

OLD ADDINGTON: The Catholic Church in Spencer Street

In June, 1898, Father Servajeau was transferred to Addington from the small West Coast town of Ahaura. He immediately set about planning a church for Addington, modelled on the Ahaura church. At the time, Addington was part of the Christchurch Pro-Cathedral parish.

Mike Burdon.

Photo below: The church today (from its website).

Addington became a parish in its own right in 1920 when the Catholic church was enlarged.

In 1971, a new church was built and given the name, Sacred Heart Church. "Addington (3)" as this became known, was opened and blessed by Bishop Brian Ashby on June 20th of that year.

This church cost \$60,000, and was built of a new type of building material—weatherboard—which was coated with a protective aluminium skin. The church could seat 500 people, and the bell in the church tower came from the old Redemptionist Monastery in New Brighton.



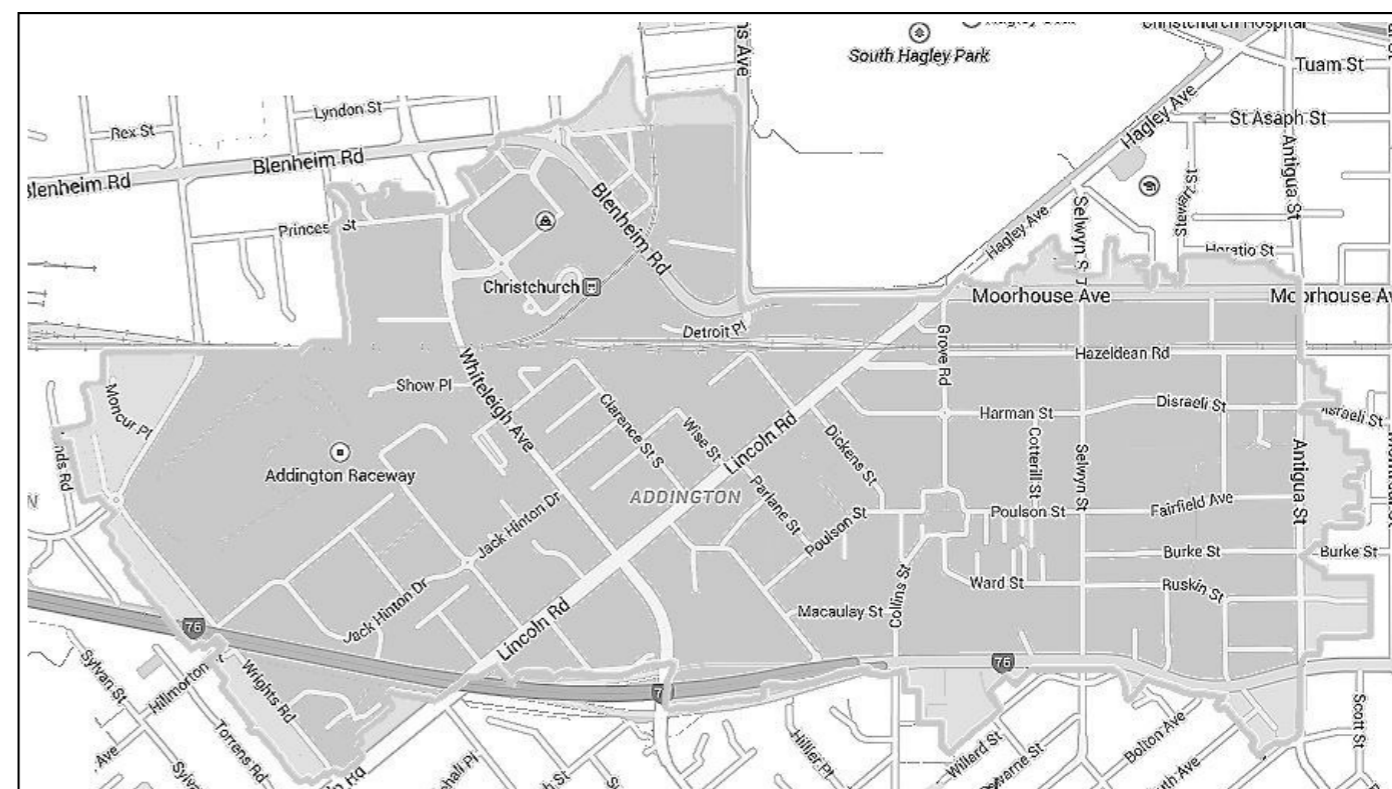
The following extract is from an Admin report via The Society of Mary, NZ. (www.sm.org.nz) June 21, 2012:

The Sacred Heart parish in Addington has a proud history of being the home of early Irish migrants – labourers especially in the Railway Workshops

Today, many of these families retain links to their Addington roots, however a succession of nearly 10,500 earthquakes and after-shocks has not only stirred the body, many are flocking back to this inner city suburb in a gentrification rather like that which occurred in Ponsonby or in Newtown on the other Island.

