

Aro Valley Survey Nov 2010 - Comments

1. What do you like about living in the Aro Valley?

The sun! I happen to live on the sunny side of Aro st, and the sun is amazing :) The Tui's The Bush The View of the bush/hills/character houses. The Park The Aro Market

Diverse and eclectic nature of the community and that there is a sense of community

green and quiet

I'm sad I don't live in such a awesome community. I wish Mt Cook is more community focussed.

I live in Mt Cook

good gardening

cats, the lack of hills, greenery

sheltered position

sunny location, sheltered from southerlies

2. What annoys you about living in the Aro Valley?

Speeding cars around the crossing, intersection of aro street and ohiro road is problematic and sometimes dangerous for pedestrians

The bus doesn't run in the weekend, which would make it easier for those who'd like to come to Aro Valley on their days off (Sat/Sun). People get a bit confused walking here if they are new to the area.

Busybodies who purport to speak for the community and lobby/bug the WCC to bring in unwanted liquor bans/speed limits/"character" restrictions etc.

drunken noise and speeding traffic and nite esp weekends and student orientation the noise of vehicles servicing local businesses in the pre-dawn hours

poor phone and internet coverage

Especially the tagging! Out of control sycamore trees!

Lack of attention by WCC clearing slips, drains and repairing broken railings etc

AVCC always wanting change at others'/ratepayers expense

why does the bus stop at 6pm and no bus on weekends?

More and more rental properties with noisy drunken students

Don't know- I don't live here

lack of support for street art

Noise from students. This is a residents area.

The invasion by boguns

no buses on weekends

students coming home drunk late at night and behaving badly

3. What would improve living in the Aro Valley for you?

If that old car park next to aro park had something done with it. Such a great lot of space being wasted, would make a great space for a garden bar or extension of the park with an allocated graffiti wall.

Fewer busybody hippies and treehuggers interfering in peoples' lives

more visible presence of police / walkwise to reduce noise / vandalism and speeding traffic at nite
prevention of vandalism better than cure

Access to fast (fibre-optic) internet cable. Not available at my address (90C Holloway Rd)

Getting my copy of Aro Valley News & Views before dates have past for feedback/events....received
Nov issue on 12 Dec

A raised pedestrian crossing at the junction of Ohiro Road and Aro Street. Restricted truck weight up
Aro Street (in an effort to reduce traffic noise).

speed bumps

Leave things alone

speed bumps would be better at slowing traffic

fix the oneway system so we don't have to cross the motorway twice to get to Mt Cook. AV is now
separated from the city by the motorway

Landlords to maintain their properties better

A playground (public)

More little shops

maintain lighting. Support street artists

buses to courtney pl, Newtown, etc. New toilets in the hall. A pub!

Quieter at night

no tagging/more summer concerts

a bar, a local market, better crossing at Ohiro/Aro, better lighting on the Ohiro / Maarama shortcut

Roundabout and crossing for pedestrians at Ohiro and Aro St intersection

Enforce 30kph speed limit. Heavy fines for graffiti

No noisy all night parties

4. What kind of class / programme run locally in the Aro Valley would you consider attending?

I would love to attend classes at the centre, specifically yoga or other well being ones and cooking however I cannot seem to find ones that I can attend as I am away from the valley from 8am-530 Mon-Fri for work. Late evening ones would be great.

I would happily attend working bees to maintain the facilities

something IT/computer related

Leave things alone

social - community Christmas party for the whole community

Japanese

Art, eg printmaking /life drawing. Stage combat.

Literature, book club, poetry

5. What kind of events would you be interested in attending at the Aro Valley community centre?

Community movie nights, getting in theatre students to perform from time to time

Movies, set dates where people can give away unwanted stuff

Movie nights

Leave things alone

community park clean up/beautifying

6. What additional features do you think would be useful at the Aro Valley Community Centre?

A notice or flyer once a month of all classes on at the centre sourced through local businesses.

could be a venue for fringe festival and other events

water bowl for dogs

Leave things alone

don't reduce main hall size (with seating or other)

definitely smaller/larger spaces. Community centre purpose built that includes CAB and coordinators. A hall with smaller spaces.

It's got all we need

recycle bins, revamp bunker, shower, telephone landline for public use

New floor please!

7. what additional features would you like to see in the park and the area outside the hall?

more rubbish bins!

I really like that we have a piece of grass out there considering how close to the city we are, I wouldn't like to see it modified too much. More lighting would be good but perhaps more creative sources than the usual street lights that glare. Gas lamps? Something good for summer evenings.

flowers

Recycling bins for glass, plastic, paper and cans

A one-way but direct connection for scooters between The Terrace and Aro St

Better drinking fountain

Leave things alone /cut down the huge tree

better drainage

Landscaping by the community. A garden.

I think it's fine

another bin, maintenance, picking up rubbish, broken glass

Movie screen outside (summer)

8. The AVCC is an elected community group. What do you think the AVCC should do more of?

Weekend bus services would be fantastic especially for elderly members of the community that want to travel to the city on a sat and sun. Community walks around the valley to learn about the history. A

swimming pool! I'd probably be dreaming though haha Discourage competition of businesses on the main street, should it arise e.g- a similar style cafe or bakery would cause division.

re protection of historic - lobby council to encourage historic buildings are maintained by setting renovation guidelines and providing incentives such as rates reduction

look at getting fence for dog park at top of Aro St

campaign council to put speed bumps in place if appropriate

Disband / go into recess

encourage growth and initiative in the business community - agree to business who want to rent the old petrol station. Don't put too many restrictions on businesses. Bring back buses! Lobby WCC to fix street drainage on Aro St.

More markets and use the park more

respond to the needs of the people

Fewer, high-attendance events at the hall with greater opportunity to hire the space. Organise BETTER activities for the elderly

9. What other comments do you have?

I think the bypass has made the valley a lot busier traffic wise making it a more dangerous place for pedestrians. Severely limiting the speed of cars from Epuni street to Ohiro road would help a lot of the near-misses that happen by Aro park.

You are doing a great job for a special area.

Time to disband, get on with your lives and let others get on with theirs. Let the WCC get on with running the city, for which they have a mandate, (unlike the AVCC, "elected" by the vocal minority), and stop bugging them with petty issues and ugly solutions

That we are fortunate to have such a vibrant and interested and interesting community who care for each other and the AVCC integral part of facilitating this

Thanks for doing a great job.

would appreciate a review of the one-way system around the Willist St / Aro V junction, it's hopeless.

I would like to receive the VV more regularly and on time (received the Nov issue on Dec 12 ie the day before the questionnaire due in)

I cannot look in three directions at once. Ohiro and Aro st intersection. I live at the bottom of Ohiro rd - I have to take my life in my hands every morning I cross the road to work. People SPEED down Ohiro rd and nearly kill me!

Keep on at the council to improve the traffic - slow down roundabout

Install cameras to catch criminals / graffitists

restoration of native forest eg Polhill Gully