

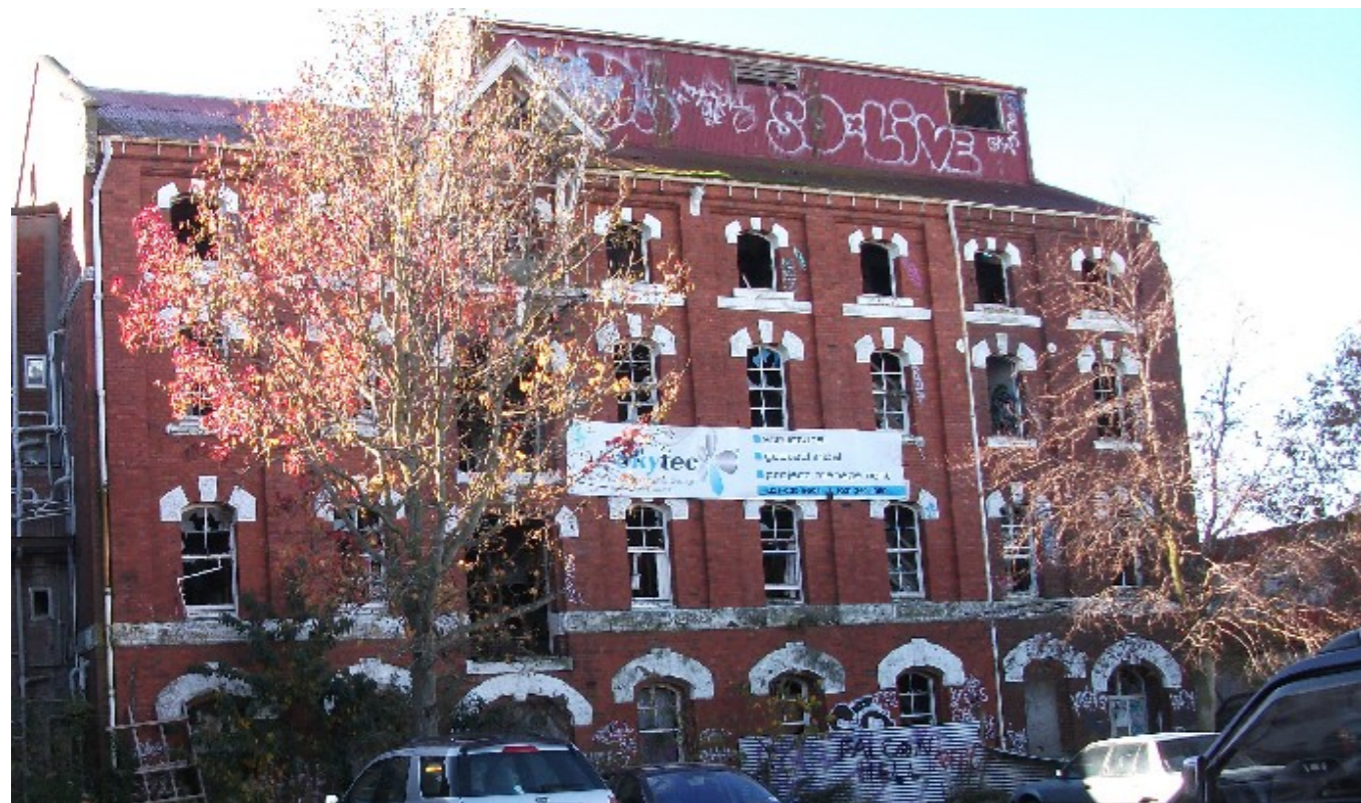
OLD ADDINGTON: Wood Brothers' Mill

In the light of recent news about a fire in the derelict mill building in Wise Street, Addington, readers may be wondering what is so special about this old building, and why it is of such historical importance to long-time residents.

The mill was opened in 1891. It was powered by steam, lit by electricity and serviced by the adjacent railway line. In its heyday it could claim the largest output of flour in the Southern hemisphere. Flour milling was one of the first industries set up by the early English settlers. In 1970, flour milling ceased in Wise Street, and the Wood Brothers' Mill was sold.

Older residents of Addington can remember the time when the forecourt of the mill was set up as a bowling green. Today, patrons of the Miller's Bar in Lincoln Road can see a photograph of the bowlers resplendent in their caps and blazers, but now the forecourt has become a casual car-park.

