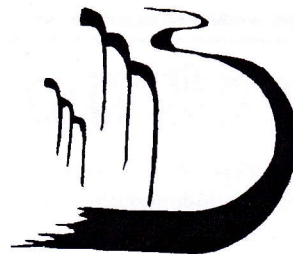


# ***Dallington***

## ***Community News***

### ***2nd QUARTER 2010***



## **Proposed development of The Palms Mall has received resource consent**

Non-notified resource consent has been granted conditionally by the Independent Commissioner to Capital Palms Pty Ltd for it to extend the retail floor area at The Palms Mall. The proposal is to adapt and use the existing covered car parking at ground floor level for retail purposes. This, along with retrospective consent for some existing retail floor area, will increase the gross leaseable floor area from 29,103m<sup>2</sup> to 39,345m<sup>2</sup>. All proposed development will be within the current footprint of the Mall.

Car parking at level two will be expanded and two new parking levels (3 and 4) will be added. Ground level parking will be retained adjacent to the Arena area in the south-western corner of the site and also directly adjacent to the Library and CCC Service Centre. An additional 398 car parking spaces will be provided plus an additional 139 cycle spaces to provide 1613 visitor spaces and 205 cycle spaces.

Dallington residents will be able to access upper level parking off Golf Links Road via a new up-ramp on the northern façade of the current building, the existing ramp off Marshlands Road and a new ramp off the Arena car park. New down-ramps to street level will be constructed on the Northern façade of the car park out to

Golf Links Road and adjacent the existing up-ramp down to Marshlands Road. The current road between shops and the car parking building will disappear.

A new direct access will be provided off Marshlands Road to the dozen or so car parks that will survive by the Library and Service Centre. This proposal could be the one that affects Dallington residents the most. The first hurdle for its drivers will be turning right into Marshlands Road from New Brighton Road

without the help of a right-turning arrow. Then they will need to make a right turn across on-coming traffic into the Library. There'll no longer be access to this area from Golf Links Road though library and service centre traffic will still be able to exit that way.

### **Dallington Residents' Association AGM**

Committee members will be affirmed and hopefully, co-opted. Officers for 2010-11 will be appointed at the July meeting of the committee.

### **DALLINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Come and hear

### **Shannon Ussher**

Strategic Planner for Passenger Transport, ECan,  
address the topic,

## **GREATER CHRISTCHURCH METRO STRATEGY REVIEW**

### **Residents' Meeting & AGM**

**7.00 pm, Thursday, 17 June 2010**

**in the O'Regan room, St Paul's Church Presbytery,  
Gayhurst Road**

All Welcome

Wheelchair Access

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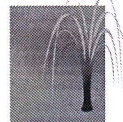
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### Walking Group

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 the Burwood Park Tennis Club. 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) Tue. 7-9 pm  
For more details call Chris on Ph. 371 9126 (work) or Mobile 027 471 5619.

### Gentle Exercise Class

Every Thursday at 9.40am at the O'Regan Room at St Paul's Catholic Church. For more information call Kirston on 978 1273 or 383 3298.

### 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 Bob on Ph. 942 9662

Sustainable Otautahi Christchurch invites you to a public meeting on

### Sustainable Christchurch: A Myth?

Dr Liz Slooten (Otago University)  
Tuesday 22 June 2010

at the WEA, 59 Gloucester Street.  
**The AGM of SOC**  
will be held at 7.15pm. All welcome.  
Further information (03) 384 1281

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

The Dallington Residents' Association Committee meets at 7.00pm on the second Tuesday of each month. For venue ring 942 8692.

## 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  
at 46 McBratneys Road  
(Ph. 980 9181).

## Name change proposed for Linwood school

It's recently been reported that the Board of Trustees of the Linwood North School is proposing a name change. They are seeking parental and community support for the name to be changed to Dallington School.

This may prove surprising to some readers of this Community News but there's logic in the choice. Some of the shops on the Woodham Road / Gloucester Street corner have Dallington in their names and the whole group is often called the Dallington Shops. However, from 1922 onward maps in the Christchurch Public Library collection all place Dallington to the north of the river (<http://chistchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/Maps>).

In his booklet *Early Dallington*, Graham Caldwell notes, "In 1880 Broome Farm was sold to Mr H J C Jekyll who changed the name to Dallington after an old family estate in Northamptonshire." This farm was north of the river.

In our area the Avon River is the boundary between the Hagley-Ferrymead Ward and the Burwood-Pegasus Ward so when the Dallington Residents' Association area was defined in 1997 it was located north of the Dallington Bridge through to New Brighton Road.

If Linwood North School is renamed as proposed the existing confusion will be compounded even further.

