

OLD ADDINGTON: Conveniences

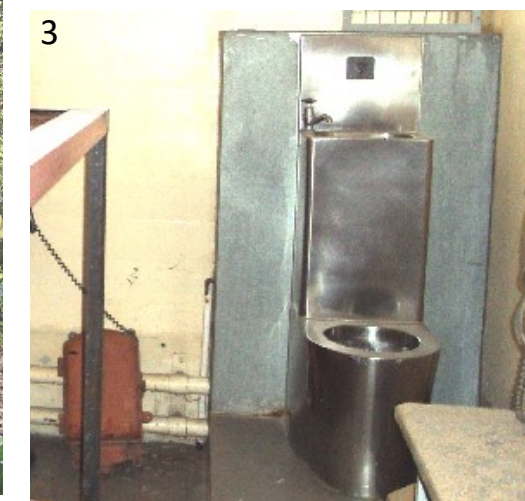
Those of you who were in Christchurch after the 2010-11 earthquakes will remember the inconvenience of having to dig a hole in the garden or making a dash to a 'port-a-loo' in the street because Christchurch's waste-water drainage pipes were shattered.

Older residents may remember the potty under the bed and the spidery shed in the back yard. But before that, of course, was the long-drop in the country and the night cart collection in town.

The photo (1) right, is my picture of the remains of a back yard toilet shed in Poulson Street, presumably revealed by earthquake shaking. The next pictures are courtesy of Dave Gorton. Photo (2) shows the remains of the old prison block designed by Benjamin Mountford between Lincoln Road and Dickens Street, and (3) is a view inside one of the prison cells in a newer block. The remaining prison building was converted into a backpackers lodge in 2006.

My final photo (4) shows an example of the ubiquitous portable toilet. They are always important conveniences at pop-up events, but were vital to many Christchurch residents after the 2011 quake.

This one is still within a stone's throw of St Marys, but I won't tell where. (Ed.)



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Your Vote Does Count!

If you are foolish enough to believe that your vote doesn't count then please be prepared to think again! On July 1, 1776, debate was raging in the American colonies: should they become independent from Britain? The Delaware colony vote tied and word was sent to Caesar Rodney of the situation. He then rode on his horse 80 miles throughout the night and a terrible thunderstorm, arriving muddied and wet, but in time to cast his vote for independence. Caesar was in ill health with asthma and cancer of the jaw, but he pursued his right to vote and forever changed history. Independence Day is celebrated every year on the 4th of July. Your vote counts!

On August 18, 1920, after decades of protests and campaigning for women to have the right to vote, the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was passed by ONE vote! Harry Burn, a 24-year-old representative from East Tennessee, who two years earlier had become the youngest member of the state legislature, received word from his mother in the 11th hour to be brave and bold, and changed his vote from 'nay' to 'aye', becoming the deciding vote to change the course of American history!

New Zealand of course was way ahead of the world in passing legislation that gave women the right to vote. The date was 19 September 1893. This privilege was hard won by people who counted the cost but campaigned anyway. Families were divided; opponents persecuted those seeking change; smear campaigns were mounted. New Zealand would never be the same again. Why? Because people voted! The vote was carried by 20 to 18. Your vote counts!

New Zealand is a trail blazing country unafraid to make bold decisions. Therefore all the more reason for you to vote for the party and candidate that best reflects your beliefs and outlook on life. Do you think euthanasia should be legalized? VOTE! Are you against this? VOTE! What about marijuana? VOTE! Do you think we should have drinkable swimmable rivers? VOTE! Do you think that people who don't live in NZ and sell our water should pay? VOTE! Do you support the current irrigation regime for farmers? VOTE! Do you support mending the 'safety net' for NZ's most vulnerable? VOTE! Do you think the rich should be taxed more and the poor less? VOTE! Should NZ increase/decrease immigration numbers? VOTE! Should there be more money available for the health sector? VOTE! Your vote counts. Your vote counts. Your vote counts! See you at a polling booth near you on September 23rd.

