

OLD ADDINGTON: Taking a tram ride.



Photo above: 'When Greys was great' © Graham C. Stewart.

Recently, Judy Clements showed me a book she had borrowed from the library. Called *A Christchurch Album*, it is essentially a homage to the trams that travelled the streets of Christchurch in the 1920s photographed by W.W. Stewart, and in the late 1940s and 50s by his son, Graham.

We were excited to find (on p.27) the photo above, which was taken by Graham Stewart of a tram on the railway crossing in Lincoln Road. The date was 31 December 1949, the last day of the decade, and the photo shows racegoers heading home from Addington Raceway. A packed Boon & Co. tram pulls two vintage double-decker trailers with open top decks, dating from the horse and steam tram eras. Boon and Co. began producing trams from 1896 in anticipation of electrification which was to arrive in 1905. Christchurch tramways were all closed by 1954.

Interestingly, the photo shows three forms of wheeled transport: tram, bicycle and motorcar, and the rails remind us that trains then ran more frequently than they do today. To the left of the picture, we glimpse the Reese Brothers' service station, whose site is occupied today by the Espresso Carwash Café.

With many thanks to Graham Stewart of Grantham House Publishing, Wellington, who has kindly allowed us to reproduce his photograph. Its caption is a reference to the sign to the right of the crossing, which advertises a brand of tobacco. (Ed.)

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The Voice of the Addington Community



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OUR LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

September 16—October 8 is an auspicious period in time leading to the elections that will govern the next three years here in Addington and in our city. Save the dates in your smartphone, mark them in your diary, pin them on your fridge and write them on your calendar—whatever you do to remember important events. Yes, it is election time again! A chance to have a say with your vote, an opportunity to participate in the world around you, a time to be a good role model to the up and coming generation, and for some a 'first time' event!

First things first. **Are you enrolled?** You are only eligible to vote if you are enrolled. It is super easy and there are a number of ways to do this. You can check it out online at elections.org.nz or free txt your name and address to 3676, Freephone 0800 36 76 56, or visit any Postshop.

The second thing to do is **be informed**. Who are the candidates standing in your area? What do they stand for? How are they going to make things better in your area and in your city? You can read the local papers, look up the candidates online, meet them in person if you have an opportunity, email them or give them a phone call. The candidates should be easy to contact as they are standing to represent you and your suburb. There are a number of candidates standing for a number of positions for you to vote for in this Local Authority election: Mayor, City Council, Community Board, Canterbury District Health Board and ECAN.

This election heralds in the new boundaries set in the Representation Review. If you live on the Addington

Cemetery side of Selwyn Street you are in the **Central Ward**. There are four candidates standing for one Council position in the Central Ward. The Community Board will now be called **Linwood/Central/Heathcote Community Board** and there are eight candidates standing for two positions.

The rest of Addington is in the **Spreydon Ward** and there are two candidates standing for one Council position, and six candidates standing for two Community Board vacancies.

To help you navigate the new changes and to encourage participation in voting in the Local Authority elections, Manuka Cottage will hold another **'Meet the Candidates'** event on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 5.30pm, so that you may hear from the 20 candidates, ask questions and mingle with them while refreshments are served. Thank you to St Mary's in Church Square who have kindly allowed us to use their premises.

Voting papers will arrive in Christchurch residents' mail-boxes between September 16 and 21, 2016, at which time you may fill them out and post them back. Voting papers must be received by Council by 12 noon, October 12, and the official results will be announced between October 13 and 19.

Let us lead the city with the highest voting numbers! Addington! A great place to Live, Work and Play!

Cherylan Davies,
Community Development Worker, Addington.





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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 12 September 2016
5.30 – 6.30 pm
at 389 Barrington Street
(St James Church building)

All clients and friends of **addington.net** are warmly invited to attend.

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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.

ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

At July's ANA meeting we discussed plans for Heritage Week coming up in October and another Keep NZ Beautiful event being organised for September. Addington locals and some of our association members have recently been mentioned in local newspapers, including Allan Hudson—for his 20 years community service. The Old Mill sale negotiation was also mentioned, as was a Kate Sheppard event that shared her history right here in Addington.

Our September ANA meeting is at 7 pm on Wednesday, August 31, at St Mary's Church in Church Square.

Be sure to check out www.addington.org.nz for more info about Addington Neighbourhood

Association, community trailer hire and more, or email info@addington.org.nz

Amanda Wallis,
ANA Secretary.



ANA Trailer hire: phone Eric, 981-5252.

BAKING TO PAY FOR SCHOOL CAMP

Benjamin Clarke is baking up a storm to help pay for his school camp. The Year Six pupil at Addington School is successfully selling cookies to help finance the five day stay at Wainui on Banks Peninsula.

