

OLD ADDINGTON: Great Traditions Continue

The Addington Fun Fair was held on Saturday 21st November, 2015, in the lovely historic grounds and buildings of St. Mary's Church in Addington. Many community groups participate, including Addington Neighbourhood Association, Strickland Street Community Garden, Salvation Army, Menz Shed, Creative Junk, etc, and both private and boutique cottage businesses were encouraged to participate. It has become important for the event to create a wide range of interesting, but not too expensive stalls.

Approximately 1500 people attended this old-fashioned-style fair which again featured free carnival games for children (pancake, egg and spoon, sack, thee-legged racing, etc.) as well as low cost games, 40 plus stalls selling homemade crafts, baking and more; pony rides, bouncy castle, water ratz, bacon butties and sausage sizzle.

A concert was held with great performances from Selwyn Street Kidsfirst kindy, Amiria Grenell, Al Park and Riff Raff. The whole of Church Square was filled with colour, laughter and music from 11am till 3pm. Funding received for the stage/sound equipment, bouncy castle and performers helped to create a special day, and stall donations were again used to keep the costs for entertainment down.

It was a great event with local co-ordinators Sarah Pullman, Allan Hudson, Dave Mitchell and supporters, having to make a difficult decision to proceed with the event, in spite of dire weather forecasts for the day. Thanks to all of those willing groups of volunteers who made the event a success.

Special thanks also to Manuka Cottage/Addington Community House Inc., and the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board for supporting the event.

Allan Hudson

Addington's Fire Station may have migrated to Sydenham, but the fire engine was ready and waiting as the Fun Fair got off to an early start. Luckily, threatened rain didn't arrive. We have one proud crew member in our photo below—the rest were somewhat camera-shy!



Hallswell's MENZSHED did a roaring trade in bacon butties at the Fair. They operate under a Trust Board set up jointly by two local churches to support men's shed activities such as woodwork and engineering projects. They were a very happy crew.



Addington Times

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The Voice of the Addington Community



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ADDINGTON FUN FAIR AT ST MARY'S A Great Success!



IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ THIS VERY URGENT MESSAGE!!!

I know you have been bombarded by submissions but this is REALLY important! The Council has just approved the division of Wards via the Representation Review and have recommended that the boundary be on Selwyn Street effectively splitting our community in half placing Addington in 2 Wards. For more information go to <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/have-your-say/whats-happening-now/representative-review> Any person may appeal this decision by Monday 21 December 2015. You can do so by emailing: repreview@ccc.govt.nz. If you need help call me at 3381613 and leave a message. Addington is a special place of character and history and no community should be spilt just to make it neat and easy for Council and Government. Please be very vocal about this. Cherylan Davies Community Development Worker Addington.

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(Your friendly community computer centre)

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We are vacating our Selwyn Street premises on 4 December, and will be reopening in the New Year in a new space not too far away.

For bookings or more information call 9627244 or email: info@addington.net.nz



GOODBYE STEVE! In the photo, above, right, addington.net volunteer, Steve Smith on the left, is helping Bruce, a new client, with Arnold, another expert volunteer, standing on their right. Volunteers, clients and members of the Trust Board gathered to farewell Steve, who left our community computer hub in November. All the best, Steve and thanks for your help!

Thanks to our MP!

This year has presented a number of problems for the Addington Community, including traffic and parking problems, and a rise in graffiti and other antisocial behaviour around Church Square. Luckily a very workable system had already grown up, with potential problems identified by community groups and discussed with some very helpful members of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board. Plans of action were suggested, and these involved our community-minded MP, Megan Woods, who was very willing to tackle the relevant public bodies on our behalf to ensure a resolution.

When residential streets became clogged with cars parked all day long by incoming workers, Megan helped to negotiate with the Traffic Dept. for more realistic parking regulations.

Following Amanda Wallis's campaign to ensure children's safety at the Barrington/Selwyn Street crossings, Megan worked with the community to have turning arrows installed and safety islands constructed between the busy traffic lanes.


