



# ***Community News***

**3RD QUARTER 2007**

## **Squashed bottles save recycling space**

A walk along a Dallington street on rubbish collection day reveals crates overflowing with unsquashed plastic milk and beverage bottles. At the risk of being told there are surely better things we could be doing let's pause to think. We accept that there is a landfill problem and that resources need to be conserved. Recycling is the way to go but could the volume of our recycling be reduced substantially if we each took time to squash our plastic bottles and aluminium cans before putting them into a crate?

The City Council website ([www.ccc.govt.nz/waste/recycling](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/waste/recycling)) notes that plastic takes up a lot of space in both crates and trucks. Bottles are lightweight and squashing reduces the chance of them being blown out of crates on a windy day. About three squashed bottles would fit in the space of one unsquashed bottle. That means if every bottle was squashed fewer pick-up trucks would be needed.

In doing this we're only helping the process as the collected plastic and aluminium is compressed into bales before being sent to national and international markets.

Please note that there is an exception to the squashing rule. Don't crush or flatten milk or beverage cartons as these can be used to grow plants for the improvement of our city's environment.

## **Playground to be upgraded in North Burwood Park**

Funding is available in the 2007/2008 financial year to complete the design work for the upgrade of the playground in North Burwood Park. The aim is to provide a play space for older children as younger children are adequately provided for in the playground in South Burwood Park. The main design details are:

- The creation of a new flying fox with its own fort style platform.
- The existing modular play equipment is to be upgraded and relocated.
- A new space ball will be provided that repeats a soccer ball theme and ties in with the sports field image.
- Existing park trees will be trimmed to improve sightlines into the reserve to maximise safety for park users.
- Open grassy areas will be retained as spaces for informal play, rest and relaxation.
- A connecting walkway to provide an access link from Broomfield Terrace.
- VIP swing play equipment will be included.

It is likely that the timing of this development will be late 2008 or early 2009. The views of the local community have been sought and submissions were due on 31 May 2007.

## ***Meet the Candidates***

Take the opportunity to get to know local candidates for the forthcoming local body elections at

**7.30 pm on Monday 27 August 2007 at the  
Shirley Methodist Church**

(Parking at the Palms)

*This event is sponsored by the Golf Links Residents' Association*

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### **DALLINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Acting Chairperson: Richard Alderson (Tel. 386 1145)

Secretary: Beryl Starr (Tel. 385 1457)

Treasurer: Mary Tamplin. (Tel. 385 1044)

Members: Bill Allott, Anton Korunic, Barbara Seaton,  
Tony Winder John Mulvaney.



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### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### OSCAR

An out-of-school care and recreation programme for five to 13 year olds at Banks Avenue Primary School. If interested, please telephone Christine on 0274 382 604.

#### Dallington Townswomen

This group meets at the Burwood Park Tennis Pavilion at 1.30pm on the fourth Thursday each month. New members are welcome. For further details ring Val (Tel. 389 4466).

#### Dallington Friends

A group for all ages, called "Dallington Friends", meets on the third Tuesday each month at 1.30pm at the Biddick Court Hall in Claydon Place. For more information contact Shirley on Tel. 385 3843, call in to the Community Centre or come along (gold coin donation).

#### Walking Group

A walking group meets outside the Community Centre/Shop every Monday at 10.00am. Walks are arranged in the local area and last about an hour. To join this group all you have to do is turn up.

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## Test your local knowledge

1. What is the northern boundary of the Dallington Residents' Association area?
2. Who is responsible for the Community Centre/Shop?
3. To what body does the Residents' Association report?
4. What did Victoria Horn, who was then a student in architecture at Canterbury University, design in 1999?
5. Who opened the Community Cottage in McBratneys Road in the year 2000 with the blast of a horn?

See answers below.

### DALLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE/SHOP

It is cold outside but we have lots of warm woollens for babies & children, including hats & scarves for the whole family. Our craft ladies have also been busy, so we have a good range of novelties, including lovely dolls' clothes, toys, jewellery and divine muesli bars. A visit to our shop between 10.30am and 4.30pm is a must. If you do a craft & are looking for an outlet or have a few spare hours or would like to meet different people, call in or give us a ring. We need more on call volunteers to help our shop run smoothly.

Other activities in the community include a walking, gardening and friendship groups that are always pleased to welcome new members.

**For further information  
please ring Jayne Tel. 942  
1239, or Jan Tel. 942 6825.**

### Quiz Answers

1. New Brighton Road, 2. The Dallington Community Cottage Trust. 3. The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board. 4. The logo on page one. 5. The Christchurch Wizard.



## Anton Korunic receives a Community Services Award

The Burwood Pegasus Community Board recently presented Anton Korunic of Halberg Street with a Community Service Award for seven years of outstanding and dedicated volunteer service at the Shirley Community Police Office. His involvement in the Dallington Residents' Association was also acknowledged.

When Anton was a member of the Dallington Cottage Trust a request was made for police office volunteers and he "put his hand up". Volunteers man the police office to free up policemen. The office is situated opposite the *Palms* in New Brighton Road. In an earlier recognition of his service the police awarded Anton a medal to mark the International Year of Volunteers in 2001.

Police volunteers receive reports and enquiries that they put on record for further action. They fill in forms for lost and found property, receive reports of damage and minor motor accidents and provide trespass notice applications. Most enquiries are for lost cell phones! Anton is deputy coordinator and he monitors the roster of volunteers.

People making requests beyond the scope of a volunteer are referred to a police station. The office has direct lines to New Brighton, Papanui and Central police stations when an urgent response is needed. A policeman calls regularly to receive reports and collect documents, along with items that have been handed in.

