

**AVCC AGM !!! 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 July, Aro Hall**  
**Aro Solar project, Committee elections, watch for more details...**

## Residents back trolley bus upgrade

**Locals have swung in behind the campaign to save Wellington's trolley buses, arguing they should be upgraded with the latest technology rather than ditched altogether.**

The Wellington Regional Council wants to replace the trolley buses with new diesel buses, which it argues have much lower emissions than existing diesel buses and are cheaper to run than the trolley network.

But some 75 responses to the survey distributed by the Aro Valley Community Council committee showed locals want a trolley bus upgrade instead.

For the Aro Valley route:

- 21% (15) preferred the current mainly trolley bus service
- 15% (11) preferred the proposed diesel bus route between Highbury and Khandallah with evening and weekend services
- 64% (47) preferred a 'smarter electric' service using battery-enabled trolley buses on the Highbury-Khandallah route with evening and weekend services. It was noted upfront that this option might have a larger upfront cost for ratepayers

For the overall Wellington bus network:

- 85% (61) supported modernising the current trolley bus system through upgrading its power supply, fitting buses with batteries for off-wire running, and other improvements.
- 15% (11) supported replacing the trolley bus network in Wellington with a fleet of new diesel buses that meet European emissions standards

Those supporting diesel liked the lower upfront cost, the ease of buses passing each other, no poles to come off lines, and the ease of changing bus routes. But those backing a trolley bus upgrade cited no exhaust emissions (clean air), renewable rather than fossil fuels, quiet, and the buses' iconic status.

The average respondent was prepared to pay \$2.80 extra per week to modernise the trolley buses and have a smart electric bus service.

Based on the survey, the AVCC committee made a submission to the regional council. It said the regional council should work with other arms of government to "invest in modernising trolley bus infrastructure in the short term, and plan to increase the proportion of electrically-powered buses as new technologies such as contactless charging and extended-range batteries become readily available in the next 5-10 years.

"Maintaining, and later increasing, the electrification of the Wellington bus fleet will deliver clean, quiet and comfortable journeys that will attract more people to use public transport.

"It will also protect our public transport network from the impact of rising oil prices in the near future, and contribute to Wellington's brand as a clean, green and liveable city that attracts tourists and new residents."

The additional upfront cost of retaining trolley buses should be paid for "by a levy on less sustainable travel modes, such as via a regional petrol levy or a levy on central city car parking used by commuters, but not those used predominantly by shoppers".

**See also: LETTERS (page 3)**

## New natives in the park



Above: Tawa, hinau and northern rata recently planted in Aro Park (photo and story: Julia Brooke-White)

**Trees to replace the conifer lost from Aro Park in last June's storms have been planted, chosen by Wellington City Council Arboriculture Manager, David Spencer, with the advice of Denis Asher of the Aro Valley Restoration Project and Jean-Claude Stahl, who spoke here recently on pre-European forests around Wellington.**

They chose northern rata, hinau and tawa, species common in the bush before the forest clearances in 1800s. WCC found us wonderful young specimens already c. 3m high which they have planted inside strong wooden cages to protect them from boisterous park activities, as they get established.

The young trees are set well in from the boundary fence as they will grow into big trees. These trees, as well as looking magnificent, will flower and set seed for the area. The berries of the hinau and tawa will feed kereru and the nectar of the rata flowers will suit tui very well.

# Aro Solar gets the go-ahead!

The plan to put solar panels on the community centre's roof has moved a step closer, after a successful fundraising campaign.

The project raised \$5,000 on crowd funding platform Pledge Me, more than its target of \$4,500, which it needed to hit to get an equivalent amount of funding from the Wellington City Council.

Posting on the Pledge Me site, the project team commented: "Success! We reached our target. Whoo-hoo." The project attracted support from 118 pledgers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this exciting project. You can find out more about what happens next at our AVCC AGM at the Aro Hall on Wednesday 23 July.



COMPETING FOR THE LORD ROBERTS' IMPERIAL TROPHY: THE TEAM OF NEW ZEALAND CADETS  
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# Polhill Park landscaped

A plan to enhance the landscaping of Polhill Park, the flat area of land at the top of Aro Street, is underway.