When heavy vehicles, created a rat-run through Ward Street and round Church Square to avoid hold-ups elsewhere, Megan worked with residents and the Community Board to get lower speed limits. She also chaired meetings to find solutions to

the growing problems around Church Square. One of the solutions has been for local residents to reclaim the Church grounds for family picnic and other events.


Megan says, "Addington is a vibrant and creative neighbourhood that I always enjoy working with. I usually leave Addington events with a smile face." (Ed.)




Photo above: Megan Woods, MP for Wigram (front, left) at the Addington Fun Fair at St Mary's last month.




Ann Campbell (above) is the City Council's Consultation leader (Public Information and Participation Unit).



Chris Brown (on the right in the photo above) is the Project Manager, Major Cycleway projects, and Ross Pringle (at the end of the table) is the Communications Team Leader.



In the foreground, above right, is the Senior Traffic Engineer, Gemma Dioni. Behind her is Chris Brown, the Project Manager.



St Mary's Church

THE PROPOSED CYCLE ROUTE IN ADDINGTON

The proposed cycleway round Church Square runs north– to– south down the west side of Grove Road, across Poulson Street, along the west side of the church grounds, and south–wards to the west side of Collins Street.

Implications include:

- *No parking on the west side of Grove Road.
- *Cycleway takes away grass areas around Church Square.
- *Pedestrians must cross the cycleway to enter the west gate of the Church.

COMMUNITY CYCLEWAY CONSULTATION DROP-IN

Locals were delighted that so many City Council staff who are directly involved with the Cycleway Project were willing and able to answer their questions at the Consultation Drop-in held at St Mary's on October 27 (too late to be reported in November's *Addington Times*).

We were pleased to see that several members of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board, also came to hear about the proposal, and the event was deemed very successful by locals who attended.

The black and white maps in the explanatory booklet were confusing (to me, at least, because north was not always at the top of the page, and Church Square was chopped up between maps, as you can see from my pasted-together photo, left). However, the officials were very helpful in explaining the maps, and they encouraged everyone to respond to the proposal by making a submission by post or on-line if they had any reservations about the proposal, or if they supported it. Hopefully, we will know the results soon. (Ed.)

Megan WOODS

Member of Parliament for Wigram



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Authorised by Megan Woods MP Shop 8/12 McCarthy Street, Christchurch

THANKS! To our representatives on the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board for tireless help in a busy year. The photos below show some of them in and around Addington. Left to right are, Paul McMahon at the Harmon Courts extension celebration (not pictured - Helene Mautner); next are Melanie Coker and Rik Tindall on St Patrick's Day at a "Have-your-say" exercise, and far right, Melanie and Karolin Potter at the Manuka/Addington Community House AGM. Thanks, also, to Jay Sepie, CCC Community Development Adviser for your vitalising presence on so many occasions. (Ed.)



ADDINGTON TIMEBANK



2015 has been an eventful year for the Addington Timebank and it really feels like we are starting to get things working! Chrys and Gen have built a website (see www.addingtontimebank.nz), updated information about the timebank and established regular hours for drop-in sessions. We've had quite a lot of new people joining up and we're keen to meet members so that we can help connect members up and get people trading. Last, but not least, we have a wonderful new logo all done on time credits by Marie Ockleford.

Friday, 18 December 7pm-8.15pm:
Community carols and sing-a-long
at St.Mary's,
Church Square, Addington,
with the Christchurch Theatre Workshop and
Friends, followed by supper. ALL WELCOME

February 9th, 2016 - Shrove Tuesday. Summer of Fun Event

Community Fun and Games (for all ages) will be held from 5.30 till 7.30pm in the lovely and historic setting of Church Square, Addington. Free BBQ Sausage and salad; drinks will be provided, plus pancakes and baked items. Free Bouncy castle and Face painting with musician, Neville Barrie, and Adam All Sorts providing the entertainment and laughter.

