



Community News

3RD QUARTER 2008

Get ready for the St. Paul's School Fair and be there!

The next annual St. Paul's School Fair is planned from 5.00pm – 8.00 pm on Friday, 7 November 2008. The money raised at this fair will be used to purchase data projectors for six junior classrooms.

The Fair Committee is looking for donations in the way of products, services and vouchers for its silent auction, raffles, chocolate wheel and children's games. A Sponsors' Board will list all the businesses giving support. Donated items can be collected and this can be arranged by ringing the fair committee chairman, Dave Smith, on Phone 381 0587. Items can also be posted or delivered to the school office at 17 Gayhurst Road, Dallington.

Special visitors to the fair will include Larry the Lamb, a clown and the L.J. Hooker Bear. For children there will be the Amac bungy jump, balloons, bouncy castles, face painting, the Mickey Happy Train, a ladder climber and jeep rides. Fast food will be available along with ice creams, candyfloss, cakes, lollies and espresso coffee. There'll be a white elephant stall and plants and arts and crafts for sale.

Put this date in your diary and plan to be there.

Assessing Dallington

An article was published in *The Press* on Saturday, 24 May 2008 under the heading "A day in the life of a city MP". It featured Christchurch East MP, Lianne Dalziel.

It contained the sentence, "But often it feels like being a glorified social worker, especially if your electorate takes in the poorer suburbs like Aranui and Dallington." It was hard to discern whether this was Lianne's assessment of our suburb or that of the reporter, John McCrone. This opinion of Dallington is open to challenge and a simple drive around our suburb doesn't confirm this impression.

A Community Profile based on the 2001 Census has been produced by Statistics New Zealand. A similar assessment still has to be published for the 2006 Census. Observation suggests that there have been few changes over the past few years. Despite the age of the statistics in the table below, conclusions can be drawn as to the nature of the suburb of Dallington. We are generally close to the average for the city but seem to own more of our dwellings. This profile covers the same area as our Residents Association bounded by New Brighton Road, the Avon River and Banks Avenue.

Dallington Community Profile – 2001 Census			
(2006 Census comparison in brackets)	Dallington	ChCh City	N.Z.
Age profile – under 15 years	21.2% (19.3)	19.3%	22.7%
Age profile – 65 years and over	18.6% (17.1)	13.7%	12.1%
With a post-school qualification (15+)	27.8% (34.5)	32.8%	32.2%
Belong to a European ethnic group	93.1% (76.8)	89.5%	80.1%
Medium income	\$16,800 (21,500)	\$17,600	\$18,500
Unemployment rate	4.9% (2.6)	6.8%	7.5%
Couples with child/children	38.3% (38.1)	39.9%	42.1%
Couples without children	41.6% (41.5)	40.7%	39.0%
One parent with child/children	20.1% (20.3)	19.4%	18.9%
Average household size	2.5 (2.00)	2.5	2.7
Access to a motor vehicle	91.6% (92.0)	88.9%	88.9%
Houses owned with/without mortgage	77.2 (69.6)	68.1%	67.8%

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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.

Art Classes

Every Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Biddick Court in Claydon Place. For more information please ring Jayne on Tel. 942 1239.

Scouting

The scout den in Halberg Street is the venue for the following scouting activities. New members are welcome.
Keas (6-8 yrs) Wed. 6.15-7.15pm
Cubs (8-10.5 yrs) Thurs. 6.30-8 pm
Scouts (10.5-15 yrs) Mon. 7-9 pm
Venturers (14.5-18 yrs) Mon. 7-9 pm

Burwood Indoor Bowls

From April to September the club meets on Wednesday evenings at 7.15 pm in the Burwood Park Bowling Club Pavilion on New Brighton Road. For more information please ring Russell on Tel. 385 3212.

Shirley Service Centre

For community information and details of City services your local Christchurch City Council Services Centre is located in the Library at 36 Marshlands Road by The Palms. Tel. 941 8999

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Some additional copies of this Community News are available at the Community Centre/Shop.

