

My Name is David Wilcock

Our family have lived in Newtown for approx 8 yrs and have had our family business for 17yrs in Newtown.

We presently have a couple of hairdressing shops called Amadeus Hair & Cut n Go.

I represent the business owners in Newtown ...being the Newtown Business Group coordinator

Having a hairsalon keeps me informed of whats going on in our community and our communities concerns.

I have enclosed a list of letters and photos supplied to me from our local business community seeking a Liquor Ban for Newtown.

As we all know we are presently in a recesssion. Many businesses are struggling and matters are made worse when you have to deal with antisocial behaviour, damage to our shops, together with our Newtown business area that is in a decline.

Last year we have had three established businesses close and two others closed after a short time.

Estillo
Fabric Direct
Als cameras

Paris cafe
Clothes store.

As Tom has said, Newtown is unique to other suburbs and with this we have our own set of problems and challengers which we need help from the Wellington City Council.

Newtown Business have suffered from the following antisocial behaviour directly attributed to liquor :

Broken windows

Damage to property

Graffiti

Tags etched on windows ...even our community police station is not immune..

Empty alcohol bottles discarded

Broken glass

Shops doorways urinated on

Vomit outside our shops fronts

People bludging money to buy alcohol.

Intoxicated people sleeping and loitering outside our shops

Intoxicated people shouting bad language and abuse in public.

Examples of Antisocial behaviour

Alcoholics meeting in groups to drink in public areas, discarding bottles and packaging. Bad language and being abusive. One problem area is the Childrens park on Riddiford and Constable streets. Also Karrara Park, broken bottles and rubbish left with the locals having to clean up before they can let their children play safely.

Outside New World Supermarket.

A favourite place for buskers (mental health / alcoholics/ binge drinkers) when they get together as a group they tend to socialise and start drinking it then goes into a downward spiral and the consequences are they start getting louder, more abusive and use of bad language. The public feel threatened.and the Mall shopkeepers are frustrated because some of them have a buskers licence from the WCC. Which makes matters worse when trying to move them on.

Donald Mclean Street area / Zoo bar and business area. As covered by Jan (Nigel Hall decorators)

Damage to property, bottles and rubbish left behind, broken glass. Graffiti.

Adelaide Road – Caltex station – Judy

Judy to explain problems with young people drinking and cars.

Bus stops – Riddiford Street

Drinking alcohol at the bustops, bottles left behind and can be known to be abusive and use of bad language . Threatening for the public who wish to use the bus service.

Mental Health Patients

No one seems to want to deal with them when they have been drinking or showing antisocial behaviour.

The authorities are not willing to take any responsibility eg Police, WCC, Cat team.

They all say call the otherperson.

Business owners need consistency, we need one number to call so that the right people can take the appropriate action.

Evidence that the Alcoholics have moved from Wellington CBD to Newtown

We have evidence from a Newtown Shop keeper who had a shop in Cuba Street, who has identified the alcoholics from Wellington City who are now in Newtown.

Negative feedback from the public through our shop and fellow shopkeepers. :

Comments saying Newtown is

Dodgy

Newtown is the rough area of Wellington

We avoid Newtown McDonalds and go to Basin Reserve Mc Donalds

We wont let our children go to the Newtown shops by themselves.

People dont feel safe in Newtown

People feel threatened

Sick of people bludging money

Newtown has a lot of sick people

People avoid coming to Newtown to shop.

There are lots of alcoholics in Newtown

Why go to Newtown to shop?

What impression do we give people coming to Wellington and visit Newtown ?

Newtown is the gateway to our Zoo, and Wellington Region Hospital.

I believe we could be doing more to make Newtown an attractive destination instead of playing poor cousin to Wellington City.

A liquor ban will help go a long way in helping restore Newtowns Image and safety.

Walk wise

A good idea, has it been effective ?

Two issues we have :

1 When the walkwise officers do meet a difficult person who has been drinking they presently cannot take the drink off them and calling the police wont help.

They have to wait until they are drunk and disorderly before the police will take action.

2 Keeping of records, we know liquor related incidents have been recorded but statistically no evidence shown ? Why ?

Having a liquor ban will empower Walkwise officers in doing their job.