The plan, led by Wellington Parks Project Manager David Halliday, aims to create better defined paths for bikes separating them from the picnic tables and dogs off leads. A planting day on 7 June brought the various interest groups involved in Polhill Park together: Kai o Te Aro whose orchard garden is adjacent to Polhill Park, Aro Valley Restoration Group (which has been planting natives in the area for many years already), Marc Slade's pest control group working in Polhill Gully and the mountain bikers, Brooklyn Trail Builders. Along with the

public, the groups plan to plant up to 700 trees, including 200 rata donated by Project Crimson, during the project. AVCC sponsored a cruelty free sausage sizzle for the workers, afterwards.

The re-landscaping project includes the development of an information board with historical information about the area developed by Holloway Road resident Jill Brassell.

Amongst her research, Jill dredged up this wonderful photo from 1909 of cadets at Polhill Gully rifle range, as the area was used from the late 19th century until some time after World War II (above).

In 2014 mountain bikers love the Polhill Gully area, now under development, pictured by Julia Brooke-White (left).

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# LETTERS



## Trolleys not missed

Dear all

There's lots of noise about the environmental friendliness of the trolley buses; but they are slow, unreliable and break down a lot. Environmental friendliness is nice, but not at the expense of stopping buses doing what they should do. Further, 'following traditional tram routes' is not something public transport 'should do' if the population or the transport needs of the city have shifted since 'traditional times'. Nice to have plaques up and bits of old infrastructure left for nostalgia, but again not at the expense of public transport doing what it needs to do. Loss of ghastly-looking overhead wires, and their maintenance? Great!  
T J Edwards.

## Ugly tagging opposed

Hi Folks at *Valley Voice*

I read your article on graffiti in the April-May issue. I think the important thing to consider is that there's a big difference between ugly tagging and nice graffiti.

I wrote to you guys some months ago saying I'd noticed a lot of ugly tagging along Aro St that wasn't getting dealt to and if the Community Centre was planning to do anything about it I was sent an email saying I could report it. I thought this wasn't very useful as it's on property that's not mine. It's bad enough I report leaks on the road and footpaths that no one seems to notice for weeks. I didn't think reporting tagging on people's houses or walls was also my responsibility.

I think it's important to paint over tagging quickly or it will just attract others to leave their mark. I'd be very happy for WCC to deal to tagging any day if no one else bothers to.

Thanks.

Daphne Carvalho

## \$500 for missing Holden

Dear Editor

Has anyone in the Aro Community noticed any trucks rumbling past in the wee small hours (especially on Tuesday mornings) with cars on the back?

In the early morning of Tuesday 20 May, some reprobate(s) made off with my prized 1971 HQ Holden. This despite the car being parked off road, next to the house, locked and with an active immobiliser. It also has a kinda noisy exhaust - all of which points to the car being rolled down the hill and loaded up on a truck or otherwise hauled away by evildoers.

Further, a neighbour higher up Raroa Road had his pride and joy Subaru WRX stolen in the same fashion two Tuesday's prior.

If any of your readers have seen (or even heard) something a bit dodgy early in the morning, could they please call me or drop me a line?

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I'm sure there's someone out there who's thought, hmm, bit of an odd way to move that car around. There's also a \$500 reward on offer for the safe recovery of the much-loved HQ.

Many thanks

Toby Beaglehole



Toby Beaglehole's missing maroon Holden

## AGM anticipated

Dear Readers,

Score card for AVCC committee this past year? Town planning: excellent. Community coordinator: excellent. Participation, inclusion, democracy: fail.

The committee seem to lack any concept of the basic function of a democratic institution, in this case our community council: to exchange and debate ideas, collectively agree what community initiatives we will support, and what we would like the committee

to do on our behalf.

This is a vibrant community. Where is the lively, healthy exchange of ideas? They are the AVCC committee; we are the AVCC. We should be instructing the committee at quarterly General Meetings; not merely being allowed one vote once a year.

What seems to have been lacking for some time is good meeting facilitation. A good facilitator should be able to help a group discuss different views, respect each other's right to different views, and move on together.

Last year's committee didn't know how to facilitate meetings, so this year they've done away with allowing members to attend, and now they can do what they choose. In our name.

I suggest *Valley Voice* invites all prospective AVCC committee candidates to submit their profile and policies, and these be published in *Valley Voice* prior to the AGM election.

Martin Wilson

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# From the Co-Chairs

Last month, articles from the *Valley Voice* needed to be omitted due to limited space. We would much rather hear from you so we'll keep this co-chairs chat short and mention just the one thing: 'Aro Solar' – and a huge thanks to the Aro Solar team and to the community for making this initiative possible. Keep an eye-out for solar panels coming to a community centre near you!

