## THE "WELL SHAKEN"

# **ADDINGTON TIMES**

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The dairy on the corner of Selwyn St and Rosewarne St has suffered some major damage from the earthquake, but the suburb of Addington appears to have been let off relatively lightly compared to some other suburbs and the C.B.D.

I do hope all is safe and well. Is there much damage around Addington?? We have had to move into an alternative council building for a few weeks - just settling in this morning. All the very best to Addington people cheers

**Christine Toner.** Christchurch City Council.

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#### **COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

### OCTOBER HAPPENINGS at ST. MARY'S

Heritage Week 22 – 28 October
St Mary's will be open
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, 10a.m. – 2p.m.
for viewing and for a quiet time in the beauty and stillness of the church.

TUESDAY, October, 26th, 6.30p.m.

St Mary's Heritage Evening, arranged by the Addington Neighbourhood Association.

Dr John Wilson who is writing a book about Addington will speak of his extensive research into old Addington. Christopher Cape will speak about buildings in the area.

#### **ADDINGTON COMMUNITY FAIR**

Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 – 12.30 with all the fun, stalls, eats and entertainment we have come to expect from this festive event.

Look out for further notices.

#### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

In the Christchurch Local Elections

It's local elections time in Christchurch this month and it's not just about Jim Anderton vs Bob Parker battling it out for Mayor. Addington is in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward, so we get to pick two City Councillors and five Community Board members as well.

If you've not voted in a local election before, now's a good time to try it! Remember that the local elections are done by mail, not at a booth, so the forms start going out on 17 September and it all has to be over by 9 October. So fill out your vote and send it back as soon as you can, don't leave it too late.

For more information on the voting process, look at the City Council website: http://ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/howthecouncilworks/councilelections/index.aspx or contact Clare Sullivan, the CCC Electoral officer, 941 8533.

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#### **COMMUNITY DIARY**

Saturday 30th October, 2010 9.30am to 12.30pm

#### ADDINGTON COMMUNITY FAIR

White elephant, cakes/sweets, plants, books, sausage sizzle, and clothing stalls FREE children's bouncy castle, face painting and music entertainment.



\$6.50 each for everyone

September 30~October 10

Thursday & Friday at 6.30pm

Saturday and Sunday at 11am & 2pm

Bookings – Phone: 03-338 4699 or online: www.riccartonplayers.co.nz The Mill Theatre, Wise Street, Addington

# Addington Neighbourhood Association

The A.N.A. is holding the next monthly meeting on..
Wednesday 27th October.
7.30 p.m. at Manuka Cottage
45 Dickens street.Addington.

If the recent earthquake has caused you to change your ideas on community in any way, come along to the meeting and share your thoughts and ideas with us over a cup of coffee.

You are most welcome.



#### HOURS

WED to FRI 11.00 am - 5.00 pm And SUNDAY 11.00am—1.00pm

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My own personal quake story actually begins about a week before the event took place.

In late August I suffered a stroke, and suddenly found myself in the acute stroke ward of Christchurch Hospital. The doctors and nurses were great, and made a bit of a fuss of me because I was the youngest one there, to be called "the lad" at age 58 made me feel better.

Anyway, during one of their visits, my wife, sister in law and her two children, decided to take me to the "Great Escape" café on the first floor for a coffee. As we settled down to our drinks a friendly looking old gentleman wandered over to our table and started chatting to us. He smiled at the children and said "Now I don't want to alarm you, but there is a big earthquake coming and will hit Christchurch." We asked him if he was a seismologist, but he didn't answer, and went on to tell us that he knew a lot about seismology and geology, and explained a bit about the fault line in New Zealand. We didn't dismiss him as a crank, as he seemed knowledgeable and sincere, so with another warning about the earthquake to the children, he wandered back to his own table.

That conversation was all but forgotten in the following few days, as I was sent home from hospital, but all that changed a few days later about 4.34 a.m. when the big one struck.

I still don't know how he knew it was going to happen, and I haven't seen him since, which is probably just as well, because I don't want him to wander up to me and say "Now I don't want to alarm you, but the end of the world is coming"

Dave Gorton.

#### THE LAST WORD

Lord, so far today I am doing alright. I haven't felt grumpy, or been mean, or even yelled at anyone.

However Lord, I am going to get out of bed soon, and I will need your help a lot more after that.

Amen.

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