

OLD ADDINGTON: The Post Office



The old Addington Post Office was situated in Lincoln Road in front of the prison and beside the library (which is shown on the left of the picture). The foundation stone for the brick building was laid by the Prime Minister at that time, Sir Joseph Ward, on 9 August, 1911. Sir Joseph said he was sorry that the building was not tall enough for a clock, but anticipated that a clock would be added at the front.

Dave Gorton.

LOCALS DISTRESSED BY DESTRUCTION

Residents have recently expressed concern over the removal, without notification, of council properties in a heritage area. Winnie Whittam is dismayed at the destruction of a wooden character home on Poulson Street. She says "As a community we were not notified of the house being destroyed, nor that a new building or buildings were to be built on the land. We don't want to lose the character of historic buildings around St Mary's Church".

Laureen Hand is equally concerned. She notes that the character home was demolished in just a few days, and asks, "Does the community living round about not have a say? I feel we should do all we can not to lose our character homes."

Meanwhile, on Church Square itself, more council-owned property is due for demolition and locals want to know what is planned for the site in the future. (Ed.)

Photo: Gloria loves living in Church Square, but she has received an eviction notice and is worried about her future. She definitely wants to remain in Addington.



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ADDINGTON PRINT



Photo right: Addington Print has been operating at 322 Lincoln Rd for nearly 30 years

Left: Brian enjoys the luxury of new technology



Each month husband and wife Brian and Toko Mackay keep up an *Addington Times* tradition and print about 2000 copies for distribution in the area. That's something they have done since the *Times'* earliest days.

Back in 1984 when Brian and Toko bought it, the shop was a second hand clothing store run by the Catholic Social Services and called "Second Gear". There were a few years left on the lease so Social Services stayed on until the lease was up. Meantime Brian worked as a printer "in a shed out the back" before eventually moving in. When Catholic Social Services moved out they left some stock behind. Toko took on the shop, renamed it "Time for a Change" and sold clothes on an "on behalf of" basis for several years.

Like so many businesses in an old suburb like Addington, 233 Lincoln Road has had other incarnations. One was as a shoe shop. Brian is very much a local – he attended Spencer Street Primary School – and remembers getting his school shoes from "Jordans" in the 1950s.

"Way back in the 1920s this building must have been a butcher shop. Just above the verandah there's a roughly painted-over sign," Brian explains. "I've got an idea that the butchers were the people who built this place. There were about seven or eight butchers in Lincoln Road. It was handy to the stockyards near the corner of Blenheim Road and Deans Avenue, and close to the railway. Farmers used to drive their stock down Lincoln Road. My grandfather had a farm in Tai Tapu and he used to do that in the 1950s."

Lincoln Road has seen many, many changes over time. Brian recalls there was a Police station next door to

Addington Print (where a drycleaners is now) but says it was closed in the mid 80s.

At the back of the printery are some old style printing machines that are no longer used. They really are machines – the sort of thing you would need a spanner and some mechanical know-how to use and to repair. Brian doesn't hanker for the days before electronic technology and says he found the transition to modern printing was easy to make. "With the old machines we had to watch every copy almost. Lots of things could go wrong. You had to leave the ink to dry at least overnight before you could fold things or cut them up, otherwise they would smudge. Now you can fold it and cut it straightaway. You can be folding them while they are still coming out."

Di Boyd

ADDINGTON ACTION

Organised by local residents in response to the Feb 22 quake

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Christchurch South Fruit & Veggie Co-op
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What's on at addington.net?

Shop 5, Addingtown Mall

AddNet learning groups run from 10:30am to 12noon Monday to Thursday each week. During AddNet learning time anyone can drop in and learn more about anything. Everyone is welcome and it's free.

AddNet tutorials take place on Tuesdays (10:30am to noon).

We will be running workshops on using the new technologies including searching the Internet (for recipes, or facts, or people, or places), filing things in folders (emails, documents, photos), emails, cellphones, tablets, using Skype to make phone calls, putting photos into photobooks or calendars, etc.