"In some sad way, it is to these New Zealanders that missionary work is more urgent as somewhere along the way, when we thought our maintenance was 'going pretty good', many of the descendants of the Irish Catholic pioneers had taken their faith for granted and failed to teach it and hand it on," [Fr] Craddock said.

The Voice of the Addington Community



Where is Addington? How should we be represented?

Map produced by Dean Brown, based on extensive research by Graham Robinson.

Since February, 2011, locals have been keen to support the Addington community in the face of post-quake disruption. But new businesses have taken refuge from the central city and changed the character of our main street, long-time residents have been moved on as their rented homes have been demolished in favour of higher density housing, and rebuild workers have arrived. Three years on, traffic snarl-ups caused by traffic engineers unable to foresee the human consequences of their big ideas, increase our levels of stress.

And now, this historic suburb is threatened with further vivisection as statisticians seek to identify blocks of land carrying identical numbers of people so that Community Board and Council representation can be "fairer". The City Council has produced maps showing how new community representation might work, but all of them ignore the shape of our actual community, as we see it.

In producing the Addington map above, Graham Robinson examined: Kiwimaps (2004 and 2008); Council records (street listings, newspaper articles and maps); City Libraries heritage records; Postcode listings from Postcode-Finder, and a map of the borough of Spreydon, 1912 (CCC-59474).

The map shows a darker shaded area identified as Addington by at least three sources, and a lighter area included by other sources. If you live north of Lincoln Rd, north of Moorhouse Ave, east of Antigua St or south of Brougham St/motorway, we need to know if you identify with Addington or another area. **PLEASE SEE PAGE SIX OF THIS ISSUE OF ADDINGTON TIMES.**

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Megan WOODS
Member of Parliament for Wigram



ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Addington Neighbourhood Association will be held on Wednesday May 28th at St Mary's Church in Church Square at 6.30 pm.

We will see if this earlier starting time works better for people. There will be other meetings with a shared meal beforehand, but not the May meeting. People can bring food for supper after the meeting if they wish.

Topics for conversation could be anything you want to talk about: proposed community boundary changes (as mentioned by Cherylan Davies in April's edition), the Christchurch City Council's long-term plan, how Church Square is after the meeting in Feb/March, progress on John Wilson's history book, etc.

The ANA is also going to start looking at its constitution so we will be reading through that at the next meeting.

Julie Derrick, ANA Chair.

Donald Sargent: A man of many talents



"I knew Addington because it had trotting — or "Ben Hurs", as we used to call them."

That's a recollection from Addington resident, Donald Sargent, who once used to visit Christchurch to help judge bagpipe competitions. He did that for twenty-seven years from 1961 to 1988.

In the 1950s-70s, Donald was actively involved in the competition scene as a bagpipe soloist, competition judge and composer. In 2010 his prize-winning march welcomed Prince Edward at the Greenville Games in South Carolina.

Donald has written a considerable number of musical compositions for the bagpipes, and also some music for the flute. Some of these feature in two books, *The Muckle Dram Collection* (1 & 2). That's the sort of title that seems to fit with his sense of fun and good humour, some of which may be due to his Irish heritage and the three enjoyable years he lived in County Tipperary.

Donald is an accomplished singer. Other interests include hunting and fishing. This brief article only touches on a few of his many and varied achievements — and very interesting life.

He moved to Addington from the Manawatu five months ago so he could be nearer family. By his own admission, Donald may not know much about the trotting at Addington, but he does have good

racing industry credentials. An accountant, Donald was Racing Club secretary at the Paihiatua Racing Club, Woodville District Jockey Club and Woodville Pahiatua Racecourse Co Ltd. (They are in the Tararua District, near Palmerston North and Masterton.)

