

## OLD ADDINGTON : Lincoln Road



Photo: The Thomson Building,

Dave Gorton

The private car park now on the corner of Lincoln Road and Wise Street was once the site of this large brick building dated 1913. The top storey of the building was occupied by T. Thomson, Confectioners. (Interestingly, James Henry Whittaker also produced confectionery in Addington. From 1896 he worked from home and sold his chocolates door to door until he moved his business to Wellington 1913.)

In the Thomson building at street level there was a second-hand shop. Other shops alongside included a barber.

The large sign on the side of the Thomson building advertising The Warehouse, refers to one of the earliest of the Warehouse stores just out of the picture. This store had previously been a Cargo King store.

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## THE ADDINGTON FUN FAIR

The Addington Fun Fair will be held at St Mary's Church Square once again this year. It will be on Saturday, 23 November, from 11 - 3pm (rain day is Sunday 24 from 12 - 4pm to accommodate Church service). It promises to be a fun-filled day with many stalls - crafts, baking, books, bric-a-brac, games, pony rides, a bouncy castle, races, live music, Devonshire teas and more! There will be a BBQ and a range of ethnic foods thanks to various community groups. Any donations from stall holders on the day will go towards St. Mary's Church to aid the purchase of games and sporting equipment for the local community to use. The ever-popular free live concert will come courtesy of the Sunshine Band, Mustard, Warlords of Atlantis and The Billie Jean Project. It promises to be a lovely day, so please bring your family and friends along.

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## The Voice of the Addington Community

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## THE CHANGING FACE OF ADDINGTON



The face of Addington is changing as a range of ethnicities come to the city. In former times the suburb—which is one of Christchurch's oldest—was home to predominantly white faces largely drawn from the United Kingdom.

Manager of *Spice n' Things* in Lincoln Road, Mitt Atapattu, says he has seen a big rise in the number of different ethnicities living in the Addington area. He is in a good position to notice. His shop is on the corner of Spencer Street and Lincoln Road in deepest Addington. Mitt provides spices, fresh vegetables and packaged foods for taste buds used to the flavours of mainland India, Fiji and Sri Lanka, to name but a few countries.

Mitt is himself an immigrant. He came to New Zealand from Sri Lanka (formerly known as Ceylon) nearly eight years ago. Mitt says his shop is one of only two in the South Island offering the food and spices of Sri Lanka. The other (rather curiously) is in Invercargill.

*Addington Times* readers will know that the traffic congestion in Addington is of serious concern to many local businesses and residents. Mitt says the scarcity of car parks in the block of shops he is in is concerning for the businesses there. They rely heavily on passing drivers being able to quickly park and shop. The few spaces that are on that stretch of road are often occupied by cars that park, and stay parked, for long periods.

In Sri Lanka Mitt taught maths and science. After coming to New Zealand he completed a business management course. He has been managing *Spice n' Things* for a couple of years and describes himself as a bit of "a one man band". Readers may remember when *Spice n' Things* was nearby at 348 Lincoln Road. The February 2011 quake forced it to relocate.

There's no doubting that you have entered a store that sells spices when you enter Mitt's shop. His customers are from many different countries, and merchandise such as dosai, dhokla, kulfi and masoor dahl bring the taste of other cultures to Addington.

Di Boyd



## THE CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT PLAN

The Christchurch City Council is about to undertake a review of its 10-year District Plan and is inviting community input.

Cherylan Davies, Addington's Community Development Worker, and Karolin Potter, newly re-elected Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board Councillor, have undertaken to collect responses from anyone in the Addington Community.

They will be available to collect information about your hopes and expectations for Addington in the future, at the Addington Fair in Church Square on Saturday, 23 November. In addition, they will be available at various places along Lincoln Road on Thursday, 28 November.

*Make sure you have your say!*

### OUR NEW CITY COUNCILLORS

Congratulations to Phil Clearwater and Tim Scandrett, who are our new representatives on the Christchurch City Council.