The Newtown business community call upon you, Wellington City Council to take immediate action in putting a liquor ban in place for Newtown. We have simply had enough of these problems caused by liquor and we cannot wait any longer. The Police recognise we have problems and have allocated 10 police officers to Newtown . We also need the WCC to put in the necessary resources to deal with these problems.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

David Wilcock, Amadeus Hair, Newtown 9391388

When I first got the notice of a public meeting to discuss the effects of people consuming alcohol in Newtown I thought that it didn't really affect myself or my business. However on further reflection I realised that even though I live in a pretty quiet street and my business is not in the main street it does have an effect in the following ways:

In the last year there seems to be an increasing number of beer bottles littering the street near my business that I am picking up and disposing of before they get broken – I am guaranteed to find empty alcohol bottles around the shop or adjacent areas every Saturday morning and if I am around on Sunday mornings also.

A large window was smashed in our workspace on the corner of Constable St one Friday night last year – this took hours to clean up the glass and considerable cost and time for the landlord to sort out with the insurance company although we can't prove the window was smashed by drunk people it is highly unlikely that someone sober would do something like this. The shop across from me also had a road barrier thrown through one of its windows just before Christmas – hardly the behaviour of a sober person.

One of my neighbours woke up this Sunday to find that a beer bottle had been thrown through the back window of their car – a major inconvenience for a family with two small children. Daniell/Princess St still has broken bottles in the gutter and other bottles lying around.

These examples may not seem like major problems but I think they indicate an increasing disregard by the drinkers for local residents and the environment. As a community we need to let these people know that we do not think their behaviour, their littering and their anti social behaviour is acceptable.

Jeanie McCafferty
Resident and Business Owner

5 Princess St Newtown and
Next Stop Earth 76 Constable St Newtown

9 February 2010

Arun + Meena Patel.

We owned a business in town and have now opened a business in Newtown, We have noticed a lot of the Alcoholics that were in Cuba mall have now come to Newtown because of the Alcohol ban in the city. We think the ban should also be in Newtown as they are still drinking where there are a lot of shops + businesses.

Thankyou.

Choc Fizz
183 Riddiford street.
Newtown.

Newtown Community Meeting
Newtown

Sunday 7th February 2010

Dear Sir or Madam

Noise, disturbance and vandalism Gordon Place, Riddiford Street.

This letter is in support for the motion to ban liquor and to police street gatherings around Gordon Place and 216 Riddiford Street.

We have lived in apartment 6/216 Riddiford Street for around 5 years. In those years we have seen many fights and disturbances of all kinds. I have rung the police on a number of occasions because of fights that have broken out, cars being broken into and all out brawling and loud "car" parties. I have also rung noise control because of loud "car" parties and drinkers gathering outside the City Mission.

We are all professionals (teacher, doctor, nurse and film technician) in the flat and work at various hours. Many times during the week people drink with extremely loud music in their cars, once they have finished drinking they then go off driving up and down the street. Last week there was a carload of youths drinking in their cars and "tagging" the surrounding buildings. Because of the schedule of our jobs we come home at various times and frequently need to walk through drunken youths, swearing and defacing buildings, this is very scary and risky especially since at times we must walk amongst them late at night.

I suggest that liquor be completely banned on the streets of Newtown and strictly policed when groups of drunks gather. We are not a flat that complains a lot nor do we call the police but due to the increase of violence and loud drunks we have needed to protect ourselves and our cars.

The Bevan family who are our landlords are continually watching for our safety and cautioning us on certain situations. I feel we must stand up and support them and their noble cause to help make Newtown a safer place for all. This does not mean to single certain groups of people out but to have a general rule for all so that everything we value is respected.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and appreciate your help with this.

Yours faithfully

Maria Marquez de Satyanand

(flat representative 6/216 Riddiford Street 9349188)

4 February 2010

Brenda Hood (Accountant).
Lower Hutt

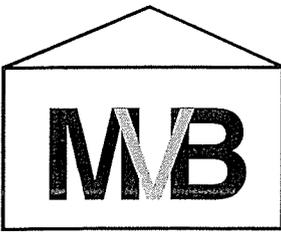
I Brenda Hood (accountant) live in the Hutt Valley and work in Newtown for three businesses.

I support the liquor ban proposed for Newtown, as this would make the streets safer for families.

I have noticed over the last few years a decline in Newtown as being a safe place for children to walk around the streets.



