

# ADDINGTON TIMES

THE VOICE OF THE ADDINGTON COMMUNITY. NOVEMBER 2008



52 local people took part in Manuka Cottage's recent double Decker Decker Bus Outing to Spencer Park on the 1st October. These all-age outings with lunch provided are held each School holidays. The next one will now be at the end of January 2009. Keep an eye out for advance notice here in the Addington Times. For those with keen eyes, the sign says thank you to The Spreydon Heathcote Community Board for their funding of the Bus Hire.

## COMMUNITY DIARY

**Pin this to your fridge and watch for these upcoming local events.**

**NOVEMBER 5TH. Parihaka Peace Day. Wednesday 5th.**

**St Marys Church, Church Square 7.00 pm**

**NOVEMBER 26TH. Addington Neighbourhood Association;**

**Monthly meeting at Manuka Cottage.**

**7.30 p.m. All welcome.**

**NOVEMBER 28TH. New Harvest Trust Tournament Day.**

**To be held at 162 Lincoln Road**

**and starting at 10.30 a.m.**

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## Addington Coffee Co-op

OPENING SOON AT  
297 LINCOLN ROAD.

You may have noticed a transformation that has been taking place over the past eight months. Once an auto electrician garage, 297 Lincoln Road has slowly evolved into a café and coffee roastery.



Our new café has a strong focus on the neighbourhood around us. We aim to provide people with a place to relax, enjoy some great food, and have an amazing cup of coffee made from the finest fair trade, organic beans – roasted right here in the café. Here at Addington Coffee Co-op we want to support coffee growers in the developing world by paying a fair price for our beans. It is important to us to treat people in the developing world as well as we treat our neighbours right here in Aotearoa.

We intend to open in mid to late November, so come on down to 297 Lincoln Road (opposite Addingtown Mall) and keep your eyes peeled for our opening day.

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or update your  
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*Caring in the Community*  
**18 Bernard Street  
Addington**





## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## **THE DISRAELI STREET SCULPTURES**

Re the correspondence in the Addington Times on the sculptures on Disraeli St. We have an adventure tourism business based directly across the road & I went over & spoke to the artist when they were installed. His name was Ian Lamont and he explained that they were to do with the English politician, Disraeli. The unreadable inscription at the top of the lady relates to his statement to the British Parliament about the relationship between man & animals & the trees symbolize the relationship,.....OK???

Having lived with the sculpture for some time now we are still not so sure if we like them, but we are pleased to see them as they are different for sure & do provide something for our clients to talk about. We think that the trees look like the Lorax trees from Dr Suess's classic environmental story, cheers – Tim.

Tim de Jong  
Operations Manager  
Adventure South Ltd .

## **News from Manuka Cottage**

Welcome Back to Kay Gardiner and Kathryn Byfield

Kay has recently rejoined the crew at Manuka Cottage as the new Partnership Health Community Health Worker. Kay last worked at the Cottage six years ago in the role of the Family Community Development Worker. Kay will be working from the Cottage on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She is available to assist people in the local area who may be experiencing difficulties accessing health services by liaising with local medical Centres. She may be able to help with transport, medical costs and support.

Kay can be reached at the Cottage on 339 2100 or 021 906 917.

Kathryn Byfield has now started in the Family Community Development Worker role vacated in June by Janice Belgrave. Kathryn will be based at the Cottage on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Kathryn provides a free service to families with children from 0-5 that live in the Addington, Spreydon, Somerfield and Sydenham areas. Families can refer themselves for general support and advocacy on issues such as housing, parenting, budgeting and dealing with government departments.

Kathryn can also be reached on 339 2100 or 027 416 2656.

## **THE THREE MONKEYS**

THREE MONKEYS SAT IN A COCONUT TREE,  
DISCUSSING THINGS AS THEY'RE SAID TO BE.  
SAID ONE TO THE OTHERS, "NOW LISTEN YOU TWO  
THERE'S A CERTAIN RUMOUR THAT CAN'T BE TRUE –  
THAT MAN DESCENDED FROM OUR NOBLE RACE-  
THE VERY IDEA IS A BIG DISGRACE !  
NO MONKEY EVER DESERTED HIS WIFE  
STARVED HER BABIES AND RUINED HER LIFE.  
AND YOU'VE NEVER KNOWN A MOTHER MONK  
TO LEAVE HER BABIES WITH OTHERS TO BUNK.  
OR PASS THEM ON FROM ONE TO ANOTHER  
'TILL THEY SCARCELY KNOW WHO IS THEIR MOTHER,  
AND ANOTHER THING YOU'LL NEVER SEE-  
A MONK BUILD A FENCE ROUND A COCONUT TREE-  
AND LET THE COCONUTS GO TO WASTE,  
FORBIDDING ALL OTHER MONKS TO TASTE.  
WHY, IF I'D PUT A FENCE ROUND A COCONUT TREE-  
STARVATION WOULD FORCE YOU TO STEAL FROM ME-  
HERE'S ANOTHER THING A MONK WON'T DO-  
GO OUT AT NIGHT AND GET IN A STEW,  
OR USE A GUN OR CLUB OR KNIFE  
TO TAKE SOME OTHER MONKEYS LIFE.  
YES, MAN DESCENDED- THE ORNERY CUSS-  
BUT, BROTHER, HE DIDN'T DESCEND FROM US"

## **REMEMBER REMEMBER THE 5<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER**

A Gathering to Remember

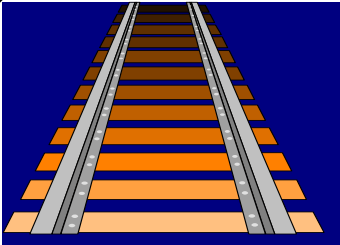
7pm, Wednesday  
5th of November  
St Mary's Church  
Addington



## **PARIHAKA PEACE DAY**

For further details contact:

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# ***THE ADDINGTON RAILWAY SIGNALLING BOX***

**An ADDINGTON TIMES Special.**



**I had occasion to visit the Addington signal box recently, and because I am ex New Zealand Railways, I felt at home as soon as I walked in the door.**

**Although it was an overcast day, both the box and the greeting from Marcus were warm. The atmosphere was one of a busy but pleasant workplace, with phones, two radio-telephone channels and a fax machine competing for attention. Not to mention a visitor from The ADDINGTON TIMES asking all sorts of questions.**

**In between setting up a route for a coal train from Port and a light engine from Middleton yard, Marcus was able to explain the operation of the panel in relation to points and signals. He pointed out that the section of line controlled by the box is from Ensors Rd (Linwood) to Annex Rd (Middleton) and the Main North Line to Fendalton Rd.**

**He mentioned that there used to be two tablet machines in use in earlier days; one was Addington to Papanui and the other Addington to Belfast. I have seen an archive plan showing a tablet exchanger on the platform just East of the box. ( I also have an Addington to Papanui tablet in my collection).**

**On the more technical side, the main frame is a McKenzie and Holland mini- lever system, with 64 levers used to control various points and signals. In recent years, some of the original levers have been made redundant by being replaced with panels of push- button controls, and the indication panel has been modified as changes to track and signalling have been carried out. The Addington box is the only fully operating signal box left in the South Island (apart from privately owned systems) and is manned 24 hrs every day except Christmas day. It has all the mod-cons including a microwave oven, T.V, fridge, air conditioning, coffee making facilities, and a toilet.**

**The box is easily seen looking West from the Lincoln Road level crossing. But is certainly NOT open to the general public ( authorised personnel only). Thanks go to Marcus and his workmates for an informative time.**

**Text and photos by DAVE GORTON.**