By way of contrast to this, Donald had a healing practice for nearly thirty years, from 1975 to 2014. He says, "I used a pendulum. I would pass it over the body and it would start to move when it was near the area that needed healing. It was more than magnetic healing; I worked with the spirit and I manipulated necks and vertebrae. It sounds a bit 'witchy' but I still get calls from people wanting to come and get something fixed."

Donald is a widower, father and grandfather. He is legally blind, somewhat hard of hearing, and nudging 90. He doesn't get out and about in Addington much. Music and singing are great loves and he gets a lot of joy from listening to these on his computer.

His health has given him some grief, but Donald is typically upbeat, saying, "The cancer isn't a problem at the moment. In fact, I'm probably in better shape now than when I first came to Christchurch."

Di Boyd.

Photos by Di Boyd. Above: Donald at his computer. Below: with "Addington Bear" (purchased on line due to an accidental slip of the finger).





Community Energy Action Charitable Trust helps Canterbury people stay warm at home with insulation, free recycled curtains and free energy efficiency advice. They have put together a series of top tips to help you keep your home toasty through the colder months.

TOP TEN TIPS TO STAY WARM AT HOME

1. Get the insulation checked: A check doesn't cost anything and you may qualify for free insulation. Funding is also available for rental properties.

2. Make sure you have good curtains: Generously fitting and lined. If you cannot afford good curtains, contact Community Energy Action's Curtain Bank for free recycled curtains.

3. Close the "curtain gap": Enclosed curtain rails or pelmets will make your curtains more effective. If you don't have them, anything else that blocks the gap between curtain rail and wall will work: corflute from an old real estate sign, cardboard, a rolled up towel, etc.

4. Install DIY window insulation: For \$30 a pack it reduces heat loss comparable to double glazing. It requires only scissors and a hair dryer to install.

5. Don't dry clothes inside: use a dryer, dry outside or in the laundry, etc. A damp house is harder to heat and unhealthy.

6. Use extractor fans in kitchen and bathroom or open a window when cooking or bathing if you don't have them.

7. Take advantage of the sun: Make the most from the free heat from the sun by pulling curtains in the morning. Close them before dark to prevent heat escaping.

8. Switch to the cheapest power retailer and power plan for your lifestyle: Go to www.powerswitch.org.nz to check.

9. Heat your home to a healthy temperature: If you struggle to do that, get advice on subsidies for efficient heating that you can afford to run.

10. Get good advice: Call our free Energy Advice Service on 0800 388 588 today for free, personalised advice and more tips.

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What is Your Suburb?

To best represent what you identify as your suburb, please fill out this form and drop it off at one of the following collection points:

Manuka cottage at St Mary's (see times Mon-Thurs on p.3.); addington.net (314a Selwyn St.); Everybody's Butchery (372 Selwyn St.); Kingdom Resources (300 Lincoln Rd); Addington Seconhand Books (261 Lincoln Rd).

OR you can email your response to manukacottage@clear.net.nz OR phone 3382591 or 3381613 and leave a message.

ONE RESPONDENT WILL BE CHOSEN AT RANDOM TO RECEIVE A \$50 VOUCHER FOR MEAT FROM EVERYBODY'S BUTCHERY

What is your name?

What is your address?

What suburb do you identify with?.....

What are your reasons?

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Thank you for your help in identifying the boundaries of Addington! A great place to Live, Work and Play!

Cherylan Davies Community Development Worker, Addington.

Manuka Cottage Addington Community House

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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	Women's only Day. Join us for exercise (mild), a shared lunch, and card-making with tremendous resources.
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**

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

MANY THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



Photo above by Elaine Mayo: volunteers at Manuka Cottage/St Mary's finish off the folding of last month's Addington Times. L-R Tim Redwood, Dave Gorton and Marlene Griffiths.

Manuka Cottage activities rely heavily on volunteers to staff the vegetable co-op, prepare food for community lunches, and help with many other tasks.

The *Addington Times* is entirely produced by volunteers who write articles, take photos, edit and format the paper so that it can be printed. Pages received from Addington Print are then folded and distributed to willing helpers who post copies into letterboxes throughout our suburb.

ADDINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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THE LAST of the GOOD GUYS



bored with thousands of quakes, bored with so many desperate people and their fractured houses, Campbell kept on coming to see us and pursuing the stories big and small that made up our lives in Christchurch for so many years.

Campbell is too honest, too smart, too good a journalist not to be in our lives in the future, but if we lose *Campbell Live* we lose a programme of wonderful integrity that has consistently tried to show the best of us to the rest of us.