Brenda Hood



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Managing Director
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- 1.) Glass window of our property on Riddiford St. (Wgtn.) Memorials was kicked in by a drunk. The leasee lives out of town and I had to get my son out to come and help me board up the window temporarily until the next day. I also had to clean up all the glass on the footpath. It was late at night 10.30pm - 11pm.
- 2.) My Grand-daughter was accosted last year as she was waiting in our doorway, by a group of drunks who tried to take her cellphone.
- 3.) Last week I was walking from Gordon Place thru the alley way beside the Church. There were young men drinking on the forecourt of the Church. He was rolling a cigarette his beer bottles beside him. I must have glanced at him because he suddenly swore at me, calling me an unpleasant name. I told him if he could not speak nicely not to speak at all. Then his friend called out to "Kia Ora Lady" I responded and told him how much nicer that was. I rang the Council but they did not want to know about it only pass me onto the Police
- 4.) During the day there are often people drinking in the front of the Church. I went to them one day and told them it was not a good look, and they should give the Police permission to move them off the church property. There are often parties on that area at night. In the mornings it is a rubbish tip.
- 5.) I often have to go out at night to the letter box or to deliver letters to our Tenants in Normanby Street and I often have to make my way through drinkers sittings on our front door steps..
- 6.) Gordon Place, the alleyway, and behind the Bus Shelter are always being used as a toilet. We had to put roller doors on our shop fronts because they were always being used as a toilet.

5 February 2010

My name is Gordon Rolinson Electrical Ltd
PO Box 14-294
Wellington

I support the liquor ban proposed for Newtown, I operate an electrical business out of Newtown and have been an owner operator for over 20 years.

Seeing drunken people on our streets and parks in Newtown is unacceptable.

I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gordon Rolinson', written in a cursive style.

Gordon Rolinson

Hello

My name is Paul Dodge and I have lived in Newtown for the last 12 months.

I support a liquor ban for Newtown, and I believe the left over bottles on the street and people drinking out on the pavements while sloshed, intoxicated, bring down the tone of the area.

I am unable to attend the meeting due to business commitments. 7/2/10

Sincerely

Paul Dodge

3 Feb 2010

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Ruth Carr and I live at 232b Ridgely Rd St Neathan. I support the liquor bar for Neathan as people often sit and drink at the bus stop below my bedroom window, very late at night. On one occasion I had to call the police due to a serious fight. I often see empty liquor bottles and cans left behind in the bus stop - which is a stop used by lots of children and teenagers.

Also when we take children to the playground in Neathan, we almost always have to pick up many bottles - (often smashed) and put them in bins before it is safe for the kids to play.

I don't think it is healthy for young kids to see this kind of thing and regard it as normal.

Sincerely

Ruth Carr

8th Jan, 2010.

To

Dove

Retailers Ass (NEWTOWN).

Re : Meeting today @ 7.30pm

Please accept my apology for not being able to make myself present in this meeting. However, my support is always there for you & for any voting, you may feel free to use our voting rights at your discretion.

Thanking you for your effort in improving Newtown Community. All the best

Pritilal bhadi

Manager / Director

Ambs Jewellers.

Ph 3898688.

5 February 2010

Francis Place Paint & Panel
12 Donald McLean Street
Newtown
Phone 389 4616

I support the liquor ban proposed for Newtown:

I own and operate a paint and panel business at 12 Donald McLean Street and have so for over 15 years.

I often have to clean up beer bottles and rubbish from my business frontage.

I think by having a liquor ban in Newtown will help local residents and business owners.

I have seen evidence that groups have been using my front yard as a place to drink alcohol. (Rubbish left behind).

Please help our community by passing a liquor ban in Newtown, I am unable to attend the meeting to be held on Monday 8 February 2010 and I support the WCC and the Police in the proposed liquor ban.

Yours faithfully



Kim Jackson

3 February 2010

Newtown Workshop
5 Gordon Street
Newtown
Phone 389 7444

I think a liquor ban is a good thing for Newtown:

My name is Mark McGill and I have worked at the Newtown Workshop for over 5 years during this time I have seen a lot of rubbish left in my work area.

I have removed on numerous occasions rubbish from our yard that includes broken beer bottles wine bottle and other offensive items.

I also think Newtown will be a better place if we have a liquor ban.

I have seen groups of young men drinking on our property after hours.

Please help our community. I am unable to attend the meeting to be held on Monday 8 February 2010

I support the WCC and the Police in the proposed liquor ban.

