Welcome to Addington



Resource Kit for New Residents

November 2026

Kia ora! Welcome to Addington!

We are delighted you have decided to make Addington – our thriving, inner city suburb – your home.

Our Welcome Pack offers you the information you need as soon as you step through the door into your new home. It provides you with useful, hands-on practical information about the area. We also hope it will work as an invitation to take part in the many community initiatives and events that breathe life into our suburb.

Please be aware that many local and central government agencies use both English and Māori in their names and as part of their information.

Addington Neighbourhood Association (ANA)

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Addington Neighbourhood Association – our local residents' group

Established in 1989, the ANA is the Christchurch City Council recognised residents' group for Addington.

We meet at 7pm on the last Wednesday of every month (except December) at St Mary's Church in Church Square to discuss issues affecting the community. We also provide access to a low-cost trailer hire service.

Everyone is welcome – it's a chance to make a difference in our neighbourhood. Please note, St Mary's generously provides our venue but we are not affiliated.

Open to all Addington residents, full membership in the ANA costs only $5 per financial year (April - March).

Postal address: 21 Church Square, Addington, Christchurch 8024
Location of meetings: St Mary's Church, Church Square, Addington
Hours: Monthly meeting the last Wednesday of each month, at 7 pm
Email: addingtonhistory@xtra.co.nz / addington.org@gmail.com
Web: https://addington.org.nz


MONTREAL ST
ANTIGUA ST
STRICKLAND ST
HAZELDEAN RD
FAIRFIELD AVE
BURKE ST
RUSKIN ST
SELWYN ST
BLENHEIM RD
MOORHOUSE AVE
HARMAN ST
GROVE RD
WARD ST
BROUGHAM ST
CLARENCE ST
WHITELEIGH AVE
LINCOLN RD
SPENCER ST
MACAULAY ST
MOTORWAY
SOUTHERN
CHRISTCHURCH
LYTTELTON ST
TORRENS RD
WRIGHTS RD
SYLVAN ST
MATIPO ST
WAINUI ST
PRINCESS ST
LYNDON ST
BARRINGTON ST
EDINBURGH ST
NEVILLE ST
HOWARD ST
POULSON ST
COLOMBO ST
REDRUTH AVE
BLETSOE AVE
SELWYN ST
HAGLEY AVE
DEANS AVE
LINCOLN RD
ANNEX RD

Barrington Plunket Clinic
120 Conway Street, Spreydon.
Call: 03 366 07650, or 0800 184 803

Addington Plunket Clinic / Christchurch Plunket Family Centre
5 Twigger Street, Addington.
Call: 0800 184 803,
Plunket: 0800 933 922

BestStart Barrington
46 Bewdley Street, Spreydon.
Call: 03 926 2948

Deb's Place Early Learning Centre
29 Macauly Street, Addington. 8024
Call: 03 338 4470

Kidsfirst Kindergarten
366 Selwyn Street, Addington.
Call: 03 366 3472, 027 550 8419

Kindercare Learning Centres- Addington
Unit 1, 2a Barry Hogan Place, Addington.
Call: 03 348 1966

Lalaga Preschool and Nursery
37 Brougham Street, Addington.
Call: 366 6679

Addington Te Kura Taumatua (Addington Primary School)
22 Brougham Street, Addington.
Call: Telephone: 366 2909
Has a Conductive Education Unit to support children with motor disorders.

Christchurch South Karamata Intermediate School
204 Selwyn Street, Spreydon .
Call: 03 332 2408

Te Puna wai o Waipapa Hagley College – Secondary School
510 Hagley Avenue, Christchurch.
Call: 03 379 3090

Sacred Heart – Catholic Primary School
40 Spencer Street, Addington.
Call: 03 338 3247

Civil Defence

Addington is 10 to 12 metres above sea level and is not in a flood or tsunami-danger zone.

Civil Defence Emergency Management Canterbury

Call: 03 366 2359

Civil Defence is a combination of local and central government agencies and emergency response organisations, which co-ordinate any required emergency response. Visit their website to make a plan to keep you and your whānau / family safe in an emergency. You can find local information during an emergency at CCC website, CCC Newsline and CCC Facebook page, or contact the Council on 941 8999.