His proud mother Raelene was negative about his chances at first, but she was soon proved wrong. 'He said he could do it and I put it on Facebook and he got orders. He makes the biscuits and I do the oven side of it', she says.

I went along and saw Benjamin's industrious biscuit-making for myself. The cosiness created by the wood burner mingled with the smell of fresh baking and made for a pleasant scene (and the biscuit was a very tasty perk of the job).

Raelene is positive about school camps and quick to point out that Ben is not the only person who is helping to make the school trip affordable.

'The school has started a 'Give A Little' page on the internet and other children, the PTA, teachers, School Board, and parents are trying to get on top of the expense and that's really, really great that they are.'

A Camp Fundraising Update sheet from the school lists some of these activities. They include selling Cookie Time biscuits, meat tray raffles, sales of pieces of art and cakes and scones, and approaching companies for sponsorship.

Raelene sells sausage rolls and pies supplied by Delta Bakery.

The camp is for four nights and five days and starts on October 10 – straight after the school holidays. Accommodation, food and transport cost \$185, but activities like kayaking and orienteering bring this up to \$250 per child. 'Addington is a low decile school. For some of our families this is very difficult to afford', says Raelene.

Di Boyd (text and photo).



WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT SUBURBAN PARKING?

You may be tired of filling in questionnaires, but this one looks very important—the Council is considering possible changes to suburban parking that could affect us all!

Answer the questionnaire on line at ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay Remember that our friendly computer hub **addington.net** can help you if you are not sure what to do, or collect a paper copy from the library.

TIME LIMITS? RESIDENTS' PARKING ONLY ? FREE FOR ALL? OR ...?



TUNE INTO RADIO ADDINGTON AT 107.5 FM.



Addington TimeBank

Addington Timebank members took part in a 'goodie-bag stuffing' fundraiser at Horncastle Arena one Tuesday last month. Organised by the newly restarted national body for timebanking, TBANZ (Timebanking Aotearoa New Zealand), the event was great fun and we got the work finished much more quickly than expected.

The medical conference attendees, who the goodie-bags were for, may have been a bit disappointed with the contents - an assortment of pamphlets and information sheets and not even a

pen or a fridge magnet amongst it! But the time-bank workers, who came, not just from Addington, but from Lyttelton, Selwyn, Hurunui and Bridge to Rocks timebanks, all enjoyed the beautiful muffins and cakes that TBANZ co-ordinator, Jules, had made to keep us going.

Working production-line style and chatting as we went, we finished the 800 bags by lunchtime and then had lunch together at the Arena café where we discussed some of the things we think TBANZ will be able to do for timebanking on a national level.

The speed of the work wasn't the only record set that day, though. Sarah had joined Addington TimeBank the night before and turned up to the fundraiser first thing in the morning! I'm sure that must have broken the world record for the speed of a first timebank trade!

Thanks to all our members who helped out and also to those who offered to come in the afternoon and were called off!

Gen and Chris.

Contact us on:

addington.timebank@gmail.com

or 0211 345 802 (Gen),

or 0272 868 653 (Chrys).

The photo left, supplied by Addington TimeBank, shows just a few of the volunteers, who earned time credits by stuffing goodie-bags for a medical conference.



WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT FREEDOM CAMPING?

Planned changes to the rules about freedom camping are open for public comment until Thursday 15 September. The proposal would permanently close the five non-self-contained sites (including Addington Park) that have been temporarily closed.

To view further information and to submit: <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/have-your-say/whats-happening-now/consultations/> Paper copies of forms and documents are available at Service Centres/libraries.

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, Jigsaw Corner, 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-2.30pm 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.

Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker.

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A review of the TORU concert at St Mary's on August 13

Encouraged by my friend and neighbour, Dave Mitchell, I attended a delightful evening concert at St Mary's Church, Addington. Dave being the concert promoter and in charge of lighting had done a great job. In Dave's soft mood lighting, the beautiful surroundings of the old church, the music and ambiance were a delight to the senses on a winter night.

There was a large audience of about 150 people and the musicians offered us a mixture of folksy, blues, and ballads with a Celtic feel telling true stories of New Zealand's heroes, heroines and rogues.

The Celtic touch came from TORU who were once world famous Christchurch celtic band RUA. Toru are: Denny Stanway (vocals and bodhran); Davy Stuart (vocals, guizouki, fiddle); and James Wilkinson (vocals, fretless bass, guitar).

The New Zealand stories came from Auckland band 'Unsung Heroes' who are: Chris Priestly (vocals and guitar); Nigel Gavin (vocals, 7 string guitar); and Cameron Bennett (vocals, dobro, guitar).

Church members did us proud with a very nice supper of Devonshire scones, fruit cake and a cuppa — hopefully not too big a christening for the luxurious blue carpet (a recent 'thank-you' gift to St Mary's from Manuka Cottage/Addington Community House Inc.).