Mark McGill



AMADEUS

From: <philnann@xtra.co.nz>
To: "AMADEUS" <davidw@paradise.net.nz>
Cc: "linda Sugijarta (NW Newtown)" <Linda.Sugijarta@foodstuffs-wgtn.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 28 January 2010 4:21 p.m.
Subject: Re: MEETING CONFIRMATION - LIQUOR BAN FOR NEWTOWN

Dear David,

Please be advised vide my previous correspondence on the subject that:

1. Newtown New World supports the need for a liquor ban in Newtown and its environs.
2. My apologies for non attendance in advance.
3. A copy of the minutes to this e-mail address please.

Regards,

Phil

----- Original Message -----

From: AMADEUS
To: [Undisclosed-Recipient:](#)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 2:56 PM
Subject: MEETING CONFIRMATION - LIQUOR BAN FOR NEWTOWN

Thankyou for all those who have replied to me with interest and motivated to want to come along to this next meeting.

Please confirm with me that you will be present ...we need to show the Police and WCC that we are seriously concerned with this issue in our community and want to make a difference.

There will be representatives from Wellington Police, Wellington City Council, Newtown Business and Newtown Residents. You encouraged to participate by coming along and having your say.

DATE : MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY

TIME : 7.30 PM

WHERE : NEWTOWN HALL, Daniel Street. Opp the mediteranean warehouse.

SUBJECT : WHY NEWTOWN NEEDS TO HAVE A LIQUOR BAN

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Regards
 David Wilcock

9391388 @ Amadeus Hair

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AMADEUS

From: "Rachna Jewellers" <rachna@paradise.net.nz>
To: "AMADEUS" <davidw@paradise.net.nz>
Sent: Friday, 29 January 2010 12:07 p.m.
Subject: Re: NEWTOWN MEETING - Request for those who cannot attend



RACHNA
Jewellers and Fashionware

www.rachna.co.nz

To: WCC and the NZ Police
 Wellington

We wish to advise that we are in favour of the liquor ban because of some incidences that have happened in our shop in the past.

We have been in Newtown for 16years and we would like to be able to see that our customers feel very safe when they come around for shopping.

Secondly, we want to feel safer ourselves when doing trade in Newtown. We have had incidences where drunkards have come to our shop and hassled our staff which has been quite disturbing. Not that the drunkards have physically harmed us in any way in the past but the concept of being in a more secure and safe environment to trade would be nice.

So I am for the liquor ban and my apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

Thank you

Yours faithfully,

Jayesh Nanji
Managing Director

Rachna Jewellers and Fashionware

130 Riddiford Street, Newtown Wellington New Zealand.

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From: "Bill McIntyre" <bill_mcintyr@yahoo.com>
To: <davidw@paradise.net.nz>
Sent: Saturday, 6 February 2010 10:23 a.m.
Subject: Newtown Liquor Ban Meeting

Hi David,

Please accept my apologies as I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday, 8 February.

This email is to declare my support for your campaign for the Wellington City Council to institute a liquor ban in Newtown.

As you know, I have recently sold my business and am leaving the Newtown area but during the past 12 years of operating my business I have witnessed an increasing number of unpleasant and sometimes violent incidents where alcohol is obviously a factor. Anything that can be done to curb this behaviour will not only benefit businesses but the community as a whole.

Good luck.

Regards
Bill McIntyre
(ex Riddiford Laundrette, 5 Newtown Ave)

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8 February 2010

I support the liquor ban proposed for Newtown

My name is Haley Fenwick; I own and operate a business in Newtown.

Every morning I remove beer bottles, wine bottles, food scraps and many other debris from my front garden.

I have seen, frequently, groups of sad looking young people drinking on my property after hours.

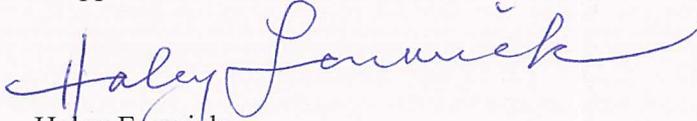
I believe that one way to help these young lost people is to remove opportunity of drinking and perhaps provide some other sports to keep them healthy.

I support the liquor ban proposed for Newtown.

Please help our community by passing a liquor ban in Newtown.

I am unable to attend the meeting to be held on Monday 8 February 2010.

I support the WCC and the Police in the proposed liquor ban.



Haley Fenwick
6 Donald McLean Street
Newtown

AMADEUS

From: "Joe Cuccurullo" <joe@medifoods.co.nz>
To: <davidw@paradise.net.nz>
Cc: "Gino Cuccurullo" <gino@medifoods.co.nz>
Sent: Saturday, 6 February 2010 2:26 p.m.
Attach: image003.jpg; image001.gif
Subject: Newtown liquor ban meeting Monday 7.30pm

Hi Dave

Both my brother and myself are not able to make the meeting Monday night.