Cherylan Davies Community Development Worker Manuka Cottage

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Manuka Cottage is hosting a 'Meet the Candidates' evening

5.30 pm, Tuesday 22nd August 2017

at St Mary's Church, Church Square, Addington.

Come along and meet the people who are standing in your electorate.

Candidates from both Christchurch Central and Wigram will be available to answer your questions.

Refreshments and nibbles provided.

This is a free event.






A NAME CHANGE for Addington.net

The competition to find a new name and logo is still open. We want something that reflects the changing nature of what we do in this digital age. (See our contact details right.)

The winner will receive a \$100 gift card.

**We are based at Lighthouse Baptist Church on the corner of Barrington and Bewdley Streets.
Open: Mon-Fri, 10am -12 noon, and 1-3pm.**

**Addington.net offers expert assistance in all aspects of computer use at minimal cost.
For bookings, call 9627244 or e-mail: info@addington.net**

BECOME A BOARD MEMBER!

Our AGM is on the 11th of September so we are looking for new people to support the team. Board meetings are once a month and we would love to have new members who have an interest in technology and the skills and confidence to support others.

Do you want to support:

- making technology more accessible to all people — not just those who can afford it;
- helping children and adults in the community have fun and learn with technology;
- the development of new ways of making this happen while ensuring that the best of what is happening now is maintained?

A Board member will probably need to attend a meeting once a month (two hours maximum), read the notes sent out before the meeting, have eyes and ears open for things which are related to the group, and possibly be willing to get involved with projects within the organisation. Board members might also offer to act as Secretary, Treasurer, Chair, or some other role.

For more information please contact Addington.net at <info@addington.net.nz> or call 03 962 7244 or drop in to our base at the church on the corner of Barrington Street and Bewdley Street.

This is what we tell our clients—

Technology is amazing and the tools available now open up so many worlds, but if you do not know how to use them you are rather stuck! Your cell phone is not just a phone; it is a key to the door to other people and groups, to your bank, to transport, to friends, to news, to weather forecasts, to fun with games, to learning, etc. BUT do you know how to access all of this? Addington.net Phone Pals can help.

You have been given or have bought a laptop. Wonderful. It doesn't work the way you expected it to; our sessions can help and we can have a look to see if it is a machine issue and not you at all!

You have heard of Skype and Google chat, Facebook chat, Viber, Whatsapp, and more (maybe even Uber and most likely Trademe)? We can help you make the most of any of these while helping you get the confidence to try more things on your own. Filling in forms online or applying for jobs? We can help and help you gain the confidence to become your own tutor.

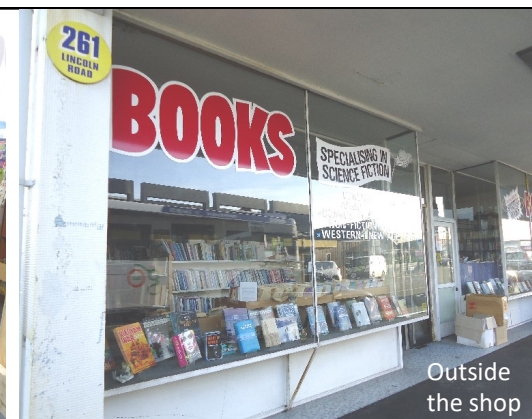
Learn about and do some 3D printing. How about coding and robots? Play with your pictures and make videos?

**IT'S ALL ABOUT MAKING THE MOST OF THE TOOLS THAT ARE AVAILABLE
and if you don't have the tools you can come to us and use ours.**

Wendy Butcher



Inside the shop



Outside the shop



Gaynor and the Dalek

Exterminate! Exterminate!

That's not the greeting you will get at Addington Secondhand Books though, considering there's a Dalek in there, it easily could be. There's no missing Dr Who's nemesis when you enter this bookshop. It's not surprising, then, to know that Addington Secondhand Books stocks an excellent sci-fi collection, as well as a large collection of general fiction and non-fiction.

I met with Gaynor Brown at the Lincoln Road shop she used to own and now helps out at. Of course I asked her about the Dalek and the news that Dr Who is to have its first woman Doctor. Gaynor laughs, saying that the subject has certainly been a talking point in the shop.