Community events and celebrations

Here are some of Addington's key annual events – check out the calendar on our website or visit Mānuka Cottage's website for up-to-date information and upcoming events.

February	Pancake Tuesday at St Mary's, including pancake race for teams of 6
Easter	Easter Church Services

April	Community ANZAC Service, St Mary's Church
June	Market Day and Winter Soup Kitchens (June – August)
	Midwinter events at Christchurch South Community Gardens, Strickland Street
July	Winter Solstice / Matariki Celebration at Mānuka Cottage
September	Keep NZ Beautiful local clean-up
October	Heritage Festival evening
November	Addington Community Fun Fair at Church Square
December	Christmas Carols at St Mary's

Community initiatives – connecting us

The Catholic Worker - Suzanne Aubert House, 8a Cotterill Street, Addington,
Contact: Francis Simmonds,
Call: 03 338 7105

Mānuka Cottage Addington Community House Incorporated
A key community hub connecting people of all ages through the Addington Times, a Facebook Page and a range of community events, celebrations, and get togethers.

Location: 70 Harman Street, Addington,
Contact: Cherylan Davies (Manager of Community Development), Jackie Foote (Activities Co-ordinator)
Call: 03 332 1613 *or* text 022 017 5478
Disability support and advocacy services

Aspire Canterbury / Braintree Wellness Centre
70 Langdons Road, Papanui.

Call: 0800 347 242, 03 366 6189
Links and information about support services for disabled people in Canterbury. Hire out assistive tools like wheelchairs, walkers, and ramps.

Association of Blind Citizens – Christchurch Network
Call: 04 389 0033. Support and advocacy for those who are Blind or have low vision.

Blind Low Vision NZ – Christchurch - 96 Bristol Street, St Albans.
Call: 0800 24 33 33, 03 3754 300. Support for those who are Blind or have low vision.

CCS Disability Action – Christchurch - 220-224 Lichfield Street, Christchurch.
Call: 03 365 5661 or 0800 227 2255.
Advocacy and support for disabled people and their whānau / family.

Deaf Aotearoa – Tāngata Turi - 96 Bristol Street, St Albans.
Call: 0800 332 322. Support for Deaf people and those hard of hearing.

Mental Health Education and Resource Centre (MHERC)
Level 1, 12 Hazeldean Road, Addington. **Call:** 03 365 5244 / 0800 424 399
Support for people seeking information and help with mental health issues for themselves or a loved one. MHERC can support you to find the information, resources and services you need.

People First NZ Ngā Tāngata Tuatahi –
Christchurch Community House, 213 Lichfield Street, Central Christchurch .
Call: O4 381 3243, 0800 206 070, or 027 273 3103.
Support and advocacy for people with a learning disability and their whānau / family.

Environment

Addington Bush Society – a suburban oasis -
Contact: Ruth Wilkins 027 569 7455, or Pavla Fenwick 021 051 4699.
An 850m2 Native Bush Reserve based behind housing in Poulson Street and Spencer Street.

Christchurch South Community Gardens
Location: 188 Strickland Street, Spreydon.
Contact: Christine Blance.
Call: 03 942 6630.
"Our mission is to develop a resource for the Christchurch community." Visit our website to see how you can get involved.

Te Waerenga Addington Park Community Garden
Email: addingtonparkcommunitygarden@**gmail**.com
Call: 020 4012 7691
Helping people grow connection and kai security through community gardening. The farm also supplies the Otautahi Vege Bags.

Faith and worship

Christchurch South Tongan Methodist (Falelotu Kosipeli) Church
42 Somerset Cres, Spreydon.
Minister: Rev Tavake Manu / Andrew Donaldson.
Call: 027 249 8967 / 027 428 7356.
Meetings: Sunday 1pm

St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church - Church Square, Addington.
Minister: Les Memory.
Call: 03 338 3598.
Email: anglicanstmary@gmail.com.
Mass 10.30am Sunday

Sacred Heart Church (Catholic Parish of Christchurch South).
70 Spencer Street, Addington.
Parish Priest: Father Kevin Mowbray SM.
Call: 03 338 8395
Regular masses: Sat 9am, 5pm (Vigil), Sun 10.30am

Salvation Army Sydenham.
250 Colombo Street, Sydenham.
Call: 03 332 8277

Samoan Addington Seventh-day Adventist Church.