Even before the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, developers had plans for an entertainment hub covering the mill and adjacent buildings, but costs escalated and plans fell through. Time has passed and the area has deteriorated. Can the site be saved or will Addington lose another part of its architectural heritage?



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The Voice of the Addington Community



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CHANGES...

Addington has been rezoned to accept higher density, three storey buildings, so the old wooden buildings — early cottages and villas with large gardens — are currently being knocked down to provide space for infill housing. In many residential areas new homes have already gone up.

Photo L. the three cottages in Ruskin Street have now been demolished. Photo below: Enfield Villa in Burke Street is no more.



Some businesses, established or relocated in Addington since the February 2011 earthquake, have already moved back to the city centre (such as the Avanti Cycle shop). Other businesses have moved out altogether and are servicing their customers via home delivery rounds (Canterbury Magazines and Aqua Vitae).

When the big demand for business premises dies down, perhaps local property owners will lower their rents and be kinder to their tenants by dealing more promptly with problems such as those caused by leaky roofs and poor general maintenance.

Photo R: The triangular grassed area that was between Lincoln Road and the Southern Motorway, just before the over-bridge, has been developed by Ngai Tahu Holdings, and the houses are now occupied.



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We also continue to provide access to computers and the internet, as well as learning sessions, from the addington.net home base at 389 Barrington Street (St James church building on the corner of Bewdley Street).



KEEPING IN TOUCH

St Mary's Church continues to host 'Manuka Cottage' Addington's Community House, and it was there that our local member of Parliament, Megan Woods, came to chat to locals recently.

Megan has continued to keep her finger on the pulse of Addington, and has been of invaluable assistance in helping to solve some of our major problems — notably with traffic and parking and in supporting Amanda Wallis's campaign calling for the protection of schoolchildren crossing at the Brougham/Selwyn intersection.

Photo above L: Megan Woods, MP for Wigram, catches up with Cherylan Davies, Addington's Community Development Worker.

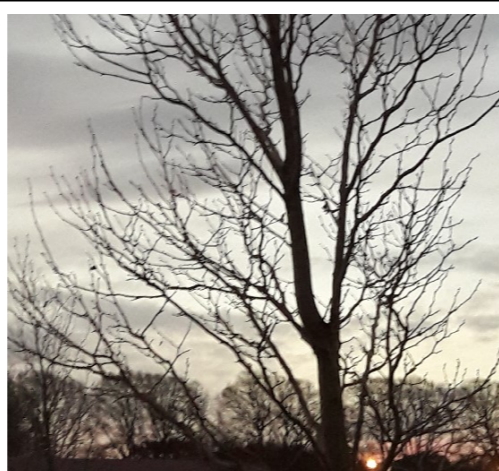
Photo L: Megan admires Rosemary's creative efforts in the Manuka activities programme.

Bottom R. Winter Solstice in Addington (Sue Gorton)



CREATE THROUGH COLOUR

Art Workshops are still running 10.45 to 1pm on Sundays at the Garden Gallery, 291 Lyttelton Street.
Contact Maxine for bookings or further information.
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RICCARTON PLAYERS

It's a fair question: Why were the Riccarton Players theatre company based in Addington? It's a good one for company Life Member Addingtonian, Doug Clarke. 'It was a matter of finding somewhere suitable for us. Back in 1961, when the Players started, we were based in Riccarton, in the old Town Hall. We then went to the Methodist Hall — still in Riccarton — and from there to the Arts Centre in the central city, and from there to the Wharenu School Hall and finally to The Mill Theatre, in Addington, in 1982,' he says.

The Riccarton Players were happily settled there for the next 29 years until the Christchurch quakes. The September 2010 quake compromised the venue but the February quake dealt it a death blow. Once again in search of a venue, they became wandering players of sorts.

Addingtonian, Doug, is a Life Member of both the Riccarton and Elmwood Players. He joined the Riccarton group 55 years ago, as a 16-year-old, so he literally is a life member.

Doug Clarke describes the theatre company as 'nomadic' since it has had to find rental accommodation it can afford. At present the players are grateful to be roosting in the Phillipstown Community Hub. Being disconnected from its venue hasn't stopped the Riccarton Players' membership from creating ambitious, successful productions. One such show has just finished, but there are several others in the wings. Doug says the Players

like to perform about six productions a year. That's not easy while being of no fixed abode. He laments the shortage and cost of rental property and regrets that expenses may have to be passed on in ticket prices.