The Beth Hodgson Memorial pancake race will be held at 6.15pm with a cup and voucher provided to the winning team of six people. Also the "Oddfellows" cup will be presented to the best dressed team. Interspersed with this will be other carnival games including tug-o-war, parachute, quoits, etc. We hope for a great turnout from the local community who will enjoy the chance to gather as a group, have fun and relate to one another. Anyone who would like to send in an early team entry should email Allan at ajhud@clear.net.nz or for others who may like to participate in the race, just arrive on the day and we will put you in a team.

Addington Neighbourhood Association

At our last ANA meeting we spoke about the cycleway going through Addington, which seems to be a positive step forward for Addington. Rik Tindall came along to speak about the community response, and Civil Defence readiness for our community. Over the next few months we would like to look into this more and start getting a plan together.

Does anyone know about any Addington heritage structures that the Council needs to be aware of? Please let us know if you can think of any.

Don't forget that the ANA has a trailer for hire now. You are welcome to contact Eric about this (ph: 9815252). I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. I'm looking forward to the break from the day-to-day life of school and kindy, and having a relaxing time with my family.

ANA will be meeting in January, Wednesday 27th at 6.30pm, at St Mary's Church—I hope to see you then.

Sarah Pullman, ANA Chairperson

ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
Contact Dean at:
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SEASONS GREETINGS FROM MANUKA COTTAGE!!!

what an amazing year 2015 has turned out to be! This year Addington has been involved in numerous submissions to the Council. These submissions have a huge impact on our day-to-day lives where we live, work and play, and to be vocal about making your suburb safe, fun and interesting, while protecting the historic characteristics of Addington has been crucial in keeping the integrity of Addington intact. The latest submission has been on what is considered an asset to Addington – the cycle route through this suburb. My hope is that if you, the reader, have an opinion either for or against, that you took the opportunity to fill out the submission forms made available through numerous opportunities. The drop-in held at St Mary's received 30 visitors and there was a further significant attendance at the BBQ picnic hosted by St Mary's for Neighbourhood Week. CCC staff were amazed by the level of engagement from Addington residents and the innovative way locals identified potential hazards but also offered possible solutions. Well done!

Are you enjoying the many hidden treasures in Addington? This year the Addy-venturers Walking Group have been discovering the treasures that one might miss when travelling in a car. The Literary Streets Historic Walking Trail in Addington is one of these treasures that should be deemed an asset of Addington. This walk comprises of parks, sculptures, seating areas, crayon rubbings, statues and historic streets. As I get out and about I am surprised that many locals are not aware of what is in their own back yard. Summer is a great chance to don that adventurer's hat and keep an eye out for the very uniqueness that gives Addington the character it so richly deserves.

There are many other great things that make Addington so engaging and unique if one looks close enough. They include the annual Addington Funfair run by St Mary's Church, Manuka Cottage and Addington Neighbourhood Association; Neighbourhood Week BBQ's, thanks to St Mary's; Peace Concerts and Street Parties, the latest run by Dave Mitchell. We have a Community Board with elected members and staff who actively engage with the community to stay informed on local issues, and a good many local community groups, such as Addington Neighbourhood Association, that give a strong voice to your concerns; Manuka Cottage, which runs activities and projects so you may benefit—such as Community Lunch, Addington TimeBank, Addington OSCAR, Fruit & Vege Co-op, Addington Times. Addington Well-being, etc. The Salvation Army, Helen Anderson Trust, Kingdom Resources look out for the vulnerable, and then there is the busy Lincoln Road that has brought new life into the community.

Life is good, but if it is not good for you, please take advantage of the many assets in Addington that exist to help make Addington a great place to Live, Work and Play! Enjoy the summer break and see you in 2016!

Cherylan Davies Community Development Worker based at Manuka Cottage.

