

Manuka Cottage Addington Community House

A warm and friendly place for you to come and enjoy, the Cottage is run by the community for the community. Pop in for a cuppa and use the computer, phone, newspaper, or use the many resources and information available.

Mon	9.15am	Walkie Talkies Walking Group
	11am	Parlour Games, Jigsaw Corner etc.
	12-1.30 pm	Coffee n Chat
Tues	9.30 – 1pm	Women's Only Day
	10-12 noon	Bits n Bobs
	10am	Bring and Buy
	9-12 noon	Addington Playgroup
Weds	11-12 noon	Coffee n Chat
	12-1pm	Community Lunch <i>Gold Coin Donation</i>
	11am – 3pm	Manuka Fruit and Vege Co-op
	11am-3pm	Manuka Hub of Addington TimeBank
Thurs	9.15am	Addy-venturers Walking Group
	10-12.30pm	Café 20c per cup
	10.30-12 noon	Ideas and Action
	1-3pm	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 have a sense of belonging and connection in your neighborhood. Come and meet new people. *Everybody is welcome and accepted!*

Cherylan Davies, Community Development Worker.
Ph. 3381613 Or visit 7 Dickens Street.

Please note our new location. We are next door to Burger King.

ADDINGTON ACTION

Organised by local residents in response to the Feb 22 quake

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Tiny Tips



Did you know that baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) in your fridge keeps the air fresh? You might like to put some in a container and see if you notice any difference.

ADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Following on from last months' article about the brass plaques missing from our local reserves, it has come to light that there is a big problem in Addington of petty theft from residential properties. Some people are helping themselves to things such as gardening equipment, but the main problem is opportunistic theft from open windows. According to one source, some young people of small stature are going around the neighbourhood looking for open windows. They are able to get in to a house through very small openings, so we must be vigilant about security. If you are outside shut all windows and lock doors, and don't leave any personal property outside. Everyone in Addington needs to feel safe, so look out for each other and help to keep Addington an enjoyable place to live.

The other hot issue at the moment is the parking problem! With cars clogging the streets all day long, and parking in hazardous, inconvenient places, something has to be done. The Addington Wellbeing Group, which includes Manuka Cottage and ANA, have written to the City Council and Community Board, outlining the parking problems and offering a range of solutions. There is a petition to sign at Manuka Cottage and the ANA may go door to door with a petition. The more signatures we get from frustrated residents the more likely the Council might be inclined to do something to solve the parking problem.

Julie, Chairperson ANA

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CENSUS DAY

Tuesday 5 March is Census Day. Everyone living in New Zealand on Census Day must fill in a census form. The information from the census helps the government to decide what resources are needed in our community - things like healthcare services, schools, transport, housing and recreational facilities.

The information on your census forms is confidential and it is never shared with other people or organisations - not the police, not immigration, WINZ or IRD, so you can be sure your information is safe. If you are sharing your property with people staying in garages or caravans, or if you know of people sleeping rough, please encourage them to fill out their census forms because then we can help get more funding into our community.

Census collectors began delivering forms on 16 February. They are easy to identify because they wear a yellow ID card and carry a blue Statistics NZ bag. It's particularly important for immigrant and ethnic communities to participate in the census because then we can plan for and fund the things that are important to you. Census collectors have help available in a number of languages - just ask!

Everyone in the place where you live must fill out a blue (individual) census form. You must also fill out one brown (dwelling) form for the house. You can fill out the paper forms provided, or you can do them online. If you don't have internet at home, Christchurch City Libraries provide a free online service - just remember to take your paper forms and Internet Access Code with you. You can also take your forms to addington.net - they have generously agreed to provide free internet access for people wanting to do their census forms online. If you have questions or need more information, you can go online to: <http://www.census.govt.nz> or call freephone 0800 CENSUS (0800 236 787).



Margot Hudson at the pancake races —Photo: Nate Cull.

The Beth Hodgson Memorial Pancake Race provided a great deal of enjoyment, for participants and spectators alike, at St Mary's Church on 12 February. The winning team was Parlane Palace, and everyone enjoyed the shared pancake feast at the conclusion.

Addington Historic Sites

The Addy-venturers walking group, who meet on Thursday mornings 9.15 at Manuka Cottage, would like to know where the historic sites of Addington are located. Particularly the site of the immigration barracks, where a lot of the early European settlers would have started their life in Christchurch and Canterbury. We would also like to see old photographs of the area. Pictures of buildings, streets and people would be appreciated. If you are able to help please call into Manuka Cottage at 7 Dickens St or phone 3381613. All photos will be returned to their owners.

Julie.



Join us at addington.timebanks.org or contact us at addington.times@gmail.com or visit us at either Manuka Cottage, 7 Dickens St between 11am and 1pm on Wednesday or ask about us at addington.net in Addington Mall.

