

ADDINGTON TIMES

THE VOICE OF THE ADDINGTON COMMUNITY.

MAY 2009.



**IT WAS ARSON
IT WAS SO SENSELESS AND SO WRONG.**

COMMUNITY DIARY

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

MAY DAY 2009

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commencing at 12.00 (noon) in Church Square.**

**RED SHIELD APPEAL WEEK
2009**

Monday 4 May to Sunday 10 May



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Keeping on top of Tagging

Are you annoyed by the rise of ugly spraypainted tagging around Addington? You can help keep our place looking nice by reporting tags, and sometimes by painting out tags yourselves. But there are a few ground rules to keep in mind:

* The Christchurch City Council has a new Graffiti Office set up just to deal with tagging. If in doubt, call them first. They can also provide you with paint and other materials.

Belinda Barrett-Walker heads the Graffiti Office and you can contact her here:

email: graffitioffice@ccc.govt.nz

phone: 941 6655

web: www.ccc.govt.nz/GraffitiOffice

* If you see someone in the process of tagging, the Police very much want to know because tagging often leads to further crime down the line and stopping a young offender can help send their life in a better direction. Call 111 for this.

* If there is tagging on Council-owned property, call 03 941 8666 or 0800 VANDAL to report it. This includes:

- ground floor level of residential and small business properties directly bordering Council property (including roads, footpaths and parks)
- park boundary fences, front boundary fences, footpaths or walkway fences
- footpaths, lamp posts, school fences (outside school property)
- small business property-fronting roads
- offensive graffiti fronting street boundaries for all businesses
- all Council-owned public toilets

* If there is tagging on Telecom/Chorus cabinets (the green ones with black-on-yellow letters or numbers in the corner) then call 0800 222 638 to get them to remove it

* Otherwise, if the tagging is on Telstra or Orion cabinets, you may be able to paint it out yourself, but call Belinda on 941 6655 to make sure.

Thanks for all your effort in helping to make Addington a community we can be proud of.

We would also like to thank the Resene shop in Selwyn Street for the new mural on the corner of Brougham and Selwyn, which makes the corner look so much brighter and will help prevent tagging.

One of the big shots of a railway line was travelling in his own special carriage which was hooked on the end of a regular train. During one stretch of the way, when the speed was not to exceed forty miles an hour, he clocked the train at 65. Highly indignant, he accosted the engineer at the next stop “Didn’t you know you weren’t to do over forty on that block?” he demanded.

“We were doing forty,” the engineer informed him.

“Forty?, I timed my carriage at 65” The executive informed him coldly. The engineer stared in surprise.

“Well I’ll be danged,” he exclaimed in amazement. “I never saw you pass us.”



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Saturday

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

A SELECTION OF HAIKU . Contributed by local resident Noel Alexander.

Haiku. listen (help-info), plural haiku, is a form of Japanese poetry, consisting of 17 morae (or on), in three metrical phrases of 5, 7 and 5 morae respectively[1]. Haiku typically contain a kigo, or seasonal reference, and a kireji or verbal caesura. In Japanese, haiku are traditionally printed in a single vertical line, while haiku in English usually appear in three lines, to parallel the three metrical phrases of Japanese (Note.. Some thinking "outside the square" needed to grasp the concept.)

Sound-rings from bees
With busy wings
Spread out from the hive

Here is fine sand
And there black rocks
This is soft, they are hard.

In the gardens
The Fountain
Plays at rainbows

Bark covers
Bright gardens
Where forests grew.

More next month

MAY DAY

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Celebrations will be held this year on Sunday, 3rd May commencing at 12.00 (noon) in Church Square.

**Some of activities include
petanque, quoits, tennis-ball, cricket.,
Treasure-hunt(spot prizes), etc
Gumboot throwing**

**Free BBQ sausages and bread.
Bring your own picnic lunch
Tea and coffee will be available
(If wet will have food inside church.)**

The Comings and Goings at Manuka Cottage

One of the most significant “goings” at the Cottage in recent times has been that of Tatjana Parsons who has given many, many years of wonderful service to the Cottage and the people of Addington through her therapeutic massage and Bowen Technique. Nearly twenty people who have benefitted from Tatjana’s “healing hands” over the life of the Addington Community Development Project gathered to acknowledge this warm-hearted, gentle woman with a morning tea at the Cottage on the 7th April. Several people spoke of the difference Tatjana has made in their lives including one local man, Trevor, who credits her with his being alive today.

Manuka Cottage has been very proud of having been able to offer this unique service which has been free of charge thanks to Tatjana’s generosity of spirit. We would be most interested to hear from any health practitioners – Massage Therapists, reflexologists, Reiki or Healing Touch Practitioners or such like who might be interested in providing a service from the Cottage. Please contact Helen Ross, Community Development Worker at the Cottage, ph 3381613, email manukacottage@paradise.net.nz if you might be such a person or if you know of someone.

Our Cottage Gardener, Mike, has also moved on from this role at the Cottage. We would like to acknowledge his work in keeping the grounds tidy over the past year. We are of course keen to replace Mike as soon as possible. Are there any green-fingered souls out there who would be interested in some, or all, of the gardening tasks (lawn-mowing, weeding, vegetable gardening etc) Reimbursement of expenses for those who qualify for the Work and Income Activity in Community Scheme could be looked at. Our vegetable garden has produced well over the summer and we would love to be able to keep things going over the coming months. Again contact Helen.

This month we welcomed Denise as one of our new Welcomers. She has replaced Maana on Tuesdays. We would like to thank Maana for her efforts as a Wecomer. I personally would like to thank her for being one of those people who has made my work here much easier by seeing what needs doing and getting on with it.

Another “going” at the Cottage has been the footpath and deep gutters- see photo taken on 16th April . We look forward to seeing the finished product.

