

## OLD ADDINGTON:

### An Irish family in Addington



Cornelius O'Connor came out to New Zealand with the Irish Immigrants driven out of Ireland in the aftermath of penal law reform and the potato famine.

The O'Connor's had seven children, which was normal for a Catholic family, and they lived at 70 Harman Street in Addington.

The property where they lived is now part of the Council's recreational area, which is named Cornelius O'Connor Reserve after the former owner.

One of the O'Connor boys served in World War One and was killed on the day he landed on the continent.

One of other sons became a priest. Father James O'Connor became the parish priest of Addington in 1920.

**Mike Burdon.**



#### The Cornelius O'Connor Reserve

The land was purchased in 1860 by Cornelius O'Connor (c1826-1916) and it stayed in his family for almost 140 years. When it was sold to the Council in about 1988 part of the land was developed for housing with the remainder being kept as a reserve.

The reserve was originally named Harman Reserve, because of its location in Harman Street, but it was renamed in 1998. O'Connor's grandson, Noel, felt this would be a fitting tribute to a working class settler and his family.

Further information from:  
[www.local.ccc.govt.nz/insite/](http://www.local.ccc.govt.nz/insite/)



Bridge over Jackson's Creek in Spencer Street.

## Addington Times

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## The Voice of the Addington Community



## THE GENERAL ELECTION 2014

### Saturday 20th September

#### What Type of Community Do You Want Addington To Be?

What makes Addington such a special place? Is it the people, the tree lined streets, the closeness to the city and Hagley Park? Is it your neighbour, Addington School or Sacred Heart School, your local Church, or the many little parks dotted around the place?

Is it because Addington has so many historic houses? The Addington Cemetery, the Historic Walkway, Church Square right in the heart of Addington? Is it the shops on Lincoln Road with the mix of little and big business, the great choice of cafés, restaurants and bars?

Perhaps it is having a great mix of community groups such as Addington Neighbourhood Association, Manuka Cottage, [addington.net](http://addington.net), The Salvation Army? Is this a neighbourhood worth supporting and identifying areas that need strengthening?

If the answer is "yes" then the next thing to do is make sure you are enrolled on the Electoral Roll and then on September 20th rock on up to one of the many polling booths throughout the area to vote.

If the answer is "no" then the next thing to do is still to make sure you are enrolled on the Electoral Roll and then vote on September 20th.

Did you know that 9000 people who are eligible to vote in Wigram alone are not enrolled? If everyone over the age of 18 years who is eligible to vote actually voted there would be a very different government in New

Zealand. There would be representatives from most of the parties, if not all, in parliament. The parties would then have to start talking to one another and co-operate to get what is important done. Negotiations would take place and the things that make each party unique would be brought to the table. Imagine it!

Instead, because people don't think their vote counts, or because they can't be bothered, or maybe because they have never voted and don't really know what to do, New Zealand, Aotearoa, gets a two-party race with a minor party here and there doing deals. Your vote does count and what is more, you are a role model to the next generation. Should they give up too? Should they learn that it is okay not to participate in the world around them?

Come on Addington! If you have moved since the last election you need to enrol. If you have never enrolled, you need to enrol. Addington is unique. Addington is home and Addington deserves the best that is on offer. You live here and you make Addington a great place to Live, Work and Play!

**Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker, Addington.**

#### Not enrolled?

Enrolling is easy. You can freetext your name and address to 3676, get a form from a Post Shop, or call Freephone 0800 367656. You can also enrol or update your details online at [www.elections.org.nz](http://www.elections.org.nz)

#### Can't decide?

Here's a website that helps you find the party with values that most closely match your own: [www.onthefence](http://www.onthefence)



addington.net



### Addington.net programme (314a Selwyn Street)

#### Monday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet  
10.30 – 12.00 pm Free Addnet learning group  
1.00 – 2.00 pm Free Android Club (book)

#### Tuesday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet  
10.30 – 12.00 pm Free Addnet learning group  
12.30 – 1.00 pm Free volunteer.net for community groups (book)  
3.30 – 5.30 pm Free IT Kids Club (7 to 10 year olds)

#### Wednesday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet  
10.30 – 12.00 pm Free Addnet learning group  
1.00 – 2.00 pm Free Digital Art Club (book)

#### Thursday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet  
10.30 – 12.00 pm Free Addnet learning group  
3.30 – 5.30 pm Free Addington Digital (10 to 15 year olds)

