



December 2010

Planning starts for Mt Victoria Fair

The third annual Mt Victoria Inner City Festival will be held on Saturday, 26 February to raise money for New Crossways.

The Mt Victoria Festival at Crossways follows from the successful school fair held in November.

The fair will again be held in Roxburgh St which would need to be blocked off. The city council has been approached to close the street from its Majoribanks end to the hotel parking lot, as well as Caroline St. It is estimated the site will hold up to 70 stalls. Local businesses have been contacted and are very supportive of the idea.

The streets will be blocked off from 8am to 5pm and the fair will run from 10.00 am to 3 pm. Alternate parking arrangements for residents will be made.

Objections to the closures can be lodged with the city council and there will be a public meeting to discuss any issues around the proposal at the New Crossway Community Centre, 6 Roxburgh St, at 7.30pm on Thursday 9 December.

The theme of the fair is inner city living and sustainability. There will an emphasis on how to grow things in small spaces, whether it is in a window box or a backyard garden. Stalls covering clean energy such as solar and wind power will also be encouraged as will organic products of all kinds.

There will be a sound stage erected to allow for a series of musical and variety acts.

It is expected that a local circus will also provide entertainment.

Elaine Hampton, chair of the organising committee, says as well as the New Crossways Trust, members of the Mt Victoria Residents Association and the Mt Victoria Historical Society are represented on the committee.

The committee is keen to get feedback from Mt Victoria and inner city residents on how to ensure that the annual fair is a success.

This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to get involved in a community activity to put their hand up.

If you are able to help, want to set up a stall or have any suggestions, please contact Bill Southworth at either crossways@crossways.org.nz or 385 6090 or 027 430 7909.

*The Mt Victoria Newsletter
wishes all our readers
a happy and safe
Holiday Season
and a Prosperous New Year.*

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and to the 30 people who each month
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Mt Victoria Inorganic Rubbish Collection

This is your chance to rid your home of unwanted furniture, fridges, timber and other inorganic rubbish! We'll be collecting on **Saturday 4 December from 9am**. Simply put the items on the roadside with a donation (\$20 for general items, \$50 for fridges and appliances), with all proceeds going to the Mt Victoria Residents Association. Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be provided.

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Oasis Drop-in	Wed 1.30	Weekly	Josie 233 9697	
Yoga	Wed 5.30	Weekly	Siobahn	s_bulfin@yahoo.co.nz
Core Connexion - Dance	Wed 7.00	Weekly	Ingrid Kolle 388 7939	info@coreconnexion.co.nz
Contact Improvisation Dance Jam	Thur 5.15 - 7.15	Weekly	Babette Berroth	babetteberroth@web.de
Oasis Community Cafe	Fri 8.00	Weekly	Josie 233 9697	
Break Dancing	Sat 10.00	11, 18 Dec	Sarah Grant 021 227 8347	
Argentinean Tango	Sun 7.30	Weekly	Nina 973 9297, 021 0588 047	ninavanduynhoven@hotmail.com
Meetings				
MVRA committee	Mon 7.30	6 Dec	Kent Duston (021) 1536873	mvra@mtvictoria.org.nz
Sea Shepherd	Thurs 7.30	2 & 16 Dec		lisa@seashepherd.org.nz
Animal Rights	Sun 1.30	5 & 19 Dec	Mark Eden 021 0264 9406	poo1951@xtra.co.nz
Fair street closure consultation meeting	Thurs 7.30	9 Dec	Bill Southworth 385 6090	crossways@crossways.org.nz
Salsa Therapy	Sat 8.00	18 Dec	Lilia Petrova	
Transition Towns	Tue 7.00	21 Dec	Frank Cook Ph 938 9057	frank.c@clear.net.nz

Unclassified Advertisements:

- **ZUMBA** - 7pm Mondays. Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff St. Contact Ani 027 539 6636 or Joanna 021 803 705
- **Cat feeder and mail collector needed.** We're away 23rd -29th December & would love if someone could do that. Will pay. Ph 970 4769. Scarborough Tce
- **Child minding:** Qualified, responsible, reliable nanny available for work next year! Available from before Christmas. I have experience with children from a wide range of ages. Also available for casual babysitting, and during the school holidays. Phone Rachael Hampton on 802 4492 or 027 654 9775
- **Garden soil free.** Top and sub-soil, approx 3 cubic metres. Flat street level access, Mt Vic. Pnone 027-354-2638
- **Babysitting:** Hi, I am from China. I am working in Wellington as a Mandarin tutor and caregiver now. However I still have some free time and would like to do some part time job like, teaching Mandarin or babysitting. my cell phone number is: 022 671 9860
- **Fridge sale:** underbench F&P stainless \$150 ono call into Ambience to view