Community Groups Project Time for volunteers runs on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:00pm. This is a new initiative. Any community group is welcome to come in and get help with developing their computer skills so that they can make their own posters or fliers, or deal with emails or Internet. This could be really helpful for volunteers who would like to do a task for a Community Group but do not have the computer skills. The Community Group would need to cover the cost of any printing.

**Shop 5, Addingtown Mall, 300 Lincoln Rd.
info@addington.net.nz Tel: 9627244**

**Addington.net AGM will be held on
Monday 9 September 2013 at 5.30 pm**

THE ADDINGTON FUN FAIR will be held at St Mary's Church Square once again this year on Saturday, 23 November from 11 - 3pm. It promises to be a fun-filled day with many stalls – crafts, baking, books, bric-a-brac and more – games, pony rides, a bouncy castle, races, live music, Devonshire teas, a BBQ and more! Addington locals are invited to have a stall at the fair. The cost for a stall is \$10 for a community group/non-profit organisation (or \$20 for a business/commercial stall.) There is no charge for information stands. Money raised from this will go to St Mary's Church to aid the purchase of games and sporting equipment for the local community to use. If you would like to have a stall, please email Shauna Robins: shauna.robins@gmail.com



TUNE INTO RADIO ADDINGTON AT 107.5 F.M.

Manuka Cottage/ Addington Community House

The Manuka Activities Programme is continuing as usual at St Mary's Church, Church Square, Monday to Thursday each week—mid-morning to early afternoon. If you are new to the district or would like more details of the programme, please call in and visit us on a Wednesday (bring a gold coin donation for the community lunch at midday) or come on Thursday morning when we have a café (20c per cup of coffee or biscuit).

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ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Addington Business Association was established on March 25 this year at a meeting held at Manuka Cottage (then operating from 7 Dickens Street). It is currently an online organisation, but even so we have had success in enlisting support from the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board (which is our local Community Board) through its chairperson, Philip Clearwater. The establishment of a Business Association gives us formal access to key agencies such as the City Council, the Police, and the Traffic Department.

The Community Board has been working with local MP, Megan Woods, whose recent traffic survey has confirmed the problems of traffic flow and parking identified by the Business Association. Representing the Association, Dean Brown of Addington Books attended a special meeting held at the Beckenham Service Centre with stakeholders, including representatives from the City Council, the city bus network, Traffic Department and others, to discuss the findings of the survey and suggest solutions. We are hoping for positive outcomes.

Parking

The issue of parking is an on-going concern, but Megan Woods has been working with VBase to open up some of the Addington Raceway site for all-day parking. This alternative parking spot will mean that the residential side streets won't

need to be used for parking by office workers. A pilot has been set up at the Stadium Car park where commuters can pay a weekly fee to park their cars. Megan is also talking with ECan about the possibility of a bus service running from the car park to the new office blocks further down Lincoln Road. If the pilot goes well there could be the possibility of opening up more of the raceway for all-day parking.

Business Directory

With so many new businesses arriving in the Addington area and some established business owners having retired, the Addington Neighbourhood Association and other groups have decided that a business directory would be useful, both in keeping in touch with problems that may arise for the community and also in encouraging patronage of the businesses. It is also hoped to expand the size and distribution of the Addington Times, so that more local advertising will be possible.

Tagging, Rubbish, Illegal Parking, etc.

If you have any general concerns, we can supply contact numbers for officials who can help, and we may also be able to work together by providing local volunteers to keep an eye on things where necessary.

The more members we have in the Business Association, the better. Remember that there is no joining cost.



TOASTMASTERS IN ADDINGTON are pictured here enjoying a meeting. Why not come along and find out how we can help you gain self-confidence and improve your speaking listening and thinking skills? Meetings are held fortnightly on Tuesday evenings from 5.45pm – 7.15pm in Twigger Street. Next meetings are September 10 and 24. Phone Penny, 332-7182, check us out at : <http://civic.toastmastersclubs.org> or email civic@toastmasters.org.nz

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