*Bridget Stocker and Roland Sapsford, Co-chairs, AVCC*

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# Peck's appeal

**New Lambton Ward councillor Mark Peck sits down with Valley Voice editor Max Rashbrooke.**

Cutting top salaries at the Wellington City Council and bringing more services in-house will happen "in time", Mark Peck says.

Peck, who replaced Stephanie Cook in last year's council elections, expects gradual progress on these issues.

He has already taken some flak – from his fellow Lambton Ward councillor Nicola Young, among others – for supporting the Living Wage of \$18.80 an hour for city council staff but not paying it in the café that he runs, Little Peckish in the Duke's Arcade.

"I like the concept of the Living Wage because it does actually encourage people to phase it in as they can afford it. I pay well and will continue to do that. But I can [only] afford to pay at the level my customers are prepared to sustain." And there is real competition for business, Peck says: "Within 200 metres of me there are 32 places you can get coffee and food."

Nonetheless, he says all his "senior" staff are paid more than the Living Wage, other staff are on \$15 or higher, and he doesn't pay youth rates.

Peck also wants to talk about reducing very high levels of pay, including those at the city council – something that would help pay for the Living Wage without rates increases. "I'm a supporter of compressing [salary] margins, especially at the very top. I think in time we will want to look at the executive leadership team and gradually start to pare back some of the salaries in those positions. But you still need competence

– it [the salary paid] has to be a salary that attracts competence."

Peck was previously the Labour MP for Invercargill, from 1993 to 2005, but crashed his car while drunk in January 2005 and stepped down from Parliament. He then worked for the Smokefree Coalition, developing policies around tobacco tax and reducing smoking, before that kind of work dried up. Then, about five years ago, he "dragged out my life savings and got into the café business. My wife said it was a crazy decision, and she was right. But actually it wasn't a crazy decision, because I needed something to do or I would have gone mad."

He couldn't keep away from politics, however. Having been elected to the council last year, coming third in the Lambton Ward with over 2,300 votes, Peck wants to bring his Parliamentary finance experience to bear, helping the council improve its audit and risk processes. He'd also like to keep rates rises down: "I would be delighted if we could get to the point where rates, if they are going up, are going up by no more than CPI [inflation]."

Homelessness is a major passion, and while he doesn't have any immediate ideas about how to solve it, he says: "I think there's a chance we can actually make a significant dent in the problem."

After the city council recently brought contracted-out parking services back into its control – at a significant cost saving, according to council sources – there may be more attempts to reverse the privatisation of services, Peck says. Re-establishing that core council knowledge and expertise will be difficult, he admits: "It's all been contracted out, sold off. It's all just gone." But he wants to see the council "continue with that trend".

Peck is also a fan of the Aro Valley, saying: "You have got arts and culture and good food and good community. I love the sustainable gardens up the road. It's a charming place." And a challenging one, too. Door-knocking during the campaign, he was asking Aro residents about their concerns over graffiti, only to be told by one local: "The more graffiti the better." Laughing, Peck says: "I have never been challenged before like that on my views."

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# Community centre gets \$1.3m upgrade... in 2018

*Iona Pannett  
Lambton Ward councillor*

At the time of writing, the Wellington City Council has just signed off its first budget for the triennium, far earlier than most councils. The budget contains many progressive initiatives including \$4.3m for cycling, a living wage for council employees, rates relief for owners of heritage buildings, more money for city events and so on.

It is now time to begin preparation for our Long Term Plan (LTP), which we must do every three years. This is the city's big opportunity in the triennium to think about what we want to achieve over the next 10 years. I have many ideas but would also like to hear from you. There will be plenty of opportunities to share your thinking. More details in next month's *Valley Voice*.

As some of you know, there is \$1.3m provided for in the current LTP for an upgrade of your community centre in 2018/19. I am very committed to seeing this money kept in the budget and look forward to hearing some ideas on how this money should be spent.

On the environmental front, I'm pleased at the progress the Environment Committee is making on the bill to protect the Town Belt. Oral hearings will begin soon and I hope to see the Bill handed over to Parliament in the next few months. I'm also pleased to hear that murals are being planned for the Valley in part to combat tagging; this is a great idea and is an effective deterrent to the taggers.