The Dallington Residents' Association Committee meets in the Community Centre at 6.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

DALLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE/SHOP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3.30pm on Monday, 25 August 2008
in the Biddick Courts Lounge,
Claydon Place.

The Centre, on the McBratneys / Gayhurst Road roundabout, operates a craft shop and sponsors friendship, gardening, walking and art groups.

New Chairperson

Anton Korunic has been appointed chairperson of the Dallington Residents' Association committee. He is a founder member and was previously treasurer for a number of years. Earlier this year Anton was given a Community Service Award. Other office-bearers were reconfirmed by the committee.

Shirley Methodists have shifted to a new site

On Sunday, 3 August 2008, the Shirley Methodist Church moved to its fourth site in its 142-year history and is now based at the St Columba Presbyterian on the corner of Randall and Petrie Streets, Richmond. A very positive working relationship with North Avon Presbyterian and the poor condition of the Shirley buildings has prompted the move. The office and Op Shop will remain at Shirley until the property is sold, but all other activities will be transferred as soon as possible.

Shirley's minister Rev David Bush has been appointed as General Secretary for the Methodist Church of New Zealand from November. A new minister will be jointly appointed by the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations.

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AGM addressed by Mayor Bob Parker

Guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting of the Dallington Residents' Association was Mayor Bob Parker. The Mayoress, Joanna Parker, and Communications Manager, Diane Keenan accompanied him. This meeting was held in the Banks Avenue School Hall.

The Mayor addressed a number of issues that are of concern to the City Council. There's the demographic issue of an ageing population with a greater number of people on fixed incomes. He recognised that rates can't be increased by 10% each year and said that policies have to be designed to keep them at a sustainable level.

The Council is currently focusing on its long-term community plan. This is needed to take control of the future shape of the city and to help the Council lead with infrastructure that anticipates development. He stated that the recent promise by the government of an injection of money towards improving the north and south arterial routes and the western ring road addresses a roading crisis and is in the nature of a catch up.

Affordable public transport that includes using existing rail track and light rail is being considered. There's also the pending introduction of bus priority lanes. An important aspect of planning is an intensification of the southern city with the injection of 20,000 people in the area bounded by Hagley Park, Lichfield Street, Fitzgerald Avenue and Moorehouse Avenue. Safety in the inner city is being addressed and liquor by-laws are being reviewed.

Richard Alderson, chairperson of the Residents' Association, presented a report of the group's activities over the past year. A financial statement prepared by the Treasurer, Mary Tamplin, showed a healthy balance that's largely due to income generated by this newsletter. The present committee was re-elected with the addition of Philip Haythornthwaite.

The Annual General Meeting concluded with an expression of thanks for the work of the Residents'

Association Committee by City Councillor, Gail Sheriff.

Chairperson's Report

Dallington is a very contented area and there have only been a handful of issues and these have rarely been highlighted by residents. The Residents' Association has successfully run its usual annual events like the Skip Day and the Festival of Lights. There is always room for improvement but we would like to see a continuation of these projects.

As can be seen the footpath on the South side of Burwood Park, along New Brighton Road, has been completed.

I feel we produce one of the best community newsletters. The research and time that Bill Allott puts into each issue is fantastic. Due to the standard of this publication we are also very financial as our advertisers are a major source of funding for the Association

I would like to publicly thank Beryl, Mary, Anton, Barbara, Bill, Tony, and John for their work and support throughout the year, along with Community Board and City Council members. My thanks is also extended to Shirley Service Centre staff for their assistance through the year.

I am concerned about the future of the Residents Association and its sustainability without greater support from the community.

Footnote: Late last year Richard resigned as Chairperson but continued in a caretaker roll. He has now had to stand down completely due to a change in employment and altered priorities. He says, "Thank you for the past years and I wish you all the best for the future." Richard was elected to the role of Chairperson when the Dallington Residents' Association was revived in 1999. He resigned from the role in 2002 before taking it on again at the in 2006. We are indebted to Richard for this fine commitment to our community.