Irene Cleary



Photos supplied by Dave Mitchell. Photo above from the left: Cameron Bennett, Davy Stuart, Nigel Gavin, Denny Stanway, James Wilkinson, Chris Priestly.

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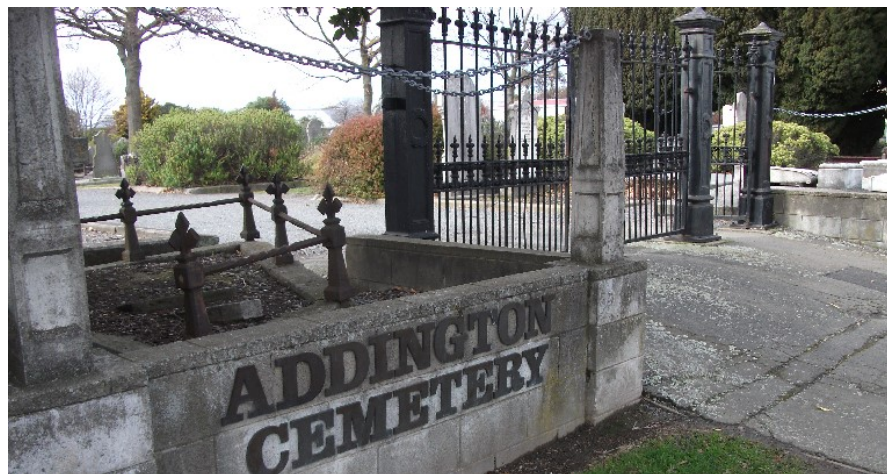


ADDINGTON KPNZB CLEAN-UP

After last year's successful event during **Keep NZ Beautiful Clean-up Week** we will gather again in Addington, this time at the Addington Cemetery entrance in Selwyn Street, on Saturday 17 September from 9.30-11.30am, initially for a briefing from CCC park staff on how we can volunteer and participate in a bit of a tidy-up. Garden gloves or something similar are needed. We will provide some kitchen or light weight gloves if people don't have garden gloves. Tools not required. All ages are welcome.

The event will also assist in promoting awareness, interest and pride in one of the Christchurch's most historic cemeteries and reserves. The event is co-ordinated through KPNZB, Addington Neighbourhood Association and St Mary's. There will be a BBQ at end of the clean-up.

If the weather is unsuitable we will cancel the event. For any enquiries please phone 9677036, 0277259148 or 3744337. **Allan Hudson**



*Meet here at 9.30 am on
Saturday 17 September to join
our Great Addington Clean-Up.
Bring garden gloves if you have
them.*

*Mark your Diary ...
Addington Fun Fair and
Concert*

**Saturday 19 November,
11am—3.00pm
(if wet Sunday 12.30— 4.00pm)**

Contact Sarah
addingtonfunfair@gmail.com

HELP! A lovely wrought iron gate was stolen from a Church Square property on Monday August 8 - if you have any information, please email the editor or ring the police.

DON'T FORGET!



**Heritage Week is
14 -24 October 2016.**

**This year's theme is
'Hidden Treasures'**



Plunket Supporting the International Community

Raising a child is hard enough and even harder if you are in a foreign country and do not have your immediate family to support you or do not speak the language. If you are a migrant and did not grow up in New Zealand, you may not know of the education system, health system, dental system, social benefit system or government services. Raising a child in a foreign country with different culture from your own can be very intimidating and scary.

Plunket International Parenting Group aims to provide a venue where:

Parents and grandparents get to meet, make new friends and share experiences;

Children get valuable educational and social experience;

Caregivers can obtain health and parenting information in Mandarin and English;

Caregivers can learn English and help ease their transition to life in New Zealand.

Until now, we have had mothers from China, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, Russia, Korea, Italy, Venezuela, Khazakstan, Bangledesh, Vietnam and other countries joining the group. We welcome

caregivers and children from any nationalities to join our group. We also welcome any locals to join us and support the international community in their parenting journey.

**International Parenting Group
at Plunket, Addington, 5 Twigger Street:**

EVERY MONDAY

1:00 - 2:00 pm	English class with ESOL teacher Mike Long
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Health and parenting talk in English and Mandarin
2:00 - 3:30 pm	International Playgroup

Caregivers and babies welcome. No registration necessary. No cost to join. Play area for children available.

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchAsianMothersGroup>

International Infant Massage

Apart from the International Parenting Group, a five week international infant massage course is also offered at no cost to parents with babies under 1 year old.

International Infant Massage is held at Plunket, Addington (5 Twigger Street). Please contact jenny.saito@plunket.org.nz for further information and dates.

**Jenny Saito,
Plunket Health Worker**



The Plunket rooms at 5 Twigger Street, Addington.