Her son Dean and daughter-in-law Rosa are the new owners and the sci-fi buffs. 'We have a huge sci-fi collection here — probably one of the biggest in the country,' Gaynor says. She reads widely and she's in the right place for that. 'I will read anything if it's well-written,' she says.

Gaynor bought the business back in 1996 and now helps out behind the counter early in the week. 'I think I would find it sad not to be here some of the time. All my friends know to find me here.' She recalls with

pleasure that the shop has been part of family life. 'All my little grandchildren learned to walk around by holding on to the bookshelves in here,' she says.

Back in 1996 the shop was known as the Addington Book Exchange and was a couple of doors down, where the Lincoln Ink Tattoo Studio now is.

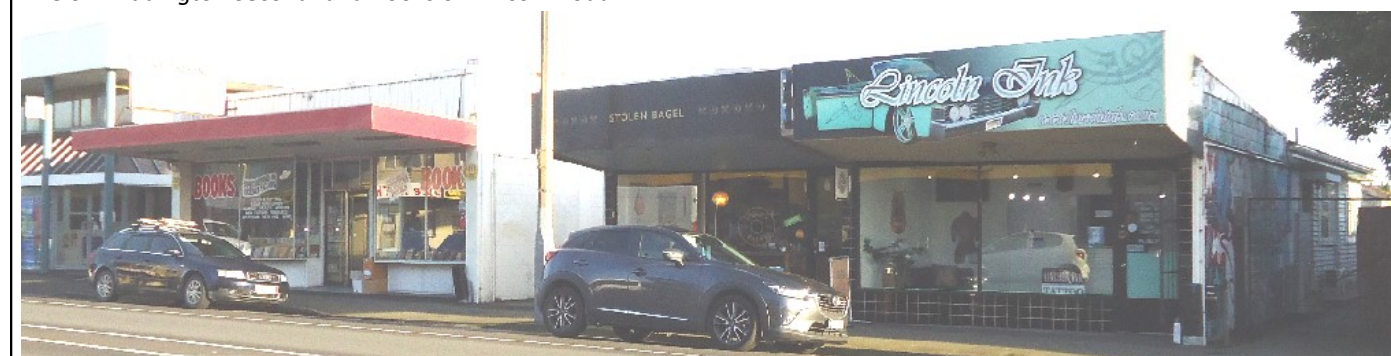
As someone who knows Addington well, Gaynor bemoans the changes to parking made in parts of Lincoln Road. Some businesses have lost street parking — not least Addington Secondhand Books. 'It's a huge problem for us. People have to carry boxes of books. They can't get a park outside.'

The bookshop has been a part of the Addington shops for decades and has a faithful clientele. 'There are definitely regulars who come in. Lovely customers. You get to know them over the years,' she says.

As you would expect, the shelves are lined with all manner of reading material. The shelving is all new and has been moved to new positions to make a safer arrangement should Christchurch have another big quake. As so many other retailers found, there was a lot to be done at Addington Secondhand Books after the February 2011 quake. 'It rained books' Gaynor says.

Di Boyd (text and photos)

Below: Addington Secondhand Books on Lincoln Road.



TUNE INTO RADIO ADDINGTON AT 107.5 FM.



ADDINGTON TIMEBANK

Our members exchange their time helping others in order to 'purchase' the help that they themselves need. Members don't have to make a one-to-one exchange. Just advertise what you can offer and/or the help you are looking for, and see who responds.

You can join us either on-line at www.addingtontimebank.org or come to our community centre, Manuka Cottage (currently based at St. Marys, Church Square), 11am to 1pm on a Wednesday, and have chat to Chrys.

HOW WE CAN HELP ...

A number of Timebank members have not only traded in time, they have also found some paid work via the Timebank. In cases like this people sometimes ring the timebank to see if we have someone we know who might be able to help. The advantage is that they know they are getting someone local and that that person effectively gets a reference by being known to the Timebank coordinators. This is one of the reasons why we really like to meet you whenever we can. Some people have worked first for timebank hours and then been offered paid work, Gardening is the most frequent activity where this has happened, but Addington Oscar has also contacted people who help them out. We welcome enquiries from people and if we can help connect you up with someone suitable, we will. Chrys.