Local tennis club welcomes junior members

Burwood Park Tennis Club always welcomes new junior members. It offers professional coaching to beginners for children aged from 5 years to teenagers up to 16 years. This club also has a strong representation in the Canterbury Tennis Interclub competition and each year some of its teams qualify for the finals. Last year it won the Boys U13 Div 1 and Div 3 sections.

Do you want to belong to a club that is dedicated to teaching good tennis skills and nurturing fair play, has great facilities, heaps of equipment and above all makes Tennis FUN? Call Viv now on 381-6585 evenings or email viv.montgomerie@hotmail.com

Open day is Saturday, 23 August. Come and see what we have to offer – you are always welcome at the Burwood Park Tennis Club.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ANNUAL FAIR

5.00 – 8.00 pm

Friday, 7 November 2008

at the school grounds in Gayhurst Road
to raise money for data projectors

Plan to be there!

Elza Rudge will turn 100 at the end of September.

Long-time Dallington resident, Elza Rudge, will turn 100 on Tuesday, 30 September. She lived in Locksley Avenue from 1958 to 2006 and is now resident at the Guardian at Parklands in Papanui Road. Her son, Brian, continues to live in the family home.

Elza Gowanlock was born in Paramatta, Sydney and came to New Zealand at the age of five. She married Malcolm Rudge on 14 March, 1931 at St George's Church on the corner of Linwood Avenue and Gloucester Street. They had five children. There's Ted Rudge who lives in Melbourne, Trudy Rudge in Sydney and Nola Hill, Valerie Reynolds and Brian who live in Christchurch. Elza now has 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Malcolm had been married to Elza for 67 years when he died in 1999. At the end of his working life he was a Post Office telephone exchange manager.

Before her marriage Elza worked in the tearooms at Ballantynes. She was later employed as a bookbinder at Whitcombe and Tombs. She then moved to the University of Canterbury on the Arts Centre site where she bound student theses and repaired library books.

Despite only weighing three pounds at birth Elza has proved resilient enough to live through two World Wars and a global Depression. Her family and friends honour her as she moves toward the celebration of a century well lived.

Significant celebrations for parish

When Pope Benedict recently visited Sydney to celebrate the 24th World Youth Day his congregation included 27 pilgrims from the St. Paul's Parish Church in Dallington. They were part of the 4,000-person delegation from New Zealand to what on past occasions has been described as the largest youth event in the world. To help these young people participate in the worship, concerts, lectures and seminars of this significant event that was held from 16 to 20 July, some \$20,000 was raised by local church members.

On 29 June St. Paul's was the venue for an inaugural event in the Christchurch Catholic Diocese for a jubilee year to commemorate the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of the St. Paul the apostle. During this Year of St. Paul a series of lectures and other events are planned to focus on his life and teaching throughout the Catholic Church.

Included in the local inauguration was the unveiling and dedication, by Bishop Barry Jones, of an artwork by Dallington artist, Norah Southorn. This is in the form of a map of the Mediterranean depicting the journeys of Paul plus verses from his letters. The medium is glazed tiles. This artwork is now a focal point in the foyer of St. Paul's Church.

The jubilee year was launched internationally when Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and representatives of other Orthodox and Anglican churches accompanied Pope Benedict in lighting a candle that will burn throughout the coming year at the tomb of St. Paul in Rome. The Pope said that the Pauline year should send a strong signal of Christian unity.

Volunteers required

Men and women are wanted to assist the police at the Shirley Police Office opposite the Palms in New Brighton Road, for three hours a fortnight. For more information phone Anton on 942 8692 or Reg on 385 2876.

Dallington Residents' Association

Skip Day and Bring and Buy

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

Trade Aid Car Park, 174 Gayhurst Road

from 9.00am on Saturday, 6 September 2008.

(When bins are full no more rubbish will be accepted)

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

1. **For a gold coin donation** residents may bring along 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.
3. Residents may also bring and buy non-electrical recyclable items to raise funds for the Association.