



Mt Victoria Newsletter

TE KARERE O MATAIRANGI

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**Be kind,
stay home,
save lives.**



New Zealand Government

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Kia ora tatou, I hope this newsletter finds your households well and adjusting to life in our bubbles. We are very pleased to be able to bring you the newsletter, albeit in an electronic form! As Trish, Stella and the Trust have met this week (via Zoom!) we have reflected on the value of community connections. As your Community Centre, The Hub has had to close our physical doors, but our virtual doors are wide open. Trish and Stella are working remotely to bring you information and advice, provide connection if you need help, link up our networks and inject a bit of joy into your day.

If you are not already familiar with our website, do check it out at www.mtvichub.org.nz. Or if you like social media, join us on Facebook or Instagram "mtvichub". You can also call us on 04 3901411 or 021 765 525.

We can connect you or others to supports, so if you need help, let us know.

We will be keeping an eye on what is needed in and for our community over the coming weeks, and encourage you to keep an eye out too.

We are also starting to think about what might be needed when we come out of Level 4 - this is a wider conversation happening across the social support organisations in Wellington.

If you have any thoughts about needs now, or into the future, please let us know.

Remember, keep moving (safely), keep connected (together apart), stay cheerful, check on those around you who may need help, and reach out for help if you need it.

Finally, if you know someone in the community who needs a hard-copy newsletter, we can supply a few so let us know at hello@mtvichub.org.nz

Kia kaha all, the Mt Vic Hub Trust



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#CAREMONGERINGMTVIC



Gestures of Care #Caremongering

Originating in Canada, founder Valentine Harper has defined the social media organised #Caremongering movement as being all about getting people to connect on a positive level. Trying to divert people from scaremongering, the movement seeks to bring out community and camaraderie rather than panic during the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

There are two kinds of posts - #iso (in isolation) and #offer (as the name implies - offering help.) People can then message and post offers of help to those in need. Both people who have given and received caremongering say it feels like a hug. The #caremongering community is a place for people to see acts of goodwill in their communities as well as a space to share information and offer emotional support. What better way to use social media than to offer reassurance and hope in uncertain times!

Mt Victoria Residents Association

I'm writing this as we're about to go into lockdown, and I expect I'm the same as you -trying to anticipate what's coming up, wondering if we will still be in lockdown when the next newsletter comes out.

In my house, we're set up to work and learn from home, and have online connection to everyone we need to. We're well and can get to essential services if it's required. But I'm aware not everyone has that - so please, if you're able to do so, and it's safe, lend a hand where you can.

News from our last month at MVRA: the public meeting about the second tunnel was well attended and spirited. It'll be interesting to see what the city feels like with everyone on orders to stay home. The Planning for Growth program is progressing: changes coming for Mt Victoria, with regards to the Spatial Plan. There'll be information about that on our website. Have a look and let us know your thoughts.

We're always interested in what you think,

Email us at mtvicra@gmail.com

More than ever, check us out online at:

www.mvra.org.nz;

facebook.com/MtVictoriaResidents;

twitter.com/MtVictoria2

Instagram/mtvicresidents

We're posting updates from council, as well as other information to keep us going. Also, check out the Mt Vic Hub and the Mt Victoria Community Notice Board on Facebook.

Or call me on 021 188 7432

Cheers, Angela.



A word from Iona Pannett

Kia ora Mt Vic, I hope everyone is ok during this very difficult time. As I write this, we are on Day 2 of Lock Down and I acknowledge the challenge for those in the at risk groups and those that face losing their business or job. The council is working on its new budget bearing in mind that this will be a very difficult time for residents and businesses. Expect some rescue initiatives. This Plan will be consulted on. We are also working with welfare agencies to ensure that vulnerable Wellingtonians are looked after and continue to run critical city services so that you can continue to have clean drinking water, rubbish collected and resource and building consents processed.

More information about how the city is responding to Covid-19 is here <https://wellington.govt.nz/about-wellington/emergency-management/civil-emergency-news-and-information/covid-19>

Some city services/facilities are impacted unfortunately. There will be no recycling in the city until our recycling plant opens up again and the Basin has been closed to help manage the spread of the disease. The Town Belt remains open though.