#### Friday

10.00 – 12.00 pm Free senior internet

For more information call 9627244 or  
email [info@addington.net.nz](mailto:info@addington.net.nz)

**Megan WOODS**  
Member of Parliament for Wigram



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**Labour**

Authorised by Megan Woods MP, Shop 8/12 McCarthy Street, Christchurch



## “Software Freedom Day” at addington.net



On **Friday 19 September**, addington.net is hosting a Software Freedom Day event. This is a worldwide event aiming to raise awareness about free software. Come in to addington.net (314 A Selwyn Street, next to the medical centre) where we will be running demonstrations of some applications of free software and will also be available for advice.

Here, “free” refers not just to price, but also to transparency. With paid software, it’s more difficult (and often illegal) to verify that it does what the manufacturer claims it does. In contrast, with free software, anyone (with the right skills) can check that the software is secure and safe to use. Also anyone can make contributions to improve the software.

All of this means that for most “industry-standard” pieces of paid software, such as Adobe Photoshop or Microsoft Office, there is a high-quality free software alternative. However, without the marketing budget of global corporations, public awareness of these alternatives is fairly low.

At addington.net we aim to provide low-cost computing resources to the community, therefore we use free software wherever possible. Some of the programs we have installed are:

- **GIMP & Inkscape** for photo editing and graphic design
- **Libre Office** for Office productivity software
- **Blender** for 3D animation
- **Audacity** for sound editing
- **Mozilla Firefox** web browser
- **VLC** video and music player
- **Stellarium** night sky viewer
- **Open Simulator** for virtual reality

The following day, Saturday 20 September, another Software Freedom Day event will be run by the Linux users’ group at South Learning Centre, 66 Colombo Street, Cashmere.

Greg Smith.

addington.net

## Artisan in Addington

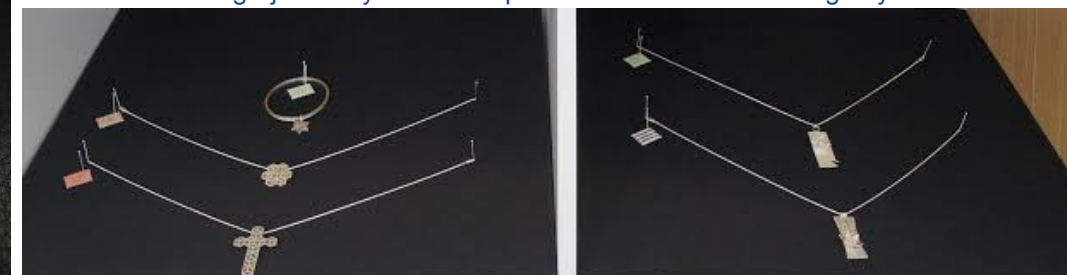


Handcrafted jewellery has made its way into Addington with the recent opening on Saturdays of the Forge Jewellery studio located at 65 Brougham Street. Jennifer Down has taken the plunge and left employment as a career coach and teacher to pursue her passion for art.

A current student at Hagley Community College and member of the Silversmiths’ Guild, she has been making jewellery for just a short time but loves it. “I have always had a heart for all things art and feel very fortunate that life has supported me to create the space I need to experiment with jewellery design and creation.”

All Jennifer’s pieces are handmade using mainly silver and she finds the inspiration for most of her designs in nature. “I look at all that surrounds me differently now and get excited when I see a design in something that until then was just a regular piece of my world.”

[www.forge-jewellery.co.nz](http://www.forge-jewellery.co.nz) <https://www.facebook.com/forge.by.Jennifer>



### ADDINGTON ELECTORATES

Most of Addington is in the WIGRAM electorate and the boundaries of this electorate have recently been changed, so it is really important that we vote. Also, the earthquakes have radically altered the population distribution in Addington so we can’t assume that the results will be the same as in the last election. EVERY VOTE WILL COUNT!

If you are thinking of voting for any of the new party candidates, make sure you know what their party stands for. Likewise, check out the current policies of the major parties. You have TWO votes: one for your MP and one for a party.