61 Brougham Street, Addington.
Email: msavage@adventist.org.nz.
Call: 03 365 1020.
Facebook: Samoan Addington Seventh-day Adventist Church.
Services: Sat 9.30am Sabbath School; 11am Worship

South West Baptist Church - 244 Lyttelton Street, Spreydon. **Senior Pastor:** Duane Major. **Call:** 03 338 4163.
Email: hello@swbc.org.nz.
Facebook: South West Baptist Church.
Services: Sunday 10am

Masjid Annur / Mosque Al Noor. 101 Deans Avenue, Riccarton.
Call: 03 348 3930.
Facebook: Al Noor Mosque

General advice

Citizens Advice Bureau - 133 Brighton Mall, New Brighton.
Call: 03 366 6490 / 0800 367 222.
We give free, confidential, independent information and advice to anyone. We can support you to access services to support you.

Community Law Canterbury -
Location: 198 Montreal Street, Christchurch Central. **Call:** 03 366 6870.
Email: admin@canlaw.org.nz.
We work to reduce barriers to accessing the law by providing free information and advice.

Kingdom Resources
Location: 246 Lyttelton Street, Spreydon.
Chief Executive: David Baines.
Call: 03 332 1700.
Email: info@kingdomresources.org.nz

Supports families to build a more financially sustainable future by offering free financial mentoring along with a range of other services.

Christchurch Hospital - 2 Riccarton Avenue. **Call:** general 03 364 0640, Patients 03 364 0600, Emergency 03 364 0270

Barrington Medical Centre - 16 Athelstan Street, Spreydon.
Call: 03 332 3069
Also includes a dentist, pharmacy, and physio. There is a Blood Testing Service nearby.

Phoenix Health Hub
Unit 9, 166 Moorhouse Avenue (off Antigua Street).
Call: 03 365 3659

Selwyn Village Healthcare
314 Selwyn Street, Spreydon.
Call: 03 366 8970 An after hours clinic also operates from this site.

Village Health Medical Centre
30 Lincoln Road, Spreydon.
Call: 03 338 8595

Moorhouse Medical Centre
3 Pilgrim Place, Sydenham.
Call: 03 365 7900

Blood Testing

Christchurch Hospital Outpatients - Corner of Hagley Avenue and Tuam Street, ground floor *or*

Awanui Labs 14 Athelstan Street, Barrington. **Call:** 359 0900. Book your visit online at www.awanuilabs.co.nz to avoid a wait.

Counselling

The Arahura Centre 406 Barrington Street.
Call: 03 3381080

Pharmacies

Addington Pharmacy -294 Lincoln Road, Addington.
Call: 03 338 5805

Bargain Chemist Tower Junction - 66 Clarence Street, Addington.
Call: 03 595 2841

Chemist Warehouse - Shop 2, South City Mall, 555 Colombo Street.
Call: 03 974 0528

Life Pharmacy Barrington
Shop 54, Barrington Mall, 256 Barrington Street.
Call: 03 337 5527

Selwyn Village Pharmacy
316 Selwyn Street, **Call:** 03 379 7172, or on Facebook

Heritage

Addington has a rich history, with its more recent colonial history dating back to the mid-19th century. Take some time to visit some of the heritage sites around Addington.

- **Addington Cemetery -**
  402–418 Selwyn Street, Addington.
  Established in 1858, Addington Cemetery was the first public cemetery in Christchurch. Kate Shepard, the leader of the fight to win the right for women to vote in New Zealand, is buried here. It is listed by Heritage New Zealand as a Category 1 Historic Place meaning it is of 'outstanding heritage significance'. Visit www.heritage.org.nz for more information.
- **Addington Prison (now Jailhouse Accommodation) -**
  338 Lincoln Road, Addington.
  Opened in 1871, Addington Prison was the first prison in Canterbury. Surprisingly, it was only closed properly as a remand facility in 1999. From 2006 it has been a backpackers' hostel.
- **Addington Raceway and Events Centre -** 75 Jack Hinton Drive, Addington.
  Call: 03 338 9094.
  Home to the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club since 1899.
- **St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church in Church Square -**
  21 Church Square, Addington.
  Call: 03 338 3598.
  This Anglican heritage church opened in 1867. Sunday worship began and

continues to this day with this church a key community hub. This is one of the oldest churches in Christchurch and only the second church in Christchurch situated in its own square.

