



Community News

Summer 2017



Dallington Christmas Carols

Thank you to the Burwood Christian Centre music group, the City Council, the committee members of the Dallington Residents' Association and Santa for putting together this event. The weather was amazing and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the evening. See you all again in 2018 for more community events!

This Community Newsletter is published quarterly by the Dallington Residents' Association, with the help of the Shirley Service Centre. Contributions and queries should be forwarded to the Secretary:

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Submission on the 10 Options for the Otakaro Avon River Corridor from the Dallington Residents' Association

Overview of the process

The Dallington Residents Association held a public meeting for Dallington residents on Tuesday 31 October 2017. Approximately 45 residents attended the meeting.

We heard a presentation from Rob Kerr, GM Residential Red Zone Regenerate Christchurch. Following the presentation, the attendees broke into groups and discussed each of the following options:

1. Ecological restoration
2. Recreation
3. Visitor attractions
4. Productive land uses
5. Residential

The outputs of the workshop are summarised below, and Appendix A provides a full list of all notes recorded in the workshop.

Summary of the workshop outputs

The results of the workshop showed that Dallington residents were very supportive of ecological restoration, recreation activities and visitor attractions in the red zone, but were somewhat ambivalent towards productive land uses. Residents have mixed views about residential development, some strongly against, and some in support with reservations.

Ecological Restoration

Dallington residents supported ecological restoration as an important and necessary part of the OARC regeneration plan. There is a strong bias towards a consultative planned implementation to ensure it is done correctly and sympathetically with the surrounding environment. There is a strong voice to add trees and native vegetation, to manage the river in a way that improves the quality of the water and minimises the risk of

unwanted predators or nuisance insects.

Recreation

Dallington residents see the OARC as a space to provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities. Favoured recreational uses include ensuring there is open space for sporting activity, facilities to make use of, travel beside and enjoy the river and its surrounding landscape, and structured areas for communities to gather, sit, eat and enjoy each other's company.

Visitor Attractions

The prospect of visitor attractions excited the residents. This is an emotive topic with strong opinions both for and against various aspects of different ideas. The general consensus is that visitor attractions would be a welcomed, however their placement needs to be carefully considered to ensure they have; adequate access to suitable infrastructure, sufficient support from public transport, and that the number of visitors themselves are able to be properly managed and controlled.

Regarding the flat water facility, opinion is mixed. Those who support it favour the 2.2km out of river option.

Productive Land Uses

This land use has not received as much attention as the other types being discussed. People do not consider this as a priority, and have very simplistic ideas about what is possible and what the likely outcomes may look like for the surrounding communities. This land use seems to be supported most by small interest groups, and the larger group of residents generally don't have a strong opinion for or against so long as what is established is well managed and looked after. The one exception to this which did raise significant negative comment was fish farming.

Residential

The residents do not favour this land use. This opinion is especially strong where new housing is of the same generic nature as new housing developments being undertaken on the south side of Christchurch, and where housing is re-established on areas from which families were dispossessed. There is some support for small pockets of sensitively placed experimental housing, especially around the edges of the OARC.

Other

An additional theme came through strongly for residents - that of pedestrian and road bridges. The loss of bridges in Dallington is a significant issue for residents, and they see that redevelopment of red zone land provides an opportunity for the rebuild of these bridges. Resident also make a connection between an increase in visitors to the area and improved public transportation, particularly buses. It is felt that the area is poorly serviced by buses and development of the red zone has the potential to change this positively.

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Mark Beanland, Dallington Residents' Association Committee Chair and Stephen Frayle, Dallington Residents' Association Committee member.

Thank you to all those who took part in Clean-up Dallington Day in September - an official event for Keep New Zealand Beautiful.

Skip Day was very well supported with the skips filling quickly and scrap metal being separated out then taken to a scrap metal dealer.




From the CCC

Extracts from Coastal-Burwood Community Update

Christchurch and Banks Peninsula Tree and Urban Forest Plan

Trees are integral to the identity of Christchurch, a city internationally known as a 'garden city' and are highly valued in the wider Banks Peninsula landscape.

The Christchurch City Council is developing a Tree and Urban Forest Plan for Christchurch and Banks Peninsula. Its aim is to provide a long-term vision and strategy to maximise the health and sustainability of our urban trees and forests, and to increase the benefits we get from them.