If you have any suggestions, questions, comments, don't hesitate to get in touch with me on 021-227-8509 or iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz.

Notice From Innermost Gardens

We hope you are all staying safe and well at home!

With the COVID-19 response and State of Emergency, Innermost Gardens, our Hall and ALL gardening activities remain closed for the time being.

Sadly this includes our Compost Operation so please stop bringing your kitchen waste to the gardens for now.

As a public space you may choose to walk through the gardens as part of your daily recreation and we hope that you enjoy that experience, though we do urge you to strictly adhere to the government guidelines (<https://covid19.govt.nz/>) to protect yourself and others.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.



Please note all classes and venues have been closed until further notice.

All playgrounds including the school playground are also closed until further notice. Please keep an eye on our website or Facebook for restart dates or get in touch with the class organiser or venue manager.

Our Mt Victoria Heritage - 105 Brougham Street

Mt Victoria's heritage is potentially under threat with the proposed new Spatial Plan being developed by the Council (consultation was imminent, but is now postponed due to COVID-19). At even more immediate risk, however, may be one of the suburb's Council heritage-listed buildings. 105 Brougham Street is now a tattered old lady in faded harlequin colours, with just hints of her former handsome visage discernible in her superb 'bone' structure, but it was once one of the grandest homes in Mt Victoria.

It was designed by Thomas Turnbull and Son for Catherine Gray in 1910 and built on part of the last great subdivision in Mt Victoria. The land had been bought by her husband William Gray about 1870. William rose to the position of Secretary of the General Post Office. He travelled a lot with his work, both within New Zealand and overseas. In 1871, for instance, he went to America with Vogel (who was postmaster General at the time) to complete arrangements for a San Francisco mail contract.

He went to America again in 1873 but was "weak and infirm" when he left and died overseas in 1874. Catherine was left a widow with at least five boys. In 1893, she sold five nearby town acres which only had two houses on them at the time. By the time 105 Brougham Street was built, son Alex had already built 111 Brougham Street next door. (This is the former Ace House, currently being renovated.)

After the house was built, Catherine Gray lived there until she died at home in 1919 aged 95. Architecturally, the house is very important.

By the time it was designed, Thomas Turnbull's son had joined him in practice and this was probably designed by him. Turnbull senior was one of the most important architects in Wellington for much of the Victorian period. He designed, for example, the three great timber churches: St Peter's (1879), Wesley (1880) and St John's (1885).

Externally, 105 Brougham Street is still in its original form, complete with out-houses. We know it's up for sale. Many residents believe that it must be preserved. The large section it sits on, however, may be what puts it at more risk than most neglected Mt Vic houses. If a single residential buyer cannot be found, perhaps creative interior design could turn it into a number of 'apartments' set in a lovely shared garden. What must not happen is demolition and replacement by a large multi-unit development. Let's all fight to keep this home, so that it doesn't become the thin end of the wedge!



For Dog Owners

Please be mindful when out walking your dog and always keep them on a leash when on the street and not in a dog exercise area. We recently had an incident where one of our newsletter deliverers was bitten quite badly by a dog who was off leash. Although it will be some time before we are out delivering newsletters again we do not wish to see a repeat of this. You are legally responsible for keeping your dog under control at all times. Failure to do so is an offence with a fine

Exercising your dog during Covid 19

Remember to exercise your dog 'in your bubble'. If you drive 5 minutes to a dog exercise area, walk there instead. Otherwise, walk your dog on the streets close to home and remember to keep them on lead. Discourage other walkers from petting or touching your dog.

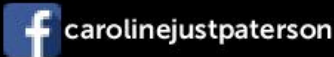
Please also remember to clean up after your dog and take your poo bags home with you or find a bin on the street to put it in.