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# Our locality and the Community Board

## 1. How large is the Community Board and how often does it meet?

*The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board, like the other six city boards, has seven elected members, consisting of two councillors and five Community Board members. Its area extends from Bottle Lake in the north, inland to Marshlands Road and along the coast to Southshore. It serves a population of about 55,000. Burwood, Parklands, Shirley, Dallington, Avondale, Aranui, Bexley and New Brighton are included in its area.*

## 2. Who are its members and do they have administrative support?

*There are Councillors Gail Sheriff and Chrissie Williams; and Community Board Members: Tina Lomax, Nigel Dixon, Tim Sintes, Linda Stewart and David East (chair). A Support Team is based at the Shirley Service Centre. It has administrative and community engagement roles. This team supports neighbourhood initiatives and works with individuals and community groups at a local level within the ward.*

## 3. Can residents and community groups make representations to the Board?

*Yes they can, provided they live or operate in the ward area. Representations can be made in written form or through verbal communication with the Board's Advisor at the Shirley Service Centre, Peter Dow (Telephone 941 5305). If the Community Board proves to be the appropriate channel to be approached, then a time/date is scheduled for the suppliant to appear at a Board meeting. The Board meets in the Boardroom, cnr Beresford and Union Streets, New Brighton, at 4.30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and occasionally the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. These ordinary meetings are open to the public.*

## 4. What is the role of the Board in relation to Residents' Associations?

*The Board's role is to support Resi-*

**Community Board member, Linda Stewart, enthusiastically and actively liaises with the Dallington Residents' Association committee on behalf of the Board.**

**On this page she responds to questions posed by the Editor.**

*dents' Associations by appointing a Board member to liaise with each association in the Ward. They attend monthly committee meetings and support the function of the residents' group in relation to City Council provisions.*

## 5. How do you see your role as the Community Board representative on the Dallington Residents' Association?

*I attend their committee meetings, but I do not have voting powers. I am an advisor, so I offer information on funding for their community initiatives, encourage them to make submissions on proposed citywide regulations and strategies. I also do a wee bit of problem solving and backup when needed. I have learned to appreciate the attributes and complexities of the suburb.*

## 6. Can you give examples of Dallington matters that you've taken an interest in?

*I've assisted the committee with submitting to the public consultation process in relation to the bus route changes, bus priority and other proposed bylaw reviews. Recently I helped with a submission on the new bylaw on cruising. I've supported their wonderful community initiatives. Currently the Palms redevelopment has been getting their attention, along with the installation of a right turning arrow on New Brighton Road into Marshlands Road. I've also advocated for an Outdoor Gym for Burwood Park.*

## 7. Are you encouraged by the Dallington Residents' Association?

*My word, yes! Dallington - you can be proud and thankful for having an active and caring group of residents that work on projects unique to Dallington - the Annual Skip Day is one such event, also the Community Christmas Celebration. They organise city council funding to run these well-organised and popular events. In the last year new people have come on to your committee, which is very encouraging. In other areas Residents' Associations have gone into recess so you are fortunate to have this asset in your district. Members liaise very comfortably with adjoining residents' groups such as Golf Links Road Residents' Association. I feel very privileged to work with your Association's committee.*

## 8. What factors help residents' groups remain active?

*An active Residents Association is the heart of a district, so having residents join the committee brings fresh new ideas that revitalise a suburb. I also believe that by being involved in the wider "city picture", as your committee is, helps to keep them in the information loop and fully enabled to advocate for positive outcomes. There's a lot to gain from being active in your area's Residents' Association and so much to lose by not doing so, as changes can often have a radical affect how we live our daily lives.*

## 9. What significant projects have been advanced by the Community Board over the past year?

*There are too many to list but relevant projects include:*

- *The new Aranui Library that has now moved to the design phase;*
- *Bus Priority for New Brighton 2011 - 2012;*
- *The river walking path's extension along New Brighton Road;*
- *The Burwood Park planting programme and many neighbourhood park upgrades;*

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# Diverse indigenous soils are a distinctive feature of the Dallington area

Anyone visiting the Ellerslie Flower Show expected to see spectacular gardens and they were not disappointed. An added bonus was a variety of booths promoting and selling garden-related products and services. The Lucas Associates display in the CCC booth had as its focus maps showing the natural range of soil structures in Christchurch. Handouts published by Christchurch Otautahi Indigenous Ecosystems for Agenda 21 in July 1997 were also available.

A closer look at the maps revealed a surprising pattern for Dallington. Nick Colley of Lucas Associates says, "The soils of the area delineate different ecosystems. Your area has elements of the Wet Plains / Dry Plains / Coastal ecosystems. It would have originally been rich in diversity."

There are bands of three different soil types from south to north. In the south near Dallington Bridge up to Glenarm Terrace there's deep Waimakariri soil. Then around the river and up into Banks Avenue there's deep Kaiapoi and Templeton soils, while to the north from Halberg Street to New Brighton Road there's wet Taitapu soil.

