

# Mt Victoria Historical Society News

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## Art Deco Mt Victoria

Sunday, March 23 at 2.00 pm  
Meeting at the Central Fire Station

Join Joanna Newman for a tour of the Art Deco architecture and 1930's history of Mt Victoria.

The walk will end at Strawberry Fare, a great place for afternoon tea surrounded by the Art Deco atmosphere of the last building on our tour.

If weather forces a postponement, the walk will take place a week later on March 30. Phone Joanna Newman on 385 2254 if you feel you need confirmation.

*Stepping  
Out!*

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### Programme

For the first event of the year, we have worked with Wellington City Council to be part of their month encouraging walking in Wellington. We hope the extra advertising will mean new people will discover the unique nature of Mt Vic! Do get a copy of the *Stepping Out* brochure for lots more great walks throughout March.

The next events to put in your diary are:

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| May 18 at Crossways | - Alan Olliver: Historic Earthquakes in Wellington, including impacts on Mt Victoria |
| July                | - Historic movies at Time Cinema   |
| September           | - AGM (attraction to be announced later)   |

### Fire in Mt Victoria

Most of you will have read about the fires on Mt Victoria in early February, even if you didn't watch them - with a certain fascination tinged by concern!

Fortunately, the fires this year both occurred on still days. They reminded me, however, of the great fire of Shannon and Hawker Streets which occurred just over 100 years ago and destroyed 22 houses. We had an excellent talk about this nearly six years ago from Tony Bartley but, because many current members will have missed it, I thought this would be an appropriate time to share it with everyone via the newsletter. Thank you to Tony and to Julie Middleton for their research.