Hope you are all doing well at this strange time and making the most of your time at home in your bubble. I don't know about you but being at home 24/7 has made me see my home in a different way, the first couple of days of lock down I pretty much scrubbed the house from top to bottom, moved furniture around and now wishing I could nip down to Bunnings to get some paint to sort those areas that are looking a bit shabby. What are you planning to do to your home – I'd love to hear your ideas. The team at Just Paterson are working from home like everyone else, if you have any real estate questions want to know about house prices in the area or would like a chat please get in touch - hear from you soon. Keep safe Mt Vic



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RECENT MT VICTORIA SALES STATISTICS FROM REINZ

Brougham Street	\$1,705,000
Duke Street	\$820,000
McIntyre Avenue	\$1,060,000
Porritt Avenue	\$1,702,000

Recent Mt Vic Sales: <https://bit.ly/39v4SVt>

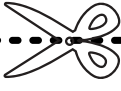
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My name is _____

I live locally in _____

My phone number is _____

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with

- picking up shopping
- running errands
- A friendly phone call / video call

Just call or text me & we can chat about what you need

Ahakoā te momo mate,
whakanuia tangata



Regardless of illness,
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Helpful links and numbers:

Government Helpline : 0800 779 997 or find out more at covid19.govt.nz Anyone is welcome to call with any non-health-related concerns. They have friendly people ready to speak with you, and they can offer assistance in a number of ways.

The Healthline number for Covid-19 enquiries is 0800 358 5453

Additional Support for New Zealanders and Businesses please contact workandincome.govt.nz

Age Concern : 04 499 6646 or info@ageconcernwellington.org.nz

Call ahead if you need to see your Doctor or Other Medical Services.

Mental Health Support - please call or text 1737 to talk to a trained counsellor.

Student Volunteer Army - If you need help with anything during the lockdown, you can either email sva@vuwsa.org.nz or put through a request at <https://www.vuwsa.org.nz/sva>. If you don't have access to Internet connection, you can also ask for support on 021 256 9987.

Wellington City Council: wellington.govt.nz/coronavirus or call 04 499 4444 or email info@wcc.govt.nz for all information on services and facilities.

Rubbish and Recycling:

Kerbside rubbish collections (yellow bags) will continue as usual however kerbside recycling is on hold during the lockdown. If possible hold on to your recycling, please ensure it is really clean – especially if it has contained food. If you can't get it clean, we recommend that you put this in your rubbish. We recommend you put milk bottles in your rubbish bin, but paper and cardboard can be kept safely. Stockpile glass bottles, but ensure that they are rinsed.

Composting at Innermost Gardens is not available until further notice.

Please be conscientious of rubbish on our streets,

Stay well in both body and mind: Regular physical exercise is good as long as it is solitary or in your bubble.

**Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Prepared, Be Helpful, Be Mindful
Together But Apart**

**If you want to send us a story or a post for our social media please get
in touch or for your feedback**

Website: mtvichub.org.nz Email: hello@mtvichub.org.nz

Call: 04 3901411 or 021765525

Mt Victoria Street Wordsearch

N	A	R	E	O	B	A	R	I	O	M	A	A	H	BROUGHAM
C	S	K	N	A	B	I	R	O	J	A	M	R	I	MAJORIBANKS
A	D	O	P	S	C	N	D	R	Q	P	N	L	R	PIRIE
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I	Y	N	C	O	N	S	N	W	I	E	E	L	B	HAWKER
N	U	A	E	I	O	U	A	N	R	W	K	L	A	ROXBURGH
E	S	H	S	N	O	W	O	O	R	K	W	I	Z	CAROLINE
H	A	S	H	G	R	U	B	X	O	R	A	C	I	MOIR
T	A	U	S	T	I	N	I	I	P	L	H	E	L	ELIZABETH
R	O	M	A	H	G	U	O	R	B	I	I	X	E	QUEEN
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Find this online here : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/1002035/mt-victoria/>

Lemon Cake

This is a really easy recipe and always a favourite at Mt Victoria events and meetings. It is also my kids favourite cake.

185g Unsalted Butter Softened (I use Olivani)

3/4 Caster Sugar

Zest of 2 Lemons

3 eggs

1.5 Cups of Self Raising Flour

1/2 Cup Caster Sugar

1/4 Cup of lemon juice (I use the juice of both lemons to not waste any)

Beat the caster sugar, butter/olivani and lemon zest for 2-3 minutes

Gradually add the eggs, alternating with flour until mixture is smooth.

Pour batter into a prepared greased and lined loaf tin.

Bake at 160 for about 50 minutes - or until golden brown and firm to touch.

A skewer inserted to the centre should come out clean.

Mix the glaze of 1/2 cup sugar and 1/4 cup lemon and pour over the cake while it is still hot. This will form a nice zesty topping and make the cake very moist. Enjoy!