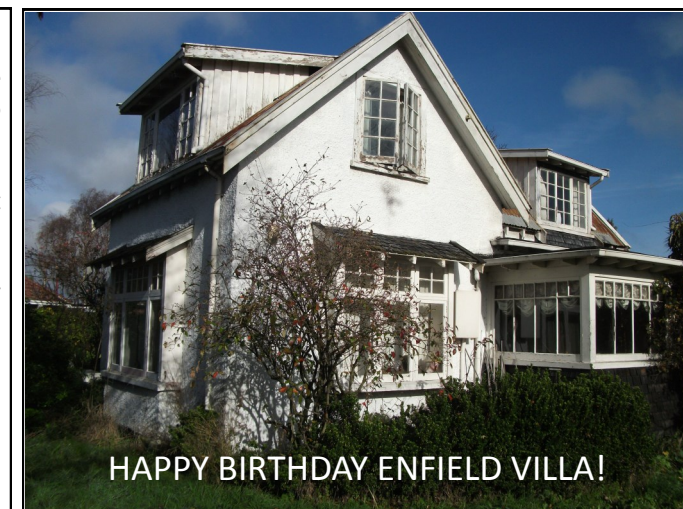
#### WIGRAM CANDIDATES

Lois McClintock	(Internet/Mana—new party)
Mark Peters	(Conservative—new party)
John Ring	(Democratic—new party)
Karl Varly	(National)
Richard Wesley	(Green)
Megan Woods	(Labour) the sitting MP

A small area to the North of Addington is included in the CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL electorate. Candidates include:

Tony Milne	(Labour)
David Moorhouse	(Green)
Nicky Wagner	(National) the sitting MP

(Candidates above are in alphabetical order.)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ENFIELD VILLA!

**150th BIRTHDAY PARTY—SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21st**  
2pm, 26 Burke Street, Addington

**LIVE MUSIC \* SAUSAGE SIZZLE \* HISTORIC WALK**  
**SCOOTER & MOTOR CYCLE DISPLAY**  
**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**  
**ALL WELCOME**

Come and meet your neighbours, learn more about the fascinating history of Addington and have fun.  
Thanks to Manuka Cottage, Class Acts, and Christchurch City Council.

For further information contact David Mitchell ph. 3669867





Photos: (1) packing seen through the viewing window; (2) looking into the warehouse; (3) Hummingbird coffee for sale at Oddfellows Café.

## Addington's Iconic Coffee

Hummingbird Coffee is roasted and packed at 438 Selwyn Street, Addington. If you sit in the adjacent Oddfellows Café sipping a flat white or whatever takes your fancy, you can watch the beans or ground coffee being packed next door through a strategically-placed window. You can also buy coffee to take home. George and Sue Cowper are the owners of Hummingbird, and George is also co-owner of Oddfellows Café with his sister-in-law, Jenny Macdonald.

Hummingbird have been roasting Organic Fair Trade Coffee in Addington since 2002, and they were the first company to source Fair Trade green beans through Trade Aid. Hummingbird sources green beans on a flavour profile, not price, and use the freshest beans possible. They support replanting schemes in Guatemala and Peru in conjunction with Trade Aid and pay a social premium of US10 cents per pound which contributes to projects such as building schools and hospitals in Ethiopia.

Nick Cowper at Hummingbird was kind enough to update me on recent activity. He explained: "We co-imported and roasted over 500 tonnes of Fair trade organic coffee in the 2013 season, this takes our Fair Trade premium to over \$250,000, of which over sixty thousand dollars went towards providing productivity and quality improvements. Typically this money is targeted towards such areas as co-operatives' technical programmes (employment and resourcing of staff who train farmer members in better production techniques) but it also might be used for the construction and operation of a seedling nursery, for instance. The remaining \$190,000 was used for social and economic investments at the community and organisational level within co-operatives. From figures supplied by the Oromia co-operative, the cost of construction of a block of four new classrooms was US \$40,000, and a basic medical centre might cost a similar amount to construct."

(Ed.)

## ADDINGTON WELL-BEING

This is a group of people who represent various helping agencies in Addington, augmented by interested locals, members of the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board, and also by our local MP, Megan Woods. The group is convened by Cherylan Davies, Addington Community Development Worker, and meets monthly.

**Good news this month includes the following:** two of the new Selwyn Street shops are under contract; Christchurch Community Gardens (in Selwyn Street) has received a very welcome grant from Fresh Choice, Barrington; Rik Tindall (Spreydon Heathcote Community Board) is running a free software lab at Christchurch South Library learning centre, 66 Colombo Street. (See the end of Greg Smith's article about a similar course at addington.net on page 2 of this edition.)