- **Addington Water Tower – Tower Junction -**
  Built in 1883, this former water tower once served the Addington Railway Workshops. Today it is the only reminder of this massive industrial complex. The tower was New Zealand's first reinforced concrete structure. It is now nestled in the Tower Junction shopping complex.

For further Addington history, refer to *Local Lives; A History of Addington* by John Wilson, available at local libraries.

Kai time – food banks and pantries

Community pantries -
There are several local pantries on the footpath at various places around the neighbourhood. They offer surplus food to those struggling to afford to put food on the table. Take only what you need.
You can find them at:

- Ruskin Street – outside number 23
- Clarence Street South – near Walsall Street.

Te Waerenga Ōtautahi Vege Bags - Web: https://otautahiveges.nz
Subscription vege bags grown right here in Addington. Organically grown, local and fresh! Pay-what-you-can & pay-it-forward pricing so no one misses out.

Foodbanks

Christchurch City Mission - 276 -284 Hereford Street.

Call: 03 365 0635 *or* 0800 787 855

Foodbank New Zealand – directory of foodbanks in Christchurch

Call: 03 930 1065. **Web:** www.foodbank.co.nz/canterbury

Hoon Hay Foodbank -
90 Hoon Hay Road, Hoon Hay. **Call:** 022 1512945
Email: hoonhayfoodbank1@gmail.com.
Facebook: Hoon Hay Foodbank

Libraries

For more information visit the Christchurch City Libraries website at https://christchurchcitylibraries.com or visit your local library.

Ōmōkihi (South Library & Beckenham Service Centre)
66 Colombo Street, Beckenham -
Call: 03 941 8999 **Web:** ccc.govt.nz

Spreydon Library -
266 Barrington Street, Spreydon. **Call:** 03 941 7923

Tūranga – Central Library -
60 Cathedral Square, Central City. **Call:** 03 941 7923

Workers Educational Association – WEA Canterbury.
59 Gloucester Street, Central City.
Call: 03 366 0285

Christchurch South Toy Library -
47 Studholme Street, Somerfield.
Call: 027 7141335, Also on Facebook

Local Government

Ōmōkihi (South Library & Beckenham Service Centre)

66 Colombo Street, Beckenham -
Call: 03 941 8999 **Web**: ccc.govt.nz

The Service Centre is part of the Christchurch City Council administrative office and includes South Library. Services include rate payments, parking coupons, building permits, dog licensing, recycling information, composting kits, bus timetables, community funding, event planning and street improvements.

Waihoro – Spreydon – Cashmere - Heathcote Community Board
The Community Board is the liaison between the public and the CCC. If you have a concern about an issue affecting public infrastructure, events or bylaws in the city, the Community Board is your best point of contact.
Contact: Jonathon James, Community Board Advisor
Call: 03 941 5563
Email: Johnathon.Jones@ccc.govt.nz
Current Board Chair: Keir Leslie. Phone: 027 309 3322
Email: Keir.Leslie @ccc.govt.nz
The Spreydon board is currently: Sophie Bond (Deputy Chair), Melanie Coker and Roy Kenneally.

Members of Parliament (MPs)
MPs can be approached with your concerns, though they may refer you to the Community Board or CCC.
Call: 0800 72736282 for information on contacting your local MP

Wigram Electorate or Christchurch Central Electorate -

Email: `1st name.last name@parliament.govt.nz

Local media

Addington Times
Our community newsletter delivered free in the Addington area at the beginning of each month (except January). You can also receive it by email or download it from https://manukacottage.org.nz.
Email: addington.times@gmail.com – Addington Times Editorial Team

The Press - A commercial newspaper published 6 mornings each week. Available from local shops, or subscription.
Call: 03 379 0940.

The Star / Southern View - A free commercial newspaper reporting on local issues for South Christchurch. Published each Thursday, available from most supermarkets.
Call: 03 379 7100.
Web: www.alliedmedia.co.nz

Radio Addington - A locally based radio station. Plays pre-recorded music on 107.5 khz of the FM band.

Migrant and refugee support -

There is a *Migrants Guide to Christchurch* on the Christchurch City Council website at https://ccc.govt.nz.