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www.mtvictoria.org.nz

- Mt Victoria news & blog
- Crossways activities and vacancies calendar
- Mt Victoria Fair updates
- links to Residents Assn, Historical Society,
- Get your organisation listed on the site

Mt Victoria Inner City Festival Call for stall registrations

The third and very popular Mt Victoria Inner City Fair will be held on Saturday, 26 February 2011 (rain day the 27th). This sustainability/eco-themed fair in Roxburgh Street (just behind the Embassy Theatre) attracts thousands of visitors and is an excellent place to sell sustainable and organic-type products.

We also welcome stalls from lobby groups, food sellers and charitable organisations. Local non-profit stalls attract a generous subsidy.

Stall registrations:
www.mtvictoria.org.nz : click on "Festival 2011"

Book *New Crossways*, 6 Roxburgh St, for your party, meeting or work seminar.

Phone: 385 6090

crossways@crossways.org.nz

Iona Pannett: Ward Councillor

Well (at the time of writing at least), I'm enjoying the wonderful weather and walking through the Town Belt with my dogs and toddler.

I'm really pleased to be back as one of the councillors for this area and thank those of you who supported me. It will be a busy three years. The most pressing issue for me will be the roading that is promised for Mt Victoria (the Basin Reserve Flyover and second Mt Victoria Tunnel) under the National Roads of Significance programme. I have some very strong concerns about these projects. The negative impacts on our suburb and city along with the fact that the costs outweigh the benefits on the economic analysis means that it is highly questionable whether these projects should go ahead.

On other issues, I'm keen to see a heritage audit done for Mt Vic over the next three years and to working with the community to making it safer for pedestrians to get around. Ensuring the on going success of New Crossways, stopping some of the new projects on the waterfront, and to helping re-start the Mt Victoria playgroup are also priorities. At a city wide level, paying for leaky homes and ensuring all our communities are resilient must be put at the top of the list of things to do.

Any issues, please don't hesitate to contact me on 384 3382 or email: iona.pannett@wcc.govt.nz

Council Community Profile Tool

The city council has launched a new website that gives all sorts of socio-demographic statistics about Wellington and its individual suburbs. The profile is based on population statistics from the 1999, 2001 and 2006 Census.

The Council says it will use the tool to better understand how the city is changing so they can better plan services and infrastructure.

While many people believe that there are far more children in Mt Victoria, the profile reveals the numbers have dropped. The table below shows a reduction of 51 in the number of school-age children between the 1996 and 2006 census, and a fall of 24 in the number of families with children. The total number of houses and flats increased by 183.

To provide context, the Wellington city profiles are shown against the numbers for the Wellington region and New Zealand as a whole.

Go to: www.wcc.govt.nz – About Wellington – Facts & figures

	2006	1996	Change
Couples with children	237	225	12
One parent families	96	132	-36
Children 5 - 17 yrs	306	357	-51
Total Population	4,878	4,377	501
Total dwellings	2070	1887	183

Transition Town Mt Victoria

The December meeting of Transition Towns Mt Victoria will be a pot luck dinner at New Crossways, Roxburgh St, Tuesday 21 December, commencing 7:15 pm. All welcome. We will also show a Transition Town Totnes Short Film from their Winterfest, November 2010. For further information contact Frank Cook on 027 6496508.

We are also keen to learn from local examples of installations of solar collectors, water tanks and the like to help others keen to do likewise. If you can help please contact Frank or Pat. The group also offers to help with your bokashi bucket if you do not have space for the contents, and to act as facilitator to link up people in the area who have gardens they struggle to keep going with people who would like to garden .

Contact Pat Hubbard 384 2646 for further information.

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Cameron, the clubs head instructor, runs a holiday programme most school holidays for children from 4 years old using his well tried playway/funway approach that gently introduces the Olympic sport. The kids love it . Visitors are welcome during training periods and the training times are displayed on the front and rear doors.

The club is a registered charity and all instructors and helpers give of their time voluntary.

Rooms: 12 Kent Tce, above Wellington Motorcycles
Patrick Toner, President WJJA inc. Ph: 385 7421.

Books Wanted

The New Crossways Community Centre requires good quality books for its book stall at the Mt Victoria Inner City Fair on 26 February. All proceeds go to the centre. Contact Judy on 3856 090 or 0274307909 or crossways@crossways.org.nz

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