Posing for the camera, Willow is a 6 year old poodle/springer spaniel cross who has been a resident of Mt Vic all of her life. Always the first one up in the morning, she can be found waiting at the front door for either her walk to work or a stroll to her favourite cafe for breakfast. Willow is a happy go lucky, people's dog that loves a cuddle. Affectionate and loyal, she is her owner's loveliest soft furnishing in their home.

If you would like your pet to star in the Mt Vic Newsletter send in their photo and details to caroline@justpaterson.co.nz or give me a call 0275661666

 Follow us on [petsofmontvic](#)



WHO ARE YOUR HEROS? Ours today (and every day but especially these days) are the medical people on the front line and the staff in grocery stores and other essential services. .

Who are yours? There are family, partners, friends and flatmates all out there these days doing an amazing job! **THANK YOU** from all of us at the Hub.



This Friday was to be our First Friday Afterwork Drinks at the Hub. It is also Neighbours week and we were supposed to run this as a part of neighbours week especially for those who are working from home and ongoing monthly. Well, given we are now all working from home (or most of us are) I thought it might be nice to host it on Zoom, I have become very familiar with this over the past few weeks. If you would like to join us for a chat with your wine or cuppa please let me know and I can send you a link - hello@mtvichub.org.nz Please share this with anyone you think might like to come along.

Friday 3 April - 5pm - 6.30pm



Ideas for birthdays in lockdown





FILL PLATES NOT LANDFILLS



MONITOR HOW MUCH FOOD YOU ARE WASTING OVER A WEEK

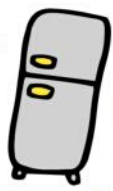
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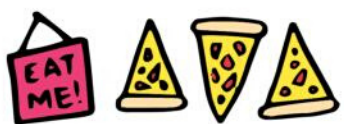


FRIDGE

COMMIT TO ONE NIGHT A WEEK TO EAT UP WHAT'S IN THE FRIDGE



CALL IT PIZZA NIGHT AND USE ANY LEFTOVERS ON PIZZA



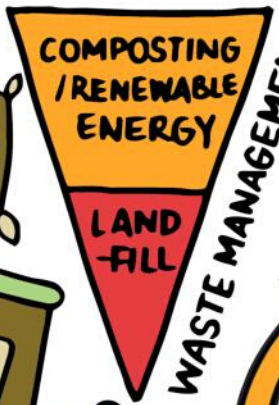
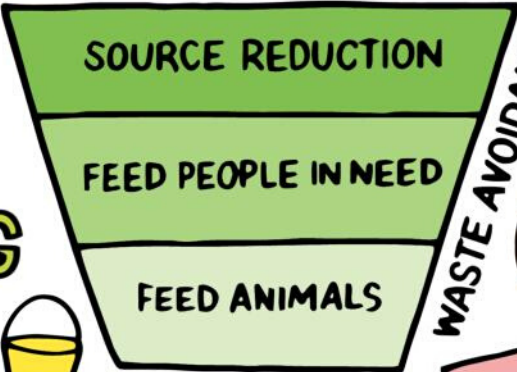
COMPOSTING

START COMPOSTING! COMPOST IS NATURE'S WAY OF RECYCLING. THIS PROCESS RECYCLES VARIOUS ORGANIC MATERIALS. COMPOST IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT FOR CREATING RICH, FRIABLE SOIL AND THEREFORE HEALTHY PLANTS.



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BECOME A FOOD WASTE CHAMPION AT HOME



PLAN

TAKE TIME TO PLAN YOUR MEALS! SAVE TIME, \$ AND FOOD



LEFTOVERS

BE CREATIVE WITH LEFTOVERS! TAKE FOR LUNCH OR RECREATE



USE BY:

FOOD SAFETY: DO NOT EAT AFTER THIS DATE IN NZ YOU WILL MAINLY FIND USE BY DATES ON MEAT AND SEAFOOD.



BEST BEFORE:

QUALITY: YOU CAN EAT FOOD AFTER THIS DATE BUT IT MAY NOT BE THE BEST.



KNOW YOUR DATES

Share your colouring in activities with us on Facebook or Instagram or you can email it to us at hello@mtvichub.org.nz

