



# **Community News**

**3RD QUARTER 2009**

## **“Adults at play” and “Safety” addressed at A.G.M.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Dallington Residents' Association was held in May.

The Chairperson, Anton Korunic, welcomed those present and introduced Community Constable Keith Payne who said that crime statistics for the first part of this year show that the Dallington area was very quiet. There were just 12 burglaries and six cars stolen. He suggested that this reflected the good neighbourhood support network in some areas and encouraged others to follow suit. The contact for Neighbourhood Support is Pat Cressey, the Christchurch City co-ordinator (Tel. 378 0437 or email [canterbury@paradise.net.nz](mailto:canterbury@paradise.net.nz)).

Keith advised that valuables should not be left in cars as items that can be seen become easy targets. Guard dogs, good lighting and informing neighbours if you are away, are all good ways to stop house burglaries. He stressed the need to report all minor crime like car and property vandalism as this gives the Police a good record of crime patterns in an area.

Minutes from the previous AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record. In a brief report the Chairperson noted that an extension to the river walkway from Avonview Retirement Village to Snell Place was recently finished. The Council is

going to assess the proposed Locksley Ave / New Brighton Rd extension as this may require cantilevering out over the narrow riverbank.

Thanks were extended to Bill Allott for the Dallington Community News and to Beryl Starr for her four-and-a-half year's service as Secretary. She has now resigned from the Committee. Thanks were also extended to the Burwood Pegasus Community Board for funding received. This has helped the Association to hold the Community Christmas Celebration at Halberg Reserve and also its annual skip day.

The Association is currently working with two other residents groups, Shirley and Golf Links, to forward a request to the Council that a right hand turn signal be rephased at the New Brighton Rd. / Marshland Rd. corner. Insufficient time is now allocated to negotiate this turn safely.

The following committee members were affirmed: Anton Korunic, Tony Winder, Philip Haythornthwaite, Mary Tamplin, John Mulvaney, Selwyn Eagle and Bill Allott. Linda Stewart's role as representative of the Burwood Pegasus Community Board was noted and appreciated. Those standing down were Barbara Seaton, Beryl Starr, and Richard Alderson.

The Association's Treasurer, Mary Tamplin, presented a financial

report that showed a healthy balance.

Linda Stewart introduced the final speaker of the evening. He was Grant McLeod, a Recreation Planner from the Christchurch City Council. He spoke in the context of the Association's proposal that Adult Play Equipment be installed at Burwood Park. Grant said that Adult Play Equipment was currently installed at Wycola Park in Hei Hei and Grant Armstrong Park in Bishopdale.

Local surveys suggest that the above installations have become meeting places for local residents. Most of the feedback from equipment users has been positive with users stating their fitness levels have improved. People from the Dallington area wanting to check out Adult Play Equipment can do so by catching the number 83 bus that goes past the Wycola Park site in Hei Hei.

At the June meeting of the Association Anton Korunic and Mary Tamplin were confirmed as Chairperson and Treasurer, Tony Wilder was appointed Secretary and Bill Allott, Deputy Chairperson.

### **Route change for 46 bus**

Some Metro bus services are being reviewed and it's proposed that from June 2010 the 46 Shirley route will terminate in Cresswell Avenue rather than Marshlands Road. Affected residents were notified and feedback was required by Friday, 14 August.

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### **DALLINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

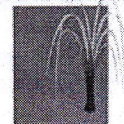
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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 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 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) Tue. 7-9 pm

For more details email  
[chris.chapman@harcourts.co.nz](mailto:chris.chapman@harcourts.co.nz)

### Shirley Service Centre

Your local Christchurch City Council Services Centre is located in the Library at 36 Marshlands Road by *The Palms*. Tel. 941 8999

## NEW ASSOCIATION SECRETARY

**Tony Winder** is the new Secretary of the Dallington Residents' Association. He has been a member of its committee since 2004. Tony grew up in Dallington until he married in 1979 and moved across the river to Avonside. Tony moved back to Dallington in 1997 and his parents still live in the area. He attended the local schools, Banks Ave, Shirley Intermediate and Shirley Boys High, and has two children who also attended those schools, including Marian College. He walks to work at the Shirley Service Centre. He recalls that when he was growing up he played at Burwood Park and in the reserve area in Moyna Avenue. There were also lots of empty sections opposite the Hurricane Wire Factory (now Trade Aid). He says, "I enjoy the walks and cycle ways around the river. I value living in Dallington as it's easy to get to town, the beaches and *The Palms*."

