

# Mount Victoria Community Association Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

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### Boost for Fairy Bower Reserve

The Mount Victoria Area Remodelling (MVAR) team and Sydney Trains Environmental Practitioner Samir Patel, have worked with Blue Mountains City Council, the local Bushcare Group, and contractor John Holland on a project to restore the Fairy Bower Reserve, which adjoins the rail corridor at Mt Victoria.

In recent weeks, the Bushcare volunteers planted over 200 plants to protect, restore, and enhance the Reserve. The project scope includes additional benefits including works to improve access to the Reserve and better manage vehicle management, an improved drainage system, and better weed control.

MVAR Project Manager David McHugo said, "The Biodiversity Offset scheme is a great initiative and in this case the MVAR Project is proud that we will be able to leave behind a small legacy for the people and visitors to Fairy Bower, Mount Victoria to enjoy long after we have gone".

Blue Mountains Council's Eric Mahony said "We again would like to extend our thanks for your support and willingness to collaborate with Council and our local community to provide for such a high-quality outcome."



*Left to right: The sandstone drain, some of the plantings and a new sign. Radiata pines have also been removed and the picnic tables revamped.*

### Community Garden update

Speaking to the right people at the right time has resulted in Council making positive steps towards giving the go ahead to set up a community garden in the park across from Mount Vic Flicks. Phil Foster and Jim McKeown met with Council Representatives last week to discuss where to from here. Phil, who is leading the project has a wealth of knowledge, experience and limitless energy. "Gardening is a way to bring people together and build community," said Phil.



*On a cold but sunny Mount Vic morning and responsibly socially distancing are, left to right, Cllr Kerry Brown, BMCC's Dan Long, MVCA members Jim McKeown and Phil Foster at the proposed Community Garden site.*



Even though the traditional ANZAC ceremonies were cancelled due to COVID-19 many people commemorated this time in their own way. It was very special to see these poppies displayed at dawn on the nature strip. RFS, MVCA, RSL and our politicians laid wreaths at our war memorial in the early hours of ANZAC Day.



## Relax and Shop Local



You don't need to go far to find that special momento because we are lucky to have two 'Aladdin's Caves' in Mount Victoria. Jim and James add that something extra to our small but unique commercial strip. And don't forget 'Mount Vic and Me' up on the highway where you can find quirky and original designs by Kara Cooper.

***We have begun liaising with NSW Transport Heritage to secure a date for The Great Train Weekend in 2021. Third time lucky!***

**Mount Victoria Community Association  
meets every third Monday  
(except December and January)  
at St Peters Church Hall at 7.30 pm.  
AGM 21st September at 7.30 pm**

**Victoria and Albert are open!**  
**Antipasto bar and dinner 2pm - late**  
**Thursday-Saturdays**  
**Live music Saturday nights**

**Mount Vic Flicks**  
**are hoping to open in late August or early**  
**September subject COVID restrictions.**



We are working with Council to get the gas lamps in the park lit up again.

A meeting with BMCC officers regarding the long standing issue of the cost of the Gas Lamps has seen progress with the following four actions agreed.

- 1) Review the current maintenance costs.
- 2) Scope and cost of two alternative operational models, Solar/Gas and LED.
- 3) Review funding source.
- 4) Prepare a business report to obtain funding if required.

Mount Victoria Community Association will receive updates as progress happens and hopefully, this will have been accomplished within a six month time frame.