**Problems aired and solutions explored:** graffiti and vandalism in St Mary's churchyard (neighbours please ring the police if you observe suspicious activity, other measures are being followed up); the dangerous crossing between Selwyn and Brougham Streets which puts our children in harms way. Please join the Crossing Rally on September 13 (See the notice, p.3.)

**Planning ahead:** an emergency response resource list is in preparation in case of a future emergency in our area.

### Manuka Cottage Addington Community House Incorporated Operating from St Mary's Church Activities Manager: Dianne Fitzgerald

A warm and friendly place for you to enjoy, run by the community for the community.

Mon	10.am	Walkie Talkies Walking Group
	11am	Parlour Games, Jigsaw Corner, etc.
	12-1pm	Coffee n Chat - 10c per cup
Tues	11am—2pm	<b>Women's only day.</b> Join us for exercise (mild), a shared lunch, and card-making with tremendous resources. All welcome!
Wed	10.30 -11.30	Pop in for a cuppa! 10c per cup
	12-1pm	Community Lunch Gold Coin Donation
	11am-2.45pm	Manuka Fruit and Vege Co-op (collect your order and pay \$12 for the next )
Thurs	11am-3pm	Manuka Hub Addington TimeBank
	10.am	Addy-venturers Walking Group
	10-12 noon	Café 10c 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.**

**Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker, Ph: 338-2591, or visit us at our temporary location at St Mary's, Church Square.**



The Addington Fun Fair is happening again on Saturday, November 22 at St Mary's Church Square. The day will run from 11am - 3pm (rain day, Sunday from 12pm to 4pm to accommodate church services).

It promises to be a great day with lots of stalls, games, a bouncy castle, face-painting, pony rides and of course wonderful live music. There will also be a range of food including ethnic foods, a BBQ and a Devonshire Tea.

If you would like to have a stall, please email: [shauna.robins@gmail.com](mailto:shauna.robins@gmail.com). A small stall fee applies and this will be used to assist in keeping the cost of children's entertainment down—pony rides, etc.

**Roadside Rally**  
For a Safer Intersection!

**13th Sept**  
1-3pm Cnr  
Brougham & Selwyn  
on grassed area.

New Zealand Transport Agency are ignoring our communities concerns about the safety of Brougham and Selwyn Streets intersection despite campaigning efforts to make it safe throughout the year.

Join our local community of non-profit organisations, education services, small businesses, community board members and MP Megan Woods to speak out about your concerns and ensure that New Zealand Transport Agency puts the SAFETY of all road users before efficiency.

**Free sausage sizzle • Free kids entertainment • Hot drinks & more!**

To get involved contact Amanda Wallis at [info@makeitsafe.tk](mailto:info@makeitsafe.tk) or 02102476027

### ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

At the ANA meeting on 30th July I talked about the workshop I attended at the Beckenham Service Centre, with members of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, and Traffic Engineer, Chang Xi, to discuss problems identified by residents at the Brougham Street/Selwyn Street crossing. Two representatives from Addington School also attended: Amanda Wallis, a concerned parent, and Glenys Barr, the school AP.

Our main concern is for the safety of school children crossing Brougham Street at peak times. At present there is no school patrol, a very short crossing time, and huge trucks and heavy traffic turning into Brougham Street from Selwyn Street. A major worry is that a child will be killed or seriously injured while crossing at this intersection. (See notice above, right!)

The Community Board listened to our requests for turning arrows to control the traffic flow, barriers at the crossings to stop children from dashing on to the road and something to

keep cyclists safe. Then Chang Xi gave a presentation on his study of the intersection which was interesting, but we were told that turning arrows would hold up the Brougham Street Traffic too much and would cost too much. The representative from New Zealand Transport Agency did not attend the meeting (because of illness) so we didn't hear NZTA's view on our concerns about the intersection.

Although NZ Police and the City Council may be willing to help with a crossing patrol, we feel that lives are more important than traffic flow, and are determined to press this issue. There are turning arrows at other intersections along Brougham Street, and before the overbridge was extended traffic had to stop at Barrington Street before moving onto Brougham Street. Other main highways have turning arrows to allow turning traffic to get through, so ANA will keep the pressure on NZTA to make Brougham Street and Selwyn Street safer for everyone.

**Julie Derrick, Chair.**

**The next ANA meeting is October 24th.**



## Kingdom Resources: Making a Difference for 25 Years!



Photo above: Staff at Kingdom Resources are ready to help.

