email me caroline@justpaterson.co.nz or give me a call 027 566 1666, I would love to help.

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