



Community News

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COMMUNITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE LINDA STEWART believes

Ratepayers need to be involved

Linda Stewart represents the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board on the Dallington Residents' Association committee. She attends its monthly meetings and brings to this role enthusiasm, valuable experience and a desire to see the interests of this community advanced. This she does diligently and the Association is indebted to her for the representations she makes on its behalf. Linda was elected to the Community Board at the last local body elections as an independent that prefers to be free from the block-voting of party politics.

Linda has lived in the Burwood/Pegasus Ward since 1971 – 11 years in what is now called Parklands, 10 years in Westhaven and 14 years in South Brighton. Her involvement as a board member arises out of a wealth of community experience for which she has been given a Community Service Award.

When asked if there are personal experiences that led to her community involvement, Linda replied, "Indeed! Despite overwhelming opposition to a local street being closed, the City Council did so. I felt that wasn't democratic." Following this, Linda was a member of the City Council's Wastewater Working Party Consent Process which worked on the preferred options for the City's

Wastewater Upgrade Council's decision to apply to renew the wastewater discharge consent to the Estuary adding electrical UV. Most Residents Associations in the Burwood/Pegasus Ward favoured that option (costing \$15million) with exception to one Estuary suburb. The Resource Consent was declined by Ecan and left no option for the City Council other than an Ocean Outfall discharge eventually costing \$87million. The areas of concern became what treatment standard would apply to the ocean discharge three kilometres off South Brighton beach, the route the pipeline took and the upheaval a dig and lay construction would be to a suburb over a 12 -18 month construction term. Council opted for a micro-tunnel construction that has had little effect on local daily life. To give closure to this long and sometimes contentious project Linda remained a member of the Ocean Outfall Liaison Committee that monitored the construction's effects. She says, "Ratepayers being involved and advocating for good outcomes influenced the City Council's decision to extend the proposed two kilometre pipeline to three kilometres, and the inclusion of micro-tunnelling across the estuary under Jellicoe Street, rather than a dig-and-lay option, was a good outcome as disruption to the districts of South Brigh-

ton/Southshore has been minimal." Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge outcomes have been improved by the diligent application of treatment methods so that UV treatment may never be required.

As a result of this consultation process Linda feels ratepayers need to become more involved in the city's decision-making processes and not sit back and leave it to Council staff to put forward proposals to Councillors.

She brings to her community role a professional background in project management and is an accredited NZ Business Mentor. Issues important to her include, "Making a network of cycle and walkways around our ward's wonderful natural spaces – to offer us health self-management, address disability access, preserving our districts' unique features and sustainable living practices and protecting water quality and supply.

For her own health management Linda likes swimming and Nordic walking and she's also a painter and landscape photographer. She is a keen 4wd club member and enjoys driving into our remote places in the belief that we can all use the environment if we are sensitive to natural eco-systems.

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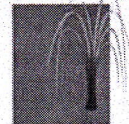
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

St Paul's Church Gayhurst Road

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve:

7.00pm Family Mass with carols
Midnight Choral Mass (Carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day:

9.00am Family mass with carols

All welcome

Action needed

The Dallington Residents' Association welcomes suggestions and invites participation in its activities. Residents are encouraged to ring committee members with suggestions or when further information is required.

Letters and items of local interest are also welcome for this publication.

Make a point of playing a part in this vibrant expression of a friendly community.

DALLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE / SHOP

The Dallington Community Centre sponsors friendship, gardening, walking and art groups. Inside are displayed community notices and a local history presentation.

Its Craft shop has a wonderful range of cards, knitted goods, children's clothes and uniforms, ceramics, pictures, garden signs and plants, jewellery, dolls and toys, bags, cushions, pots, dolls' clothes and novelties.

Crafts people with work on sale are willing to teach others how to do their crafts.

For more information just call in.

Dallington top in NZ for housing searches

A headline in *The Press* on Wednesday, 29 October 2008 stated "Dallington proves hot property". The item commented on an analysis of the most searched-for sites on one real estate website (For further details access www.realestate.co.nz). This indicates that Dallington's number one ranking is based on the "perception of the demand measured as the number of total viewings in a suburb, during a three-month period ending 30 September 2008, divided by the average number of listings in that suburb".