Manuka Cottage Addington Community House Incorporated

Operating from St Mary's Church

Activities Co-ordinator: Dianne Fitzgerald

A warm and friendly place for you to enjoy, run by the community for the community.

- Mon** 10am Walkie Talkies Walking Group
10am-1pm Coffee n Chat—10c per cup
11am Parlour Games, cards, etc.
11am-1pm Art Group (limited places)
- Tues** 10.30am- 3pm **Women only Day**
Morning tea, Bits and Bobs Projects, Bring and Buy
12 noon Shared lunch
1pm Craft Group - gold coin donation
- Wed** 10.30 -11.30am cuppa n chat
12-1pm Community Lunch - gold coin donation
11am-1pm Manuka Trading Post Timebank
11am-2.30 pm Manuka Fruit and Vege Co-op
Collect your order and pay \$14 for the next
- Thurs** 10am Addy-venturers Walking Group
10.30 am-12 noon Writers' Group
10 am-12 noon Café 10c per cup, 20c biscuit
12.30-2.30 pm Mothers' Community Programme

New activities and groups will arise from time to time. Our goal is to help you to have a sense of belonging and connection in your neighbourhood.

Everybody is welcome and accepted.

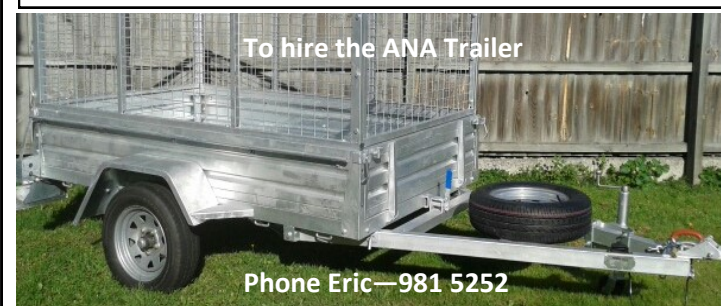
Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker.

ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Addington Neighbourhood Association meets on the last Wednesday of every month at St Mary's Church, Church Square, at 7pm. All Welcome.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30th.

Sarah McKenzie,
ANA Chairperson



ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Member of Parliament for Wigram

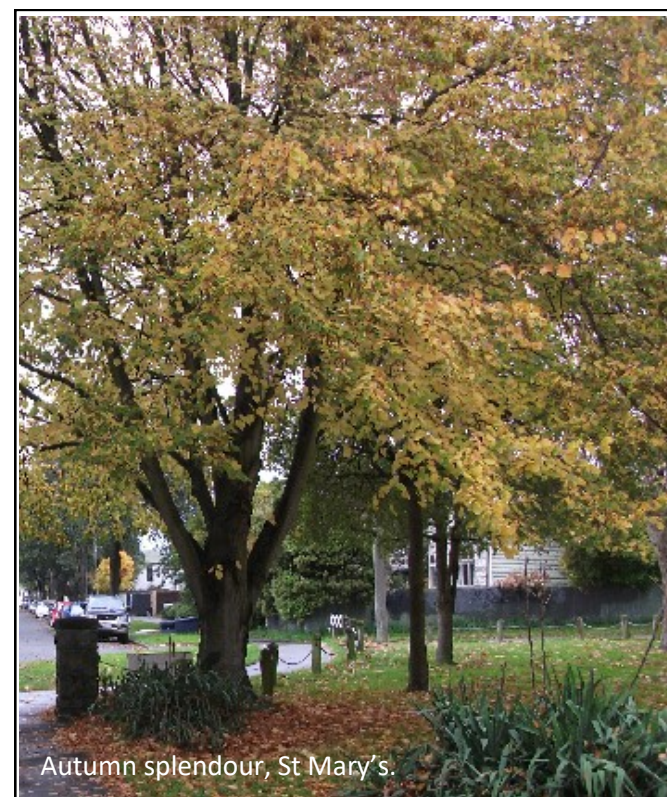


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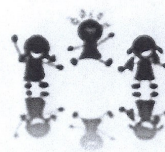
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Autumn splendour, St Mary's.