TUNE INTO RADIO ADDINGTON AT 107.5 F.M.



ON THE ROAD TO THE FUTURE

Addington.net was created in 2001 in response to the ever increasing need for people, both from Addington and the wider community of Christchurch, to use computers in their daily lives and in their jobs.

We are situated opposite the Sallies in Addingtown Mall, and young and old come for free clubs, internet, printing, photocopying, faxing, CV preparation, job applications, training, timebanking and much more.

CPIT was associated with addington.net for many years with their Computing for Free courses, until 2011 when they moved to their own premises. A hole then had to be filled, so in October 2011 the free addnet-team learning group was born.

Addington.net is growing into a friendly, welcoming learning community centre where volunteers and staff share their knowledge and everyone grows in competence. Greg, Steve, Marilyn and Elaine are eager to show everyone that learning is fun. And they do have fun: fun with Reita who collected songs and sang them beautifully, and fun with Rod who created a book online from his holiday photos with help from Elaine.

Addington Writers is a new group, which meets Mondays and Thursdays 11am to 12 noon. Come and join us to write your life story or maybe some poetry or short stories.

Last year the focus was on the youth in the community. In New Zealand there is a shortage of people with certain skills, such as programming and film animation. Greg, Marja and Blair showed young people to

code their own game or to design a house with Google Sketch Up – some future stars may have been created.

Youngsters develop skills on Thursdays in the IT Kids Club for 7 -12 year olds, or on Wednesdays in Addington Digital for 12-18 year olds. The sessions are held from 3.30 to 5.30 pm and during these times the centre is closed to the public.

The newest additions for the Club are two robots, called Scribblers. The Scribblers come with special software to enable young people to programme the robots to draw, have a race or put on a light show.

In 2013/14 we hope to host the Computer Science Club here, in collaboration with the University of Canterbury.

Number one on the wish list of addington.net for the future is upgrading our internet connection to Ultra-fast Broadband with fibre optic cable. The cable was laid on Lincoln Road in November. This will especially improve the quality of tuition to the young people.

Staff, volunteers and the children are continuously upgrading their knowledge. If anybody in Addington has skills in the areas of video/audio, 3-D design, graphic design, digital art, photography, etc., and would like to share them with young people, please get in touch. You can use Addington Timebank to gain time credits to exchange for someone else's services. Contact us on Ph: 9627244 or e-mail us at info@addington.net.nz

Marja Blom

A SHORT HISTORY OF ADDINGTON



Di Boyd talks to Addington researcher Mike Burdon

In the early 1980s when I lived in Christchurch, Addington was famous in New Zealand for its racecourse and show grounds, prison, bikie gang and Railway Workshops. But by the February 2011 quake, Addington was very different. Horse racing was past its heyday, the Show Grounds had moved and the land been covered by houses. The Epitaph bikie gang had gone, Addington Prison had become a backpackers' and the once thriving Railway Workshops were no more. Since the quake rubble the inner city, Addington is changing again. Low rise buildings are taking shape and the area is being revitalised. I spoke with a local who has an interest in its past.

Long time Addington resident, Mike Burdon, has written a short history of a suburb that has been around a long time. Historian and geographer, Mike says Addington started life

about 1879 as an industrial area but became home to blue collar workers who couldn't afford inner city rents. The Railway Workshops thrived when rail was still king. "Rail was the biggest employer at the time. The Workshops provided work and apprentices for about 40 different trades - coach building, plumbing, everything." Mike says the Workshops closed in 1987 and were later demolished. The water tower at the Tower Junction shopping complex is the last standing trace of the Workshops". He explained. "It is one of the first buildings in the world to be made of reinforced concrete. All the Tower Junction area was Railway Workshops. I talked to a couple of old boys and they remember swimming in the tower and climbing it to get a view of the races."

Addington Prison in Lincoln Road was shut in 1999 and converted into the Jailhouse Accommodation which, not surprisingly, has made a décor feature of its former identity. In terms of comfort though, it is a far cry from the prison. "It wasn't a holiday camp. You only had a bucket, small table, chair, kapok bed, concrete walls two feet thick. No heating; nothing. Each cell had a window but no curtains. It was a pretty gruesome place." Mike says there was also an army barracks in Poulson Street. The City Council housing units in Andrews Crescent are on land that was once accommodation for the staff. He says the barracks were built before World War One and were used for rehabilitation of soldiers returning from the war.

Mike has been living in Addington for about twenty years and is very fond of the place. He says he has been working on his project for a while and hopes it have it finished soon. His concern over the way so much history is being lost in Addington has prompted him to research and write the short history. "The historic places will be taken out by concrete and steel. The old colonial atmosphere will disappear", he says.

Di Boyd



Mike Burdon's map of Addington, c.1930.

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