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## WANTED

Voluntary helpers are needed to assist in the community shop. Please ring Jan (Tel. 942 6825).

## Annual General Meeting Dallington Community Centre Trust

3.30 p.m.

Monday, 31 August 2009

Biddock Court, Claydon Place

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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.

## Service Centre and Library closed for refurbishment

The Service Centre and Library at *the Palms* will be closed from Monday, 31 August and will reopen on Monday, 14 September. During this closure, a drop box for cheque payments of rates will be provided and library returns may be still made in the box on the outside of the building as normal. Customers can also go to another Service Centre or Library.

## Neighbourhood Support Group formed

A new group has been formed covering Ajax Street and Rowe Place. The Contact Person is Charlie Reid who can be phoned on Tel. 386 1233.



## Quaker meeting house for Christchurch Friends

Down a driveway at 72 Cresswell Avenue is a Quaker meeting house. It's been there since October 1990 and it serves the whole of Christchurch. The previous Christchurch Quaker setting was in Manchester Street. Quakers can worship anywhere but usually gather for worship in meeting houses, in their own homes and also in hired property.

On the Dallington site there's a meeting house that contains a large area for worship, a library and a kitchenette. Alongside there's a room called the children's place that contains activity materials and appropriate furnishings. A cottage is used to house "friends in residence" who are usually recruited in the British Isles or North America and are here for a year. They connect with others in the meeting, provide oversight and look after the premises. The current "friends in residence" are Ruth Hustler and Tina Day. Their year concludes in October. They and the local congregation provide pastoral care for Quakers from "the top of the south" and down as far as Timaru.

A Dallington Quaker, Mia Tay, said, "The hall is used three or four times a week with a regular booking on Thursday nights. It's used by a Yoga group and self-help groups and has been used by a meditation group. Bookings are accepted for the hall along with the green room and the kitchen in the cottage. One proviso is that all these facilities are alcohol-free."

The original name for people influenced by the ministry of George Fox in mid-17<sup>th</sup> century England was "Seekers for Truth". The name Quaker was applied when members of the original group were brought before the Court and found to be "quaking with the fear of the Lord". One of the judges stigmatised them as Quakers and the name survives to this day as a badge of honour. This organisation is officially called The Religious Society of Friends on the basis that the Bible calls them to be friends, one to another, and friends of truth.

When Friends gather for worship they sit in silence and try to empty themselves or "centre down" so they are open to inspiration from the Spirit of God and prepared to receive any message. Some may feel compelled to speak and what they say is received in silence and goes into the silence. On rare occasions ministry may be expressed in song or even dance. The Quaker way has its roots in Christianity and finds inspiration from the Bible and the life and teachings of Jesus. Members are universalists and also find value and meaning in other faiths.

Meetings for worship are open to all and those present include members and attenders. Some "Friends" retain membership of a traditional church or faith while observing Quaker practices. There are about 1000 Quakers in New Zealand.

"Friends" are called to seek a way of living that affirms the wholeness and sacredness of life, the Spirit and the universe. They have no creed but they have a traditional set of principles they call "testimonies". These can be summed up in the words Equality, Integrity, Simplicity and Peace. A contemporary addition to these principles is a great concern for the sustainability of our planet and

the right way of living in it. A commonly used Quaker claim is "Our testimony is our life and our lives are our testimony."

Local programmed fixtures are a meeting for worship at 10.00am Sundays and a mid-week meeting for worship and healing on Wednesdays at 12.15pm. Once a month there's a meeting for worship for business and elders, a group charged with spiritual care of people, also arrange a meeting once a month when concerns may be expressed and reflected upon. Children's activities are arranged on Sundays and participants join with the adults for the last ten minutes of the meeting for worship.