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# Buses should be cheaper

Nicola Young, Lambton Ward councillor

**I've been focusing on public transport recently, having discovered Wellington's bus passenger numbers are stagnant despite a six percent population increase over the past five years. Why? Driving a car is cheaper than catching a bus in Wellington.**

This shouldn't be the case in a modern city. Public transport plays a major role in reducing congestion and needs to cater for those who don't have cars (often the more vulnerable members of our society).

I love public transport, having lived in Britain for 20 years where I depended on London's (generally!) efficient Tube and bus service. Three years ago I spent several months in Dresden (thanks to a Goethe-Institut scholarship), now almost totally rebuilt after the devastation of WWII and the bleak years of communism; its public transport network is one of the densest in Germany.

Public transport needs to be affordable and efficient, which isn't the case in Wellington. We have New Zealand's highest bus fares, and the least subsidised. Our bus passengers pay around 67 percent of their fares, compared to Aucklanders who pay between 45 percent and 55 percent. Rail users (only one third of the region's commuters) have much cheaper fares, have much bigger subsidies (funded by Wellington ratepayers) and, unlike bus users, can buy monthly tickets.

So I've made a personal submission, as a Lambton Ward councillor, to the Greater Wellington Regional Council's draft Annual Plan focusing on the need for cheaper bus fares.

The GWRC states it wants public transport to be an affordable alternative, yet it's proposing fare increases of 25-33 percent in Zones 1-3. The new Zone One child's cash fare will cost more than a comparable adult fare in Auckland.

These increases will particularly affect people living in central Wellington, as Zone One fares are the most popular. Since 2010, the Zone One cash fare (or its equivalent, as the CBD zone fare no longer exists) has increased from \$1 to \$2, and now \$2.50 is proposed. Forty percent of Zone One fares are paid with cash, so this increase is significant –

especially for those who can't afford the upfront costs of loading a Snapper card.

The Wellington City Council will make a submission to the GWRC's draft public transport plan: I want to focus on our pricey bus fares, the need for off-peak discounts, and retention of the No 18 bus route, a favourite with students as it links the Massey, Kelburn, Te Aro and Karori tertiary campuses.

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## Kai o te Aro Getting serious about pests

**As we've discussed previously in *Valley Voice*, we have a minor rat population living in and around the community compost bins at the Orchard. Our continuous desire for garden excellence alongside all the compost thinking going on in the group has led us to want to try to deal with this issue again.**



While rats are cute and adorable, unfortunately they have the annoying tendency to decimate native bird, insect and lizard populations. With it known that rare birds such as saddlebacks are nesting in our own Polhill Reserve, we can't have a rat hotel right next door...

Luckily for us, we've been chosen to take part in a trial of a flash new 'Goodnature' self-setting rat trap (see image). These traps have a longlife lure,

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and can reset themselves 24 times before the gas canister has to be replaced. They are also safer than standard snap traps due to the tunnel-like design.

We'll be trying this trap out around the orchard for the rest of the year and letting Goodnature know how we get on. For more info about Goodnature traps, see: [www.goodnature.co.nz](http://www.goodnature.co.nz). If you would like to start using the compost bins at the Orchard, or help keep an eye on the trap, let us know at the contact below.

Another welcome addition to the Orchard has been a Challenge for Change mentor pair from the BGI youth organisation. The pair have taken on a couple of beds at the Orchard, and with support from Kai o te Aro and Commonsense Organics are making great progress with their herbs and salad greens. We hope that more and more young people and youth mentors will start using the beds.

We'll also be having our winter fruit tree workshop sometime soon, so watch this space.

As always, we are in the garden every fortnight; drop us a line at [arogardener@gmail.com](mailto:arogardener@gmail.com) for more information.

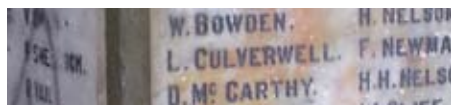
Happy gardening!

Charles



## Charles Edward and Leonard Wilford Culverwell

*Elizabeth Plumridge continues her survey of some of the names listed on the World War I memorial at the corner of Holloway Road and Aro Street.*



**A greater contrast could not be imagined between the military careers of Leonard Wilford Culverwell and his brother Charles Edward Culverwell during World War 1.**

The Culverwell family was military-minded and musically talented. Although of Irish extraction, the family emigrated to New Zealand from Woolwich, a part of London with strong military involvement, home to the Woolwich Dockyard, the Royal Arsenal, the Royal Military Academy, the Royal Artillery and military barracks for a number of regiments. The Culverwell's military involvements in Woolwich are unknown, but in Wellington they were deeply involved in the Mission for Seamen, with the father Charles Culverwell and the daughters singing regularly at entertainments for seamen visiting in port.

