

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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From the President

Mount Victoria put on its best weather to showcase our lovely village during The Great Train Weekend on May 26-27, when several thousand people turned out to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Great Western Rail Line to Mount Victoria and the opening of our grand station.

The Museum volunteers spent months getting ready for the event and started off the May celebrations with a successful and well-attended opening.

The official ceremony was indeed a grand affair. Lt Governor The Hon Tom Bathurst, Mrs Bathurst and their entourage arrived on The Garratt from Central Station and were welcomed by the Blue Mountains Pipe Band. The NSW Lancers also added to the sense of occasion with a Vice Regal salute. Market stalls and entertainment, our local shops and eateries, steam models and steampunkers all contributed to a real air of celebration.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made the weekend a resounding success. I would especially like to thank the volunteers who assisted over the two days and the amazing Working Group, who put in hundreds of hours to bring this event to fruition. I hope many of those who attended will return to our unique village and spend more time enjoying our heritage.

I would also like to acknowledge the BMCC's efforts in sprucing up the park for the celebrations and the RMS for working so hard to make the entrance to our village look fabulous. The members of Bushcare also worked hard to tidy up around the Toll House. Finally, thank you to The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and its partner Scenic World for providing us with a grant to help make the weekend such a great success.

The Association has decided to continue staging The Great Train Weekend and is already planning the event for 2019, to be held May 25-26.

What's happening?

The Mount Victoria Bushcare group continues to work for a few hours once a month in Fairy Bower Reserve and around the Toll House. The entrance to Fairy Bower Reserve has also been graded to make it more accessible for cars. The group welcomes new volunteers and the Bushcare Officer provides equipment and training. See www.bushcarebluemountains.org.au for more information on Blue Mountains City Council Bushcare. If you have ever wondered

if a plant in your garden is likely to spread into the bush, bring it along for identification. The local coordinator is Marianne Bate, who can be contacted on (02) 4787 1420 or 0438 486 277.

- If you have noticed a blue sign hanging from the town entry sign and were wondering what it is, it is to accommodate the 'Total Fire Ban' sign, making it easier for RFS volunteers to display and remove their signs.
- If you have a hankering to do more gardening and want to spend time with other like-minded residents, local identity Phil Foster is looking to start up a community garden in the Rotunda Park opposite Mount Vic Flicks. Phil is a highly qualified horticulturist and is keen to provide a place for people to meet and share the benefits of this kind of activity. If you are interested, you'll find Phil's contact details in the ad on the next page.
- Accessible Access to Platform 1 at our railway station is an ongoing issue. We are about to start lobbying for improvements to the Patrick Street car park and access issues to the Sydney-bound platform. If you have any input, we would love to hear from you.
- Please make an effort to take a look around our local Museum. Its comprehensive collection of items from our past, including Ned Kelly's sister Kate's bed, makes it well worth a visit. Opening hours are 12-3pm Saturdays and Sundays.

If you have any ideas or just want to be involved in the Association, please contact our Secretary, Margaret Gough (marg.gough@bigpond.com).

Mina Howard,
President



Join the Community Association

Why not have your say on local issues? Association membership for individuals, businesses and non-profit organisations costs \$20 per year, due June 30 each year and paid no later than September 30.

You can apply online at <https://form.jotform.co/MVCA/membership-application> or download and print a membership form. Post printed forms to Treasurer, PO Box 50, Mount Victoria NSW 2786, or take them to a meeting. Completed online applications can also be printed for your own records. You only need to complete an application form if you're a new member or your fees weren't paid by September 30.

Fees can be paid by:

Direct debit — (BSB 062-507; acct no. 00901069) Make sure to put your name in the reference field.

Cheque — Make payable to Mount Victoria Community Association Inc and post to the address above or bring to a meeting.

Cash — Bring along to a meeting (meeting details in the box below).

Businesses located in or serving Mount Victoria are eligible for a one-line listing with a link to its website in our Service Directory at no cost. They are also entitled to a full page on our website if their owner/operator is a financial member of the MVCA (this service costs \$40/year for non-members). Financial members are also entitled to free promotion on our Facebook page.

Community and non-profit groups can advertise on our site and Facebook page for free without joining, but by becoming financial members, they can have input on issues affecting their businesses.

For further info on promoting your business or organisation through the Association, email publicity@mountvictoria.org.au.

Ailsa Streetscape Improvement Community Project Update

STAGE 2 tree works have begun and we wish to thank our many sponsors:



\$1,000



\$400

PLUS \$960 from Ailsa St Supporters, St Peter's Anglican Church and Bay Tree Nursery.

We look forward to continuing tree works as soon as further funds are secured.

Donations can be made by direct deposit or at any monthly meeting (receipt issued).

Ailsa St Project/MVCA

BSB: 062-507 Acct #: 0090 1069

Please reference your name/Ailsa

COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you love gardening or would like to learn how, why not be part of this great community activity? You'll get out of the house, learn new skills and meet new people. Register your interest by contacting Phil Foster on 0409 900 860 or emailing jplcnk@bigpond.com.



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NEW TO THE AREA OR JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Find your community on Facebook —
it's the best way to stay in touch!

www.facebook.com/MountVictoriaBlueMountainsAustralia/
www.facebook.com/groups/283039358446351/
www.facebook.com/groups/152864454781341/

If you have any content you would like put in the newsletter, please email it to secretary@mountvictoria.org.au.

Community Association meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm in St Peter's church hall (parking via Ailsa Street). All welcome!

The purpose of the Mt Victoria Community Association is to:

- promote public welfare by securing improved amenities, essential services and infrastructure for the residents of this area,
- encourage, promote and support local industry and tourism,
- achieve our goals
 - with respect for each other as neighbours,
 - with consideration for the value of our environmental and historical assets, and
 - without interfering with the legal right of private individuals and businesses to conduct their affairs on their own property,
 - without favouring any political party or politician and to
- co-operate with and assist other organisations in their efforts to achieve similar aims.