The Quaker family in New Zealand have been holding a national annual meeting for 100 years this year. This centennial was marked by a public lecture presented by Professor Bill Willmott in the Ilott Theatre of the Wellington Town Hall on 7 July. Under the title "Kiwi Dragon" he addressed the history, culture and hope of Chinese people in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Further information can be obtained on [www.quaker.org.nz](http://www.quaker.org.nz) or by ringing 385 8358.

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL ANNUAL FAIR

**5.00 – 8.00 pm**

**Friday, 6 November 2009**

**at the school grounds in Gayhurst Road**

The St Paul's Fundraising Committee would be grateful for any donations of products, services or vouchers for prizes. Donations can be delivered to the school office at 17 Gayhurst Road or please phone A. Cranstone (942 8268) to arrange collection.

Donations of items for the white elephant, book, toy and clothing stalls can be left from 16 October. Baking can be delivered on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning, 5-6 November.

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE AND BE THERE**



# Volunteer Recognition Awards 2009

presented by Mayor Bob Parker at Volunteering Canterbury on 15 June.

## Daphne Rogers

Daphne has been a Red Cross *Meals on Wheels* driver for 40 years. She began delivering meals to the sick and elderly in 1969 when her youngest child started school. She still makes deliveries once a fortnight. *Meals on Wheels* is organised by the Red Cross with costs being met by Health Board and Government subsidies. Local meals are distributed from a depot at Cowles Stadium and all Christchurch meals are now prepared at Hillmorton Hospital. Daphne says that she always had a well-maintained car, as her husband was a motor mechanic. She was a Burwood Red Cross Branch member for 35 years.

At 78 years of age she also helps with an exercise programme for arthritis sufferers at Burwood Hospital. This began when her husband needed hydrotherapy treatment and Daphne had to drive him. She jumped into the pool and started helping those on the exercise programme. That was five years ago. She now goes weekly and sometimes takes responsibility for directing the sessions.

In 2003 Daphne was featured in this news in an article on her as a harmonica player. She still plays from time to time and has entertained at church socials, Probus clubs, Red Cross afternoons, Kindergartens and at a Musical Afternoon organised by the Dallington Residents' Association in 2003.

Daphne is motivated by Christian principles and acknowledges the influence of her parents. Her other interests include the Probus Club, Yoga and her involvement in the Burwood All Saints Church.

The Rogers family moved to Dallington from New Brighton in 1974 to reside in Kim Place and 12 years ago they moved to Cheam Street.

## Margaret Warren

After taking early retirement 11 years ago Margaret volunteered at Barnados Child and Family Services. Since then she has helped out as a relief receptionist, co-ordinated collecting days, organised mail-outs to supporters and done anything else required of her.

For 12 months she also volunteered at the Richmond Fellowship and that led to her accepting the role of Minute Secretary for the Mental Health Education and Resource Centre (MHERC) Board of Trustees. In her working life Margaret was a Secretary/Personal Assistant. She gradually became more involved and over the past decade has also helped with reception and in the library.

Located in Securities House on the corner of Gloucester and Madras Streets, MHERC is an umbrella organisation for about 20 mental health groups. It offers a free service and its mental health library is open to the public. The centre runs training courses, puts people in touch with available services and annually publishes a directory of mental health groups and services. Further information can be obtained on [www.mherc.org.nz](http://www.mherc.org.nz).

Margaret enjoys walking, gardening, reading and televised sport. She arrived in New Zealand from the United Kingdom 38 years ago and has resided in Strathfield Street, Dallington for the past 25 years.

Over the years Margaret has also volunteered for short periods at the Cancer Society, Age Concern, Presbyterian Support Services and the Cathedral. She says that people have commented on her working for nothing but reckons that she gets more out of volunteering than she puts into it. She enjoys meeting people and feeling needed.

## 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**

**9.00am – 12.30pm on Saturday, 5 September 2009.**

**(After 12.30pm or when the bins are full no more rubbish will be accepted)**

There are three ways that use can be made of the skips:

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.