Dallington was the most popular of 1600 locations. Then came St Clair (Dunedin), Cashmere (Christchurch), Maori Hill (Dunedin) and Westmere (Auckland), in that order.

Our suburb has the advantage of being near a CBD (Central Business District) and it's regarded as an affordable area with a wide selection of family homes priced between \$250,000 to \$375,000, a high standard of service infrastructure and popular school zones.

Other Christchurch suburbs that appear in the top twenty are Sumner (12th) and Merivale (14th).

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

Commit to a safe neighbourhood

Two recent events in Dallington have figured in news reports. In the first instance a home was invaded and its sole occupant attacked and robbed. This happened at night and neighbours were unaware that a crime had been committed. However, it's pleasing to report that the police responded promptly. Then there was the instance of a Lovelock Street man being rescued from a burning house by alert neighbours.

These happenings underline the important role of neighbours in ensuring our security. One body dedicated to fostering safety is Neighbourhood Support. According to its records there are Neighbourhood Support Groups in the following Dallington streets: Arnst, Bideford, Birchfield, Ferner, Cheam, Coopers, Fleete, Gayhurst, Halberg, Landy, Locksley, McBratneys, Moyna, New Brighton Rd, River Rd, Snell, Stiles, Strathfield and Sutton. Residents in these streets are encouraged to get to know their local organiser and then to participate as appropriate.

Neighbourhood Support Canterbury is very keen to see additional groups formed and the information below should help to this end. Its Christchurch Coordinator is Patrick Creasey and his contact details are

PO Box 2109, Christchurch

Phone (03) 378 0437, Mobile 027 305 0632, Email canterburys@paradise.net.nz, Website www.ns.org.nz

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS?

Interested in being part of a Neighbourhood Support Group in your street?

Belonging to a Neighbourhood Support Group is a great way to get to know your neighbours and enhance a feeling of safety in the neighbourhood. It is easy, free and the benefits are many:

- ❖ Christchurch has over 2000 Neighbourhood Support groups
- ❖ You get to know your neighbours and meet new people
- ❖ Makes neighbourhoods more friendly
- ❖ Creates safer neighbourhoods
- ❖ Reduces crime levels
- ❖ Effective crime fighting tool
- ❖ Can assist with domestic violence issues
- ❖ Provides support in times of need, eg sickness, civil defence, fire
- ❖ Learn crime prevention and safety information
- ❖ Receive weekly crime information via email
- ❖ Group members less likely to be crime victims
- ❖ Easy to set up a group
- ❖ It's free and it works!



STATISTICS

- More than 70% of those who had joined a Neighbourhood Support group felt safer since doing so
- More than 80% had increased contact with their neighbours as a result of being involved in Neighbourhood Support
- Residents are four times safer living within a Neighbourhood Support area than outside it
- 68% noted that neighbours were friendlier to each other since joining a Neighbourhood Support Group
- 70% reported feeling safer and having an improved quality of life through an increased sense of community and comradeship with their neighbours after becoming part of Neighbourhood Support

If you are interested, please contact the Christchurch Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator Patrick Creasey on 3780437 or email: canterburys@paradise.net.nz for an information pack.

We are happy to talk to you about Neighbourhood Support and come out to talk with a group of neighbours to more fully explain the benefits and get the group established. The group can be as small as two or three neighbours or as large as you wish. We will also provide the signage, stickers etc that helps tell everyone that you belong to a Neighbourhood Support group.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Carol singing
Community Christmas
Celebration

at the Halberg Street Reserve, near the Scout Hall
at 3 Halberg Street,
at 6.00pm on Thursday, 4 December

Features include:

A gold coin Sausage Sizzle by and for the Scouts

The Balloon Man with a Bouncy Castle

A Linwood Salvation Army Brass Group

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Although no competition is planned this year residents are encouraged to decorate houses and gardens this December.

The Dallington Residents' Association acknowledges, with thanks, the support of the community and wishes all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.