Christchurch Resettlement Services -
Level 1, 283 Lincoln Road, Addington.
Call: 03 335 0311
Web: crs.org.nz.
Supports people from refugee and migrant backgrounds to resettle in Christchurch.

Peeto English Language College
22 Twigger Street, Addington.
Call: 03 343 2890

Wilkinson's English Language School
22 Twigger Street, Addington.
Call: 03 335 0916 / 021 08393810.
Training and education for migrants and refugees.

Rangatahi (Young people)

Go to https://manukacottage.co.nz to find local activities for young people,
There is a half-basketball court at 70 Harman Street, near Manuka Cottage.

Rubbish and recycling – getting it right

Rubbish collection - Bins are collected every Tuesday. Place them at the kerbside by 6am, noting that public holidays may change collection dates. Christchurch City Council may inspect bins, and bins may not be emptied if they contain incorrect items or are too heavy.
Alternative bin sizes are available for an additional cost.
Record your bin serial numbers in case they go missing.
Download the Christchurch City Council (CCC) free app from Google Play or the App Store to find out which bins go out and when.

Green bin – Organic (50 litre) is collected weekly. For food scraps & garden waste (meat, bones, fish, shells and shellfish), leaves, small branches, garden trimmings, grass clippings.
Do not put in harakeke / flax, tī kōuka / cabbage tree leaves, soil, food packaging with food on it, and liquids. Check the app.

Red bin – General waste (140 litre) is collected once a fortnight. Put in takeaway cups and containers, dirty bottles, containers over three litres in size, all lids, fabric and clothing, liquid cartons like juice, milk, compostable, biodegradable bags and packaging. Check the app.

Yellow bin – Recycling (240 litre) is collected once a fortnight.
Put in clean glass jars and bottles (three litres or less and put lids in red bin or take elsewhere), plastics numbered 1, 2 and 5, cream containers, aluminium cans, clean tin cans, cardboard and paper no smaller than an envelope. Check the app.

Composting -Christchurch South Community Gardens, 88 Strickland Street accept garden waste for composting.
Manager: Christine Blance.
Call: 03 942 6630. **Web:** cscommunitygardens.net.nz

Caps and Lids cannot go in the Yellow Bin but as long as they are clean and dry, they can be taken to collections points around the City (see capsandlidsrecycling.co.nz to find out more).

Soft Plastics (clean and dry) can be taken for recycling to the Warehouse in Barrington Mall and other places around the city (see https://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/ for more information).

There are many options for recycling available around the city – The Christchurch City Council has a page that outlines them at https://ccc.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/learning-resources/recyclingschemes

Safety information – Police and security

Call 111 if you or someone else is in danger. Call when something is happening now, like an assault, burglary, car theft.

Call 105 to report a crime that has already happened and where no one is in danger now.
Web: www.police.govt.nz to report crime online.

Christchurch South Police Station. 154-158 Colombo Street, Beckenham - is only open during the day, Monday – Friday.
Call: 04 910 5105

Christchurch Police Station 40 Lichfield Street (part of Justice Precinct).
Call: 03 363 7400

Christchurch South Community Patrol -
Call: Patrol leader: Ken Bye: 027 7480697.
Web: chcsthpatrol.org.nz
Acting as eyes for the Police, volunteers drive around our community at night. They report incidents where Police need to attend.

Sports & Recreation

Addington Brass Band.
Bandroom: 8 Vulcan Place, Middleton.
Email: committee@addingtonbrass.co.nz.
Addington Brass are a community-based group rehearsing and thriving in Addington since 1883.

Addington Magpies – Rugby League Football Club Manatopu

Based at Kereru Sports & Cultural Club Inc, Domain Terrace, Spreydon
Club Administrator: Jae Wickliffe-Thompson.
Call: 022 598 2607
Email: addingtonmagpiesrlfc@gmail.com -
Proudly the oldest rugby league club in Te Waipounamu / South Island, established in 1912.

Parakiore Recreation and Sport Centre.
50 St Asaph Street, Cnr Antigua Street and St Asaph Street.
Call: 03 941 8999.
Visit this state-of-the-art sports centre with lane pools, diving pool, hydroslides, sports courts, and fitness spaces.