Christchurch and Banks Peninsula have a mix of native and exotic trees that support biodiversity and reinforce our identity.

Trees benefit us by:
 Providing shelter from sun, rain and wind
 Removing pollutants from our air and water,
 Enhancing our environment,
 Improving our urban ecology,
 Mitigating some of the effects of climate change,
 Providing pleasant spaces for recreation.

As we begin developing the Tree and Urban Forest Plan, we are keen to collect as many ideas as possible. We want to know what the people of Christchurch and Banks Peninsula think about trees – what people value and what they would like to see more of.

To share your thoughts and ideas, please copy and paste the below link into your web browser:
<https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and-submissions/haveyoursay/show/94>

QEII Centre ready to reign again in 2018

The \$38.6 million QEII Recreation and Sports Centre is on budget and on track for completion in mid-2018.

As the centre takes shape, the multiple benefits for the community are already in sight. The structural steel frame and pool hall roof are in place, while the hydro-slide tower is due to be installed. The concrete floor slabs and blockwork for the wet changing areas have also been completed.

Work on the learn-to-swim pool, the 25-metre 10-lane main pool and the hydrotherapy pool is well under way, while the suspended concrete roof slab for the mechanical plant deck has been poured.

Council western area recreation manager Nigel Cox says it will be great to see the coastal site back in action, with plenty of opportunities for the Christchurch community to enjoy the many facilities on offer.

"Progress on the centre has been excellent," he says. "A new water main has been installed, and exterior drainage is nearing completion.

"Work continues on the 200-space car park and a new entry off Travis Road, with the initial section providing access to the Christchurch School of Gymnastics."

Contractors are also working on the revised Bower Avenue entrance.

"We are looking forward to opening the doors to the centres multiple pools as we meet the sporting needs of all ages and abilities from distance swimmers to the next generation of 'learn to swim' youngsters," Mr Cox says.

Life in Vacant Spaces - Residential Red Zone Activation Project

Life in Vacant Spaces would like to hear from groups or individuals who have ideas to submit to activate the Residential Red Zone. The aim of the project is to reconnect the people of Christchurch to a significant part of the city which has been changed irrevocably because of the Christchurch Earthquakes in a selected site of the Residential Red Zone (area off Brooker Avenue).

For more information about this project please contact Dr. Jane Gregg, Director, Life in Vacant Spaces Charitable Trust (LiVS), Email: jane@livs.org.nz Website <http://livs.org.nz/> or phone: 027-419-2941

Project ideas can be submitted any time via the web form at <http://livs.wufoo.com/forms/livs-ideas-summary/>

Report a problem to Council

To report a problem to Council, use this link or download the Snap Send Solve app to your phone.

<https://ccc.govt.nz/report/>

Or you can contact the call centre on 941-8999.



Have a safe & happy holiday!

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Dallington Community Craft Shop is located in the block of shops on the corner of McBratneys and Gayhurst Roads, open between the hours of 10.30am and 3.30pm each weekday.

Call in and see us, stop and chat and have a cup of tea. There are lots of lovely things to choose from including hand-knitted garments and hand-made wooden toys, books and plants, and home-made muesli bars.

For more information contact one of the trustees:

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Ōtākaro Park Scout Group

The scout den in Halberg Street is the venue for the following scouting activities:

Keas (Years 1-3)
 Wed. 6.15-7.15 pm
Cubs (Year 4-6)
 Thurs. 6.30-8.00 pm
Scouts (Year 7-10) Mon. 7.00-9.00 pm
Ventures' (Yr 11-13) Tue 7.00-9.00pm



New members are always welcome

For more details call Angela Smith-Williams, 388 3247, 0211683171, or otakaroparkscoutgroup@gmail.com
 Facebook: [dallingtonscoutgroup](https://www.facebook.com/dallingtonscoutgroup)

OSCAR: an out-of-school care and recreation programme for five to 13 year olds is held at Banks Avenue Primary School. If interested, please telephone Sophie on 027 438 2604

Burwood Playcentre

241 New Brighton Road - phone 385-4378. Open week days from 9.15am-12.15pm for children 0-6 years. 20 Free ECE hours are available. Enquiries to Tracey 021 193 2084



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