Both have served the local community on the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board, which Phil has chaired for the past twelve years. Tim has been his deputy for the past three years.

As Chairperson, Phil has worked tirelessly with the Community Board for the Addington community, especially since our problems have multiplied due to the invasion of traffic and the migration of businesses from the central city.

### COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome the re-election of Paul McMahon, Karolin Potter, and Helen Mautner to the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board, along with newcomer, Rik Tindall.

The Addington Community has had an excellent relationship with its Community Board in recent years and we are sure that this will continue.

### ADDINGTON PAST AND PRESENT

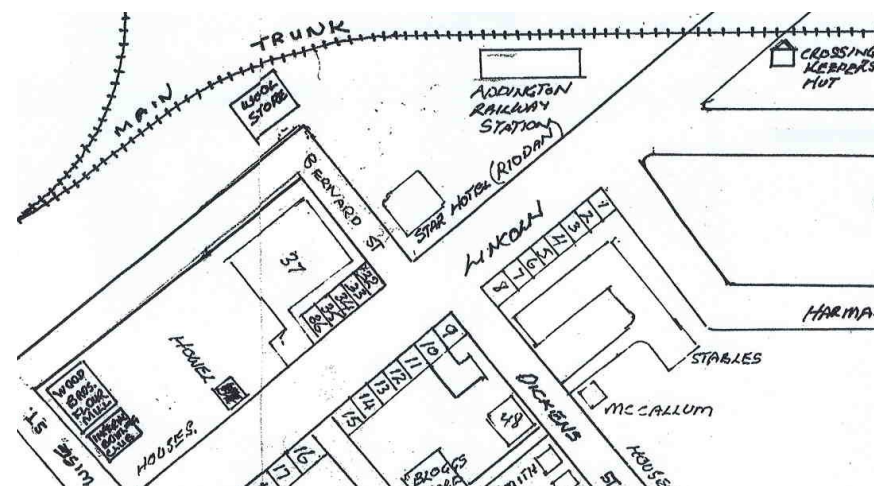
Would you like to contribute to a people's history of Addington? The Map below was drawn by Zelda (née Lamont) and her husband, George Agnew. They now live in Nelson but remember Addington with some affection.

The Star hotel on their map was built on the site of the Feathers, one of Christchurch's earliest hotels, which burnt down in 1884.

The Wood Brothers' Mill remains today as a ruin, but the Bowling Club is long gone. Both are remembered in the photo montage on the wall of the Miller Bar in Lincoln Road today. Way back in the 1940s a crossing keeper alerted traffic to trains crossing the road by signalling with a flag.

Contact the Editor, Addington Times: [addington.times@gmail.com](mailto:addington.times@gmail.com) (or leave a message at Manuka/St Mary's) if you have memories to share.

Addington 1938-60 remembered by Zelda and George Agnew (key not shown)



Photos: The Miller is one of many bars along Lincoln Road today, but it has preserved some of Addington's interesting history on its wall collage (below).



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### ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

The final ANA meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday 27 November.

To celebrate the end of a successful year we will be holding a barbecue (weather permitting) at 383 Selwyn Street, starting at 6pm. This will be followed by a short meeting. Please bring food to share.

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Tues	10-1pm	<b>Women's Only Day</b>
	10-12 noon	Bits n Bobs
	10am	Bring and Buy
Wed	10-12 noon	Addington Playgroup
	12- 1pm	Go-SSIP and coffee
	10.30 -11.30	Pop in for a cuppa!
Thurs	12-1pm	Community Lunch <i>Gold Coin Donation</i>
	11am-2.45pm	Manuka Fruit and Vege Co-op (collect your order and pay for the next )
	11am-3pm	Manuka Hub Addington TimeBank
Thurs	10.am	Addy-venturers Walking Group
	10-12 noon	Café 20c per cup
	10.30-12	Ideas & Action
	12.30-2.30	Mothers' Community Programme

**Unless stated our activities and groups are free.**

New activities 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!**

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