Picklepadel 36c Clarence Street South, Addington

Pioneer Recreation & Sport Centre
75 Lyttelton Street, Somerfield.
Call: 03 941 6888. Indoor pool, gym, and sports hall.
Waltham Pool – summertime 28-30 Waltham Road.
Call: 03 941 8999.
Waltham's outdoor recreational pools open mid-Nov to the end of March.

Halswell Summertime Pool
Address: 339 Halswell Road Halswell
Call 03 941 8999
Open mid-Nov to the end of March.

Wharenui Swimming Pool and Sports Centre.
Address: 73 Elizabeth Street, Riccarton.
Call: 03 348 6488
Support services

Support Services

Women's Refuge. Call: Crisisline – 0800 733 843. Supporting women and children who have experienced family violence.

Technology services

TechMate
Christchurch Community House, 213 Lichfield Street.
Call: 0800 766 763 to book an appointment.
A community service offering a safe place to learn to use your digital devices and technology.
Techmate also have techs at Mānuka Cottage on Wednesdays, 10 -11.30 am as a drop-in service.

Transport

Buses

Most buses pass through the Central City Bus Interchange (corner of Colombo and Lichfield Streets). Timetables are available online, at the Interchange, Christchurch Hospital Outpatients (ground floor), and Council libraries. Buses accept credit or debit cards, smartphone or smartwatch or Motu Move Card. Seniors travel free after 9am. and before 3.00pm but anyone travelling using a concession needs to connect their method of payment with their super gold card. Find out more at https://www.motumove.govt.nz/ or www.metro.co.nz/motumovehelp

Orbiter Bus **-**Links most major shopping malls; goes via Barrington, Westfield Riccarton, Canterbury University, Bishopdale, The Palms, Eastgate, St Martins and Princess Margaret Hospital.

Bus #7 **-** Halswell to Queenspark runs along Hagley Avenue, Moorhouse Avenue, Lincoln Road and Halswell Road.

Bus #60 **-**Hillmorton (and Wigram) to Southshore runs along Selwyn Street, Milton Street, via Barrington Mall, Hoon Hay Road, Mathers Road.

Bus #120 **-**Burnside to Spreydon runs along Whiteleigh Ave, Lincoln Road. Harman Street, Disraeli Street, Antigua Street, Brougham Street, Selwyn Street, Coronation Street, Cobham Street, Lyttelton Street , Frankleigh Street to Barrington Mall.

Bus #140 - Russley to Mount Pleasant, runs along Riccarton Road, Mandeville Street, Moorhouse Ave, Ferry Road.

Cycleways

Addington is ideally placed for getting around by bicycle. It might be useful to pick up a **free bike map** from a council service centre or library or check out cycle routes around the City on the CCC website. Many roads have a cycle lane marked on the road surface near to the footpaths. There are some specific cycleways through Addington including:

- ***Little River Link -*** Leads to the Little River Rail Trail, via Hagley Park, Grove Road, Collins Street, Brougham Street, beside the motorway. Wigram Road, Springs Road
- The Little River Link also connects you to the Nor'West Arc which will take you through to Jellie Park.
- ***Quarrymans Trail -***Antigua Street, Roker Street, Frankleigh Street, Sparks Road, to Halswell Domain. You can also continue from here to Akaroa.
- ***Further afield by bike -*** Cycleways in Hagley Park will also take you through to the Northern Line (which takes you along the railway line from Mona Vale through to Northwood).

Walking

Addington is well within walking distance of the Central city – walk in through Hagley Park and see how long it takes

Check out Hagley Park, Riccarton Bush, the Botanic Gardens and Mona Vale – all are within easy walking distance of Addington

Google *Walking in Christchurch* to find a wealth of information about short and long walks in and around Christchurch City. Try also Googling *Port Hills Walks* online to find a wealth of information about hill walks close to the city.

Christchurch 360 Trail booklet available from the CCC.
Eight linked walks around the outside of Christchurch City, each one is walkable within a day. These are long walks but can be broken up in to something more manageable. Available online at christchurch360trail.org.nz

Vet services

After Hours Vets
146 Antigua Street, Addington.
Call: 03 366 1052

At the Vets
406 Brougham Street, Waltham.
Call: 03 332 6632

Veterinary Specialist Aotearoa
146 Antigua Street, Addington.
Call: 03 777 7645