Anton has lived in Dallington for over 40 years in a house he designed himself. He was a foundation member of the Dallington Residents' Association when it was revived with Council encouragement following a survey conducted by Anglican Care in 1997. He was also Treasurer for three years. When Anton's three children were at school he acted as Treasurer for the Banks Avenue Parent Teacher Association.

A tailor by trade, Anton worked in the clothing industry, but is now self-employed as a landlord. His hobbies

include square dancing with the Harmony Squares Club that he's been involved with for 14 years. He also plays a guitar in the music group at the North Apostolic Church in Thames Street, St Albans. Most Mondays he can be found sharing with the walking group associated with the Dallington Community Centre.

The Korunic family is unusually international in character. About 1930 Anton's father came from the Croatian part of Yugoslavia while his mother was of Irish extraction. His older son is married to a Cambodian. They live in Australia and they have three children. His second son is married to a Japanese woman he met when he was teaching English in Osaka. They have two children. His daughter is married to a Spanish speaking Chilean and she has four children. Anton's second son and daughter and their families are resident in New Zealand.

The Shirley Community Police Office is in need of volunteers. Anton says that anyone of good standing in the Dallington, Burwood and Shirley area, who is interested in volunteering as a police volunteer for a three hour shift once a fortnight, can ring him on Tel. 942 8692. Applicants need to be able to assist people in completing forms and to give helpful advice in sometimes trying circumstances. New volunteers are inducted into the operation of the office and there are occasional meetings when those involved are updated concerning procedures.

### **Birchfield Gallery and Framing**

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## AGM ANNUAL REPORT

Here is a precise of the Annual Report of the Dallington Residents' Association presented by its Chairperson, Richard Alderson, at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 22 May 2007.

*Dallington is a very contented area and only a handful of issues have been raised and rarely by residents. No new initiatives have been undertaken and successful current activities have been rolled over.*

*I am pleased to note that we produce one of the best community newsletters. The research and time that Bill Allott gives to each publication is fantastic. Due to the standard of this publication and the support of advertisers our Association is quite financial.*

*The river walkway track is now well under way and getting great community patronage. We have run successful annual events like Skip Day and the Festival of Lights. There is always room for improvement and we would like to see these continue.*

*I would like to publicly thank Bill, Beryl, Mary, Anton, Barbara, Tony and John for their work and support throughout the year. We have also valued Don Rollands' interest and support and thank him and other Community Board and Council members for their assistance throughout the year.*

*Because of personal issues I feel it is time to pass on the "Dallington Torch" and tonight tender my resignation as chairperson. I am happy to continue in a caretaker role until a new chairperson is appointed and hope to still be involved in the Dallington Festival of Lights, an event I hold very dear to my heart.*

*My only concern is the longevity of the residents' group. It is now up to the community to keep up the momentum. If we want a Dallington Residents' Association we must have more community support. Commitment is minimal but rewards can be great. (Despite advertizing and personal invitations few made the effort to attend this year's AGM. Editor)*



## New season opens for tennis club

The Opening Day for the Burwood Park Tennis Club is Saturday, 25 August 2007. Its new patron is Ray Cattermole and a new Junior Administrator, Viv Montgomerie, has been appointed.

The club works to promote tennis as a family game and parents are encouraged to enrol children from 25 August onwards. Coaching is directed by a popular professional coach, Marcl van Rhyn, and is provided as needed. Membership is encouraged through a reduced New Member subscription.

Many activities and competitions take place during weekends but the club is keen to promote its mid-week programme. Whatever your age or skill level you will be welcomed as a member. If you require further information please note the promotion on page two of this issue or contact Alice on Tel. 383-3876.

## How old is this poplar tree?

Standing sentinel at the southern entrance to the suburb of Dallington is a magnificent poplar tree. It's on Locksley Avenue just to the east of Dallington Bridge. By a rough calculation it's 36 metres tall and its trunk has a diameter of 147 cm. This makes it quite a large specimen.

In a book entitled *Great Trees of New Zealand* published in 1984, its authors, S.W. Burstall and E.V. Sale, suggest that "perhaps the largest (lombardy poplar) of all in combination of girth and height is in the (Christchurch) Botanic Gardens behind the tea kiosk. Its diameter is 174cm and it is 46.5m tall". We haven't checked whether this poplar still stands!

There's a photograph of Dallington in Graham Caldwell's *Early Dallington* that shows a line of poplar trees along the Avon River between the bridge and Glenarm Terrace. This photograph was taken in 1951. The current concrete bridge was completed in 1954 and the above stretch of Locksley Avenue was formed. Until

then it had just been a track. In a 1970 photograph the poplar trees have been cleared and it's impossible to discern the specimen that exists today. Does this mean that this large tree is little more than 30 years old? Or that maybe a trunk from one of the original line of trees was left to resprout? Are there older residents who can remember whether this was the case?



### Dallington Residents' Association

## Skip Day and Bring and Buy

To mark Clean Up the World day a rubbish skip will be available at the

**Trade Aid Car Park, 174 Gayhurst Road**

**from 9.00am**

**on Saturday, 15 September 2007.**

There are three ways that use can be made of this skip:

1. Residents may bring along any rubbish that cannot normally be put out for weekly collection (barrow or car boot loads only). NO household rubbish please. NO concrete or land fill
2. Residents are also encouraged to clean up their local area and dispose of the collected rubbish in the skip provided.
3. Residents may also bring and buy non-electrical recyclable items to raise funds for the Residents' Association.