Kingdom Resources, based in Addington Mall, has helped thousands of people in Christchurch with interest free loans, free budgeting and employment advice since it was first launched in 1988.

An initiative of South West Baptist Church (formerly Spreydon Baptist), it quickly attracted volunteers from churches throughout Christchurch, with about 100 volunteers being part of its budgeting team today. Last year, the employment and budgeting teams helped nearly 3,000 people (adults and their children).

Kingdom Resources is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of helping people in need. It began by offering interest free loans to people caught in the debt trap. Today, its services also include one-to-one budgeting or employment advice, as well as free community courses such as *Making Money Matter*, *Taking the First Step* (an employment course for women) and *Men@Work* (an employment course for men).

The Kingdom Resources budgeting and employment teams are committed to helping people get their lives back on track.

Budget Client, Beth, young mum of two children, struggled to pay her monthly electricity bill. She felt crippled with debt and became ill with worry.

"I was in over my head with hire purchases – the interest was killing me," explained Beth.

Help came in the form of a Kingdom Resources Budget Education course, followed by one-to-one budget advice and access to an interest free loan.

"I feel my life is far more stable. Before the loan, I didn't know how I was going to get through the week. Now I'm not only paying my loan back, but I'm managing to save some money each week too. Life is way easier," she said.

Mata recently attended an employment course, specifically designed for women. The course aims to help women identify their skills and talents and help them to build their confidence. "The course was life-changing in a nutshell," said Mata. She said it gave her a real self-belief and improved her relationships at home as well!

"It's about really listening to their needs and connecting them with further help as appropriate such as churches, community groups or other services," said John Exton, General Manager. "We really want to make a difference to people's lives and show them that we care enough to help set them free from debt or get them back into work, sometimes both!"

Do you need budgeting or employment advice? Please call Kingdom Resources on 3321700 or email [kr@kingdomresources.org.nz](mailto:kr@kingdomresources.org.nz) for more information including how to enrol on our next employment courses.

(Text and photo supplied by Kingdom Resources)

## ADDINGTON'S LITERARY STREETS (3) Barrie Street

Named for the playwright and author, J.M. Barrie (1860-1937), Barrie Street is marked not with a statue of the great man himself but with a sculpture that recognises perhaps his best-known work.

James Matthew Barrie was born in Scotland. His father was a weaver, but young James loved books and he wanted to become a writer. He attended Edinburgh University and briefly worked as a journalist, but found that his freelance work was so popular that he could support himself writing stories and also plays when he moved to London.

Barrie's plays included *Quality Street* and *The Admirable Crichton* (1902), *What Every Woman Knows* (1908) and *Dear Brutus* (1917), all of which were repeatedly performed by Repertory Theatre companies in Britain for fifty years or more, and some were made into films in the heyday of British cinema.

Barrie met the four Fitzgerald boys in Kensington Park one day, and became a friend of the family. He was inspired to write *Peter Pan*, the story of a boy who never grew up, and he later adopted the Fitzgerald boys when their parents died. Barrie and his wife, Mary, had no children of their own.



A street party in Barrie Street, Addington, was held on 16 September 2009, to celebrate the installation of "Under the Eaves" by Christchurch artist, David Lloyd. Members of the Riccarton Players performed some pieces in costume and the artist said a few words.

The sculpture is mounted on a lamppost and represents a swallow's nest hanging from the eaves of a house. A metal band is inscribed with a quotation from the story of Peter Pan. "Do you know", Peter asked, "why swallows build in the eaves of houses? It is to listen to the stories."

D. Darnell

## Lunch on Manuka Cottage Addington Community House Inc! Wednesday 10th September, St Mary's Church, Church Square, Addington. Starts 11am.



**You are invited to come and meet your local candidates and have them tell you how they intend to address the local issues in Addington.**

**There will be a question and answer time so you can ask them questions that are important to you.**

There are two electorates across Addington: Wigram and Christchurch Central. Christchurch Central comes up Strickland Street up to Brougham, across to Selwyn Street and down to Hazeldean Road, along Hazeldean to Detroit Place and then running up Deans Avenue.

The rest of Addington is in the Wigram electorate. Candidates from both electorates will be invited to the luncheon.

The following words are found on the elections website and are so true!

*"We are all equal in one simple way – we each have a vote, and it is a powerful thing."*

Cheryl Davies, Community Development Worker.