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You may have seen the news story earlier this month that the French capital Paris, hosted its first “divorce fair” recently. The story struck me as something of a departure from their usual image of ‘city of love’ but a quick Internet search indicated that the idea isn’t new, as both the UK and the US have had similar fairs.

There’s clearly a market for these fairs, and divorce statistics both abroad and here make interesting reading: the UK recently reported that the average length of a marriage that ends in divorce is 11.5 years (www.timesonline.co.uk 18 Oct 09) and the NZ Statistics office (www.stats.govt.nz) reports that, of the divorces in 2008, over half (55%) of the marriages had lasted less than 15 years and about 1 in 8 (12%) hadn’t reached their 4th anniversary.

The SaRC network is all about supporting people living their single life. If other cities can host a divorce fair, how about Wellington hosting its own “Singles Fair”?....