

Mt Victoria Historical Society News

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Tuesday, December 3

Karori Historical Society have kindly invited us to attend a special meeting they are having on Tuesday, December 3. Susan Maclean, who is writing a book about well-known Wellington architect Frederick de Jersey Clere, is going to be the speaker at that meeting.

The Society meets in St Ninian's Church Hall, Newcombe Crescent, Karori at 7.45 pm

It would be helpful for them to know how many are coming, so if you'd like to go please contact Judith Burch on 476 4400. (If you can't get hold of her, don't let that stop you going, however.)

Last newsletter of the year so this seems like a good time to give you an idea of what events might be coming up next year and what the Committee plans to do.

Logo

We are going to investigate development of a logo for MVHS, so that we can start to be more visible around our suburb and in Wellington. (The little houses you see on all our newsletters are standard Microsoft clipart and we feel we can do better than that.) At the moment, ideas are focusing around the image of the Queen Victoria statue, which has almost become a symbol of the entry to Mt Victoria. We'd like to get back to you early in the New Year with some proposals for you to give us your feedback on.

In the meantime, if you have any great ideas, skills in graphic/logo design or good contacts, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Jo Newman on 385 2254.

Street Signs

Development of a logo ties in with the other project we are investigating. This is to replace some standard street signs in Mt Victoria with special heritage ones. You may have noticed that this has been done in Petone and we feel it plays a great part in promoting the sense of history in the area. We would aim, initially, to have signs installed on the main streets, such as Marjoribanks, Brougham, Pirie, Hawker etc. and, depending on funding, move on from there.

Today's residents are often not aware of the fascinating Wellington history reflected in our street names. The streets of Mt Victoria are also increasingly explored by tourists. When I was hosting visitors from Shanghai recently, and showed them a painting of Willis Street in the 1800's, they asked "Where can we go to see little wooden houses like that?" Naturally I said "Mt Victoria, just at the end of Courtenay Place."

So, the feasibility and practicalities of this project are currently being discussed with the Council, and we hope to let you know more about it in the New Year.

Activities for next year

There will be another newsletter early in the New Year, but at this stage we can tell you that the first event will be a guided walk in March. For this, we will tie in with the City Council's *Walk Promotion Month*, which will also give us much wider publicity. The films at Time Cinema were such a hit that we'll arrange another mid-winter session there in June. Other possibilities not yet finalised include a talk about the earthquakes of 1848, 1855 and more recently.