Campbell Live represents the last outpost of current affairs television that has had such an honourable history in New Zealand, and in the host John Campbell we may well have had the best of all the journalists that we have seen and heard on the tele.

Campbell has advocated for the small, the sad, the bullied and the besieged and he has done it with respect, intelligence and most importantly, relentlessly. This latter characteristic was very apparent in Campbell's coverage of the Canterbury earthquakes.

Long after other journalists and people in cities and towns elsewhere in New Zealand were bored with us,

Remember the many times John Campbell has raised money for desperate people and the great causes; remember the kids with the terrible teeth, remember the cheats and lies exposed; remember when the entire team ate and drank all that food that was past its "use by" or "best before" dates. Sometimes years passed and Campbell, giggling as always, gave us great TV and great journalism. We in Canterbury owe him and we should let TV 3 know why.

Karolin Potter

EXTENDING ADDINGTON'S SOCIAL HOUSING

On March 20th, the first sod was turned at the site of the City Council's extension to its social housing complex at Harman Courts. Two of the current residents were given that honour. They were Ann McKenzie, a long-term resident, and Ahmed Kafeda, a new arrival who comes from Bosnia.

Andrew Turner, Chair of the Council's Community Housing and Economic Development Committee, introduced the ceremony by explaining that three more blocks, comprising a further 18 new units are to occupy currently vacant land at the site, adding to the 60 units already there.

The new blocks have been planned to make the best use of the land available and will be orientated to maximise the benefits of the winter sun. Units will include an open-plan living area, and accessible wet bathrooms. They will have above-code insulation and double-glazing for warmth.

While some trees have been removed from the area prior to building, new trees and shrubs will be planted, and it is hoped that access to the adjacent Cornelius O'Connor Reserve will be opened up. (Ed.)



Above: Carolyn Gallagher, Manager of Harman Courts social housing complex (centre) introducing Ann McKenzie and Ahmed Kafeda.



Photo left: Andrew Turner, Chair of the Christchurch City Council's Housing and Economic Development Committee, addresses the gathering.

Photo right: Members of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, who work with the Christchurch City Council to represent the concerns of the people of Addington. Last month Karolin Potter wrote about the Board for Addington Times. (She is seen here temporarily with crutches.) The Board Chairperson is Paul McMahon (second left).



CANTERBURY MAGAZINES

John and Trish Turner opened their business, *Canterbury Magazines*, in Addington after losing their central city premises in the February 2011 earthquake.

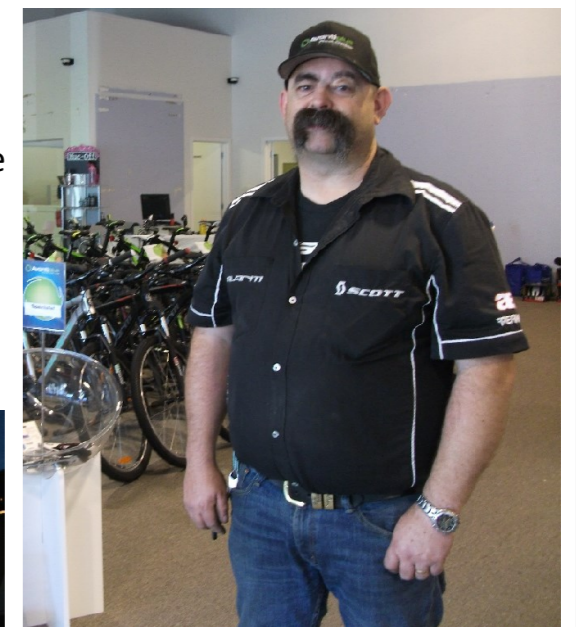
They have made many friends in Addington and provided a valuable service to grateful customers. But now, after years of insurance hassles and constant rent rises, they have decided to continue with their business from home. (Email: sales@canterburymagazines.co.nz)



Goodbye - Addington will miss you

FLEET CYCLES

Fleet Cycles had continued an important Addington business in Lincoln Road for over 100 years before the February 2011 earthquake struck. Escaping the devastation, it eventually opened brand new premises, but now its doors are closed in Lincoln Road for good. You'll now find it closer to the central city on the corner of Colombo and St Asaph Streets.



Above: Greg Shaw, Manager of Fleet Cycles

Hello - Please stay a while!

Sue Gorton took this photo (right) of the Keruru (native wood pigeon) seen among the trees around St Mary's Church.