The increasingly derelict Mill Theatre building in Wise Street is on Heritage New Zealand's List of historic buildings. Bad enough that the amateur theatre company can't afford the (minimum) \$1.2 million cost of restoration and is having to sell its portion of the building. Insult to injury is that the building is being wrecked by squatters who treat it however they wish. The squatter problem featured recently in *The Press* and understandably makes Doug angry. 'They have broken toilets, ripped out wiring, put holes in the walls. There's rubbish everywhere. It's disgusting' he says.

The show must go on though — and it will. This month (July) there is a production for Kidsfest at The Open Stage Theatre. In August there are One Act Plays— directed by Doug — at the University of Canterbury Drama Workshop.

Mill Theatre carpark brickwork

Next time you are in Wise Street, in the Addington shops, watch out for stylish brickwork near your feet. The beautifully laid patterns form a carpark for the now derelict Mill Theatre building. Theatre doyen, Doug Clarke, remembers the bricks well.

'In the early 1980s the Riccarton Players members helped clean the bricks for the carpark. It paid our first year's rent. The carpark used to be a bowling green. The bricks came from the adjoining mill building which wasn't operating by then' he recalls.

Di Boyd
(Photos and text)

Photo: Doug Clarke stands on the carpark brickwork which replaced an earlier bowling green.



TUNE INTO RADIO ADDINGTON AT 107.5 FM.

Addington Timebank's Nachos Night

A VERY big thank you to all who helped out and came along to our very first Timebank Dinner - the Nachos night on Friday 13th was a huge success! So much so that we are already organising our next shared meal.

A big thank you to Chris the Cook who excelled himself, dishing up 30 well presented meals single-handed. Gertrud, Louise and Gen, who provided us with great baking for pudding, Rory for vacuuming the hall after the event, Menna and Jane for helping out in the kitchen and all the lovely people who did the dishes! Thank you all so much for making the evening work fantastically.

It looked like everyone enjoyed themselves. It was a terrific way for timebankers to meet and several trades have already happened as a result of it. It's always so much easier to respond to offers or requests when you already know the person and when you have met face-to-face.

Our next meal will be on July 10th at the Addington Haven, everyone - timebanker or not! - is welcome. Get in touch if you are keen to come:

addington.timebank@gmail.com
Chrys 0272 86 86 53; Gen 0211 345 802



Clothes & Toy Swap

We are going to be putting the Clothes & Toy Swap to bed for the winter, so our last swaps will be at the Halswell Market, Aidenfield on Sunday June 26th and St Mary's Church on Wednesday June 29th. If we can find another space to store everything, we may look at reinstating them in the spring.

The swaps have been spectacularly good for starting conversations with people about what the timebank is and how it works. They've been a great way to illustrate the kind of idea behind a timebank, and having a tangible experience of something is often the best way for a lot of people to really 'get' new ideas. We've had about 30 new people apply to be members since starting them. We are now working on getting to know all these new people and discovering their needs and abilities!

HERITAGE WEEK -

How should we mark it this year?

Heritage Week is 14 -24 October 2016. This year's theme is 'Hidden Treasures'. Funding applications ended 15 June, but look out for activities offered with the support of Manuka Cottage, Addington Neighbourhood Association and St Mary's Church.

ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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What it is like to live in Christchurch now and what it could be like in the future?

Life in Christchurch is an online Community Outcomes study aimed at all Christchurch residents. The link to this study is now on our website <https://www.research.net/r/chchlife>. Please feel free to provide feedback and share this link with your networks. The information gathered from this study will help inform future planning and policy decisions as we develop Christchurch into a great place where people want to be – both now and in the future.

Sarah Duncan, Communications, Christchurch City Council.

The building on the corner of Lincoln Rd and Spencer Street is opening as a St John Opportunity Shop



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-12.30pm Coffee n Chat—10c per cup
11am Parlour Games, Jigsaw Corner, etc.
11am-1pm Art Group, \$1 per session.
(Limited places)
- Tues** 10.30am- 3pm **Women's 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-2.30pm Manuka Fruit and Vege Co-op
Collect your order and pay \$15 for the next
- Thurs** 10am Addy-venturers Walking Group
10.30am -12 noon Writers' Group
10am-12 noon Café 10c per cup, 20c biscuit
12.30am-2.30pm 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.