However, we strongly favour a **total liquor ban** in Newtown which we believe is long overdue.

All the best

Joe

Joe Cuccurullo

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To: "AMADEUS" <davidw@paradise.net.nz>
Cc: "Linda Sugijarta (NW Newtown)" <Linda.Sugijarta@foodstuffs-wgtn.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 4 December 2009 7:23 a.m.
Subject: Re: MEETING MONDAY 7 December 7.30pm - Venue to be confirmed

Dear David,

I have a prior commitment and am, therefore, unable to attend.

Would you please ensure that I am sent a copy of the agenda before the meeting and the minutes of the meeting thereafter.

I will arrange for a nominee to attend, as the case may be, once I am privy to the agenda.

I have a number of concerns:

1. The real need for a broad liquor ban in Newtown area.
2. The continual aspersions being put forward by 'self interested parties' blaming Newtown New World for any alcohol related incidents in Newtown.
3. The lack of recognition of Newtown New World's zero tolerance to shoplifters and trouble makers in the Mall and our team's endeavours to see Police intervention of all occasions. (When the Police are available to attend).
4. The lack of recognition of Newtown New World's proven absolute compliance both in 'community responsibility' and total compliance with the requirements of an 'off licence' under the provisions of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989.
5. The lack of recognition of Newtown New World's 'community spirit' and the amount of money, donations of food, or other kind to 'our Newtown Community' which in most cases we prefer to keep anonymous.
6. The effectiveness of our 'in store' security system, including the Mall and cameras recording up and down Riddiford Street between Normanby Street and Newtown Avenue. Another service providing security, apprehensions and the 'general knowledge' of the local criminals that they are being watched and the safety it provides to people, including owners and staff, in the Mall and its vicinity.

I am a paid up member of the NRA and grateful to be welcomed to the meetings and, as the case may be, speak at those meeting in matters particular to my role at Newtown New World.

Furthermore, my youngest daughter, her husband, and our 8 year old grandson reside in Green Street. They live and work in Newtown and love the community.

At Newtown New World we know many of our customers by name. We too are proud to be in and to serve 'our' community.

Please feel free to table this e-mail at the NRA meeting.

Sincerely,

Phillip (Phil) GILLMAN
 Management Support/Risk Manager
 Newtown New World (021-498-345)

----- Original Message -----

From: AMADEUS
To: Undisclosed-Recipient:
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 3:54 PM
Subject: MEETING MONDAY 7 December 7.30pm - Venue to be confirmed

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A - Seats where alcoholics drink, overlooking the play area. Parents feel uncomfortable.

B. - Discarded bottles.
Broken bottles often found.

+
D
+
G

F - Empty Beer carton left discarded.

E - Alcoholics rest and drink corner of Riddiford St + Normanby St.

C liquor rubbish with general rubbish in bin.

B



C



D



F



E



G



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have run a second hand book store in Riddiford St Newtown for seven years ,over that time i have had my shop front windows broken twice ,vomit in my door way ,urine or PISS in my door way ,shop lifters , beer bottles on my shop front and thrown up my laneway ,taggers on shop and windows and i know who they are, buy the police of newton are never in their office and are never on the streets ,seven years and not a local cop to talk to about all these problems ,YES plenty of police cars screaming around with their sirens ,going up to newtown park flats over the years ,and it's getting worse,TWO deaths in the half way house ,one was a murder ,dead people found in unused shop, and in the afternoon after five pm CARS A SCREAMING UP AND DOWN THE STREET and not a police officer in site,
as for SHOPLIFTERS they are rampant in Newtown , just ask Newtown New World ,the staff have to take action in their own hands as there are NO POLICE in Newtown ,May be you could have a television show about the local police man in NEWTOWN and we then could find out what his actual duties are
As for the booze , i was under the impression that beer was sold and drunk on LICENSE premises not in the streets and in playgrounds in Newtown
This is why we need more LOCAL police on the street ,not in cars driving around looking like police CARDBOARD CUTOUTS.
We need the Wellington City Council to get behind and support Newtown for a LIQUOR BAN immediately, not next year or when they want it for all of Wellington. We need it now ,we have put up with enough and its effecting business in Newtown.

Regards Brian Stenner

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