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 10.am Walkie Talkies Walking Group
 11am Parlour Games, Jigsaw Corner, etc.
 12-1pm Coffee n Chat - 10c per cup
Tues 10am—3pm **Women's only Day**
 Bits and Bobs Projects
 Bring and Buy
 12pm shared lunch
 1—3pm Craft Group - gold coin donation

Wed 10.30 -11.30 cuppa n chat
 12-1pm Community Lunch - gold coin donation
 11am-1pm Manuka Trading Post Timebank
 11am-2.30pm Manuka Fruit and Vege Co-op
 Collect your order and pay \$12 for the next

Thurs 10.am Addy-venturers Walking Group
 10-12 noon Café 20c per cup
 10.30-12 Ideas & Action
 12.30-2.30 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,
Ph: 338-2591, or visit us at our temporary location at St Mary's.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR BREAK

Manuka Cottage at St Mary's, will be closed from Friday 18 December, and will reopen on 18 January, 2016. Fruit & Vege Co-op last day is 23 December, reopens 3 Jan.
Addington Times: our next edition will be published in February 2016. Content deadline for the February edition only is 19 January.



ADDINGTON TIMES DISTRIBUTION

Photo above, right: Dave Gorton, a former editor, helps with the folding of the *Addington Times*. 2,200 copies are delivered in Addington each month by an army of volunteers.

ADDINGTON COMMUNITY HOUSE Inc. /MANUKA COTTAGE operates under a Community Trust.

In the photo below, members of the core group join with Trustees, community workers and members of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, to enjoy a picnic in the Church grounds, after their AGM.



ACTIVITIES AT MANUKA COTTAGE

Photo above, left: members of the craft group work on their individual projects, while co-ordinator, Dianne Fitzgerald, hovers in the background.



Photo, above right: Menna Harries (in the hat) at the Addington Fun Fair with Hazel Davies. Menna co-ordinates Addington's OSCAR (after-school programme).



Photo above left: Kathryn Byfield, from Anglican Care, runs two groups in Addington for mothers: one on Thursdays and another for first-time mothers on Fridays.



MANUKA FRUIT AND VEGE CO-OP

Ian Rawson (left in the photo top left) and Tim Redwood (right) run our Fruit and Vege Co-op – another Manuka project. Orders are transported on Wednesday mornings by a group of trusty volunteers and delivered to our current location at St Mary's Church, where Ian and Tim tick off the orders as they are collected, and accept the payment for the next delivery.

There are currently 66 customers on the books, and as you can see by the bags Tim is holding, the \$12 cost buys a generous bag of fruit plus another of vegetables.

ADDINGTON WELL-BEING



This is a group of people who represent various community groups and helping agencies serving Addington. Monthly meetings to discuss local issues are currently held courtesy of Kingdom Resources in Addington Mall. They are convened by Cherylan Davies our Community Development worker, and attended by members of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board who include Jae Sepie, Rik Tindall, Melanie Coker and Karolin Potter. Megan Woods, our Wigram MP, has also attended a number of times and has been instrumental in helping to solve various local problems.

Photo left, Amanda Wallis (ANA Convenor) attended the November Addington Well-being meeting with baby Austen, the newest member of her family.

PROJECTS OF

MANUKA COTTAGE/ADDINGTON COMMUNITY HOUSE Inc.

Cherylan Davies, our Community Development Worker is the co-ordinator of numerous projects, mostly running from Manuka Cottage, and currently hosted at St Mary's Church in Church Square. Dianne Fitzgerald is the daily activities co-ordinator (see page 3). There are two walking groups, a Fruit and Vege Co-op, mothers' groups, a children's after-school programme, production and distribution of the *Addington Times*, and liaison with other community groups on special projects. Discussions about local concerns with helping agencies and with members of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, Council Officials, and Megan Woods, the MP for Wigram, have been especially helpful and productive.

ADDINGTON TIMES PRODUCTION

This involves volunteers who write, type, edit, proof-read, and take photos. Thanks are especially due to Di Boyd (chief reporter), Sandra Warner, and Blair Kenton (proof readers), Ian Rawson (who sends out on-line copies), and many others who report on community groups, such as the chairperson of ANA (Addington Neighbourhood Association).

Photo right: Cherylan Davies and Community Board Member, Karolyn Potter, prepare for their roles as Tweedledee and Tweedledum at the Addington Fun Fair.