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MANUKA ART GROUP

We are a collection of promising artists learning from each other and having fun in the process. We'd welcome a new artist—no art abilities needed—only a love of art. If you would like to join in, come on Mondays at 11am to 1pm. Basic art supplies provided at \$1 per session.



MANUKA SCRIBES



A recently established writing group, we are writing what we have long wanted to do— an overdue letter, a poem, a short story, our own book. Having others as company while we write is a great shared learning experience.

ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

This month's meeting saw only a handful of members turn up who braved the cold to attend, however we were welcomed with a hot drink and pre-heated church to warm us up.

Local newspaper stories about Addington were shared including that the widening of Lincoln Road would 'destroy Addington', and the withdrawal of the Selwyn Street off-licence alcohol application after it received 42 objections from the public. Well done Addington and to Sarah McKenzie, Chair, for speaking up for our local community and giving Addington a voice.

Sad news was shared that David Ching, former Principal of Addington School, has passed away. David's admirable work in the Addington community is known by many locals and his passion for making a difference will be greatly missed.

The theme for Heritage Week 2016 is 'hidden treasures'. A history walk around Addington and an archaeological dig were suggested.

Congratulations to Eric Lilley and Allan Hudson on their nominations for the 2016 Community Services Award. We look forward to hearing more.

If you live, work or play in Addington we'd love to meet you. Please come to our next meeting on Wednesday 29th June 2016, 7pm at St Mary's Church.

Amanda Wallis
ANA Secretary.

150 Years Old and Hardly a Wrinkle!

St. Mary the Virgin Church, Church Square, is presently celebrating it's 150th year, culminating in a gathering for the whole community on Sunday February 19th, 2017.

Following a morning service of thanksgiving, there will be a tea party in Church Square. It is hoped that many folk will take the opportunity to dress up in a bit of Victoriana, and enjoy the fellowship and refreshments.

Over 300 invitations have been distributed throughout the homes and businesses of Addington. Door to door visiting, to tell of this milestone, will continue over the next few months so that everyone will feel welcome to participate.

The building of the church, in 1867, marked the beginning of a haven for regular services and

events for the pioneering community of Addington. These brave folk built the foundations for our vibrant historical suburb, and they are well worth remembering in the place where they first gathered. Do call in to St. Mary's sometime, and enjoy the peace and beauty of the church. You will be able to see an image of a pioneering family etched into one of the stained glass windows along with a picture the original church of St. Mary the Virgin from 1867.

St. Mary's has always been a place of hospitality where there is a warm welcome. The annual Addington Community Funfair in the church grounds, on Saturday 19th November, will also be a time to enjoy festivities in this very special 150th year.

Mandy Neil

Photos show the early St Mary the Virgin Church depicted in a present-day stained-glass window (below L.), and St Mary's today (below R.). The photo top R. was taken at the most recent Addington fun fair.



CARING FOR CUSTOMERS

Addington Print at 322 Lincoln Road is now closed due to Brian Mackay's retirement, and his customer files have been transferred to CQ Print across the road.

CQ are keen to help Brian's customers and to make the transition as simple as possible.

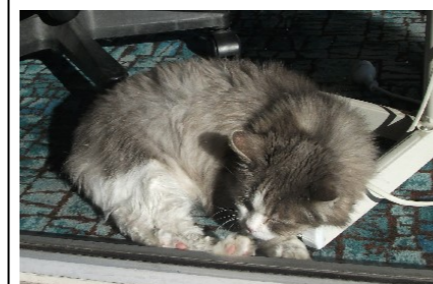
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Brian would like to thank his customers for their past business. Tipeni, the fluffy grey and white cat who adopted Addington Print as his home, is now living like a king with Brian and Toko.

Photo above: CQ Print is situated in the Mall at the city end of Lincoln Road. It has convenient dedicated parking for customers.



Deliverers Required!

Do you enjoy getting the *Addington Times*? Would you like to make sure others receive their copy? Feel the need for exercise and enjoy the outdoors? Want to give back to your community?

Then we need you!

We are looking for Deliverers to deliver the *Addington Times*. We need people who are reliable and will get the job done!

If you are interested please leave a phone message for Dianne on 03 9815974

This is a local volunteer position

For locals by locals!



Abhiti lives in Addington. Here she is wearing her traditional Nepalese dress.

*Photo:
Sue Gorton*