Addington OSCAR



After School Care and Holiday Programme

High quality and low cost care for your child
A variety of activities including sports, games, toys, art, crafts and cooking

After School 3pm – 6pm

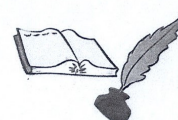
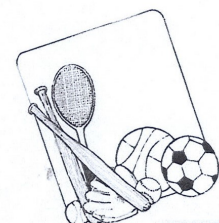
\$14 per session

Holiday Programme

Long Day \$35 (7.45-5.30)

Short Day \$25 (9-3)

WINZ assistance available and supported by the
OSCAR network and MSD



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WOOD BROTHERS' MILL. Photo above: this historic building in Wise Street has recently been enveloped by scaffolding. Workers are removing debris and making the building safe for reconstruction. When this is done, owners will be working with the Historic Places Trust to agree on what happens next.



Photo above: the building in Feilding Street across the road from Addington Mall, is nearing completion.

Photo below: PORTERSHED at 322 Lincoln Road opened for business without fanfare on July 18th. When I called by it was already packed with locals enjoying lunch. (Ed.)



Photo above, seen in Lincoln Road: are the 'For Lease' signs an indication of return of businesses to the city centre?



Photo left: Grove Road looking towards Church Square.

Recycling bins are standing on the edge of the cycleway, right.

Clearly there isn't enough space for two-way traffic trying to pass parked cars.

(See the article, p5.)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free JP Clinic

Thursdays, 11am - 1pm, at Spreydon Library in Barrington Street, a Justice of the Peace will be available to members of the community to witness signatures and documents, certify document copies, hear oaths, declarations, affidavits or affirmations as well as sign citizenship, sponsorship or rates rebates applications.

This service is also available every Tuesday 10am - 1pm in the foyer, Beckenham Service Centre/South Library, 66 Colombo Street. There is no charge.

Free health advice after-hours

You can get free health advice when your own General Practice is closed by calling your usual General Practice number. After-hours your call will divert to a registered nurse who can provide advice over the phone. If it's urgent and you need to be seen, the nurse will tell you where to go and what to do. Load your General Practice number in your phone and advice will be a phone call away.

*Note: Some General Practice phone systems require you to press a number to be put through to a nurse. Follow the instructions on the answer-phone and within minutes your call will be answered by an experienced nurse.

Insulation Grants

Grants for low income earners have been extended by the government in its Warm Up New Zealand: Healthy Homes project. Grants for 50% of ceiling and underfloor insulation available for eligible home owners and landlords with eligible tenants, including people with high health needs. Call 0800 GET WARM, phone 374 7222 or e-mail info@cea.co.nz

Spreydon Social Games Club

Saturdays, 10 am. till noon at Spreydon Library — come and join us for a friendly game or two. We have Upwords, Scrabble, cards, chess, Mahjong, and more.



CYCLEWAY/TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

This week I met with CCC Project Manager Team for the Little River Link to discuss concerns regarding vehicles driving on the cycleway in Grove Road when two oncoming vehicles enter Grove Road at the same time. The idea is that the vehicle heading toward Church Square should pull over in a driveway gap to allow the other vehicle to continue down to the roundabout. However, what often occurs is that the vehicle drives down the length of the cycleway using it as a road. Frequently there is not enough room for a car to smoothly enter a driveway space either.

The Project team will now look at installing white bollards along the edge of the cycleway at reasonably close spacing that will deter vehicles from driving along the path. This will remove the wide space that drivers perceive they can use to drive along and will force them to wait for a gap. The Project team are also investigating putting a gap that vehicles can pull into when faced with oncoming traffic. In relation to Brougham Street, they will be installing a 'No Entry' sign to reinforce this as an 'exit only' from Collins Street.

Cherylan Davies, Community Development