The Culverwell family settled in Highbury and Leonard and Charles Edward went to the Mitchelltown School. Leonard distinguished himself by winning a Navy League prize for an essay on 'The British Navy during the Stuart Period', with prizes handed out at a ceremony on Trafalgar Day, then still assiduously remembered by the Navy League but now a day known to few.

The family cannot have been very well-to-do at first, since both boys belonged to the Wellington Boys Institute, which 'is for the working boys entirely—those who have comfortable homes are not admitted to membership'. If Charles senior sang professionally, his income needed to be supplemented by his wife, who ran what the local press called a 'kid farm', a registered home where she cared for unwanted babies – for as long as mothers could pay. Mrs Culverwell was forced to despatch at least one baby to a state receiving home. It is not clear how long she maintained this business

venture.

The Boys Institute seems to have offered the brothers Charles and Leonard a way to self-improvement: Leonard studied at night school and Charles appears to have learned to play in a military band. Both boys served in the volunteer Wellington Guards. Charles transferred after three years to play in the 5th Regimental Band; Leonard was keener on rifle training and by 1910 was lieutenant-Corporal in the Wellington Guards, after which he served in the territorials.

When war was declared on 4 August 1914, Charles was 22 and working as a clerk for the Wellington Harbour Board; Leonard was 19 and an indentured apprentice compositor. Charles was of an age to enlist and did so promptly on 10th August. He was medically examined and noted as 'fit to play in a band'.

On 12 August Charles was posted to the Samoan Advance Force. After some days hovering off Matiu Somes Island the Force left for Samoa, although the destination was not known to the men. If there was potential danger from marauding German naval vessels en route, the invasion itself went without hitch and without opposition since the small local German force had received orders to surrender and had few modern weapons with which to resist.

Charles was promoted to sergeant during his time in Samoa, but life as a bandsman may have palled and on 22 March 1915 he was repatriated and discharged from service 'at his own request'. He went back to his job as a clerk and put any military activities

into Missions for Seamen and reunions of 'Old Samoans'. His war was over. He was 23.

In July 1915 Leonard turned 20 and was old enough to join up. On 16 November 1915 he did so but was not called to camp until early 1916. In April he embarked for France via Suez and Port Said. He spent a short time in the field then was hospitalised with influenza. In August 1916 he was sent to England on leave and was again hospitalised with over-rapid heartbeat, unusual in a young man but dangerous, since it can increase the likelihood of stroke or heart attack.

At the end of 1917 he returned to the front. In 1918 Leonard had several bouts of illness, probably trench fever and diarrhoea, but seems to have been discharged to the field, and returned to duty as a gunner in late July 1918. On 21 October 1918, Leonard Culverwell was killed in action. He was 23 years old.

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Tuesday	9.30am-11.30am	English Language Class "Elementary Class" (\$3 per class)	Teacher: Wendy Vink community@arovalley.org.nz 384 8499
	12.00 – 12.45pm	Sit and Be Fit (\$3 per class)	Kathy McConville Contact AVCC 384 8499 community@arovalley.org.nz
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Wednesday	7.15 – 8.15am	Tai Chi Class (Koha)	Lynsey 384 5520
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Thursday	9.30 – 11.30am	English Language Class "Higher Level Class" (\$3 per class)	Teacher: Wendy Vink community@arovalley.org.nz 384 8499
	2.45 – 4.15pm	Kids Jazz Dance Classes \$12 per class / \$100 per term	Debbie: db4dance@gmail.com
	6.00 – 7.00pm	Samba Hillary Mitchell & Fabiola Stevenson	Hillary Mitchell Hillary.Reid@vuw.ac.nz 021 230 8732
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## Bat men (and women) wanted



Fancy a spot of table tennis? Then come down to the Aro hall from July on Wednesday nights,

8-10pm, and have a game. It's \$3 koha, with bats and balls provided and all levels and abilities welcome.

The second annual Aro Open "is only six months away", says community centre coordinator Kelvin Aris, "so you want to get your eye in before then."

### School Holiday Programme Dates

Please update your diaries with the year's school holiday programme dates:

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7th July - 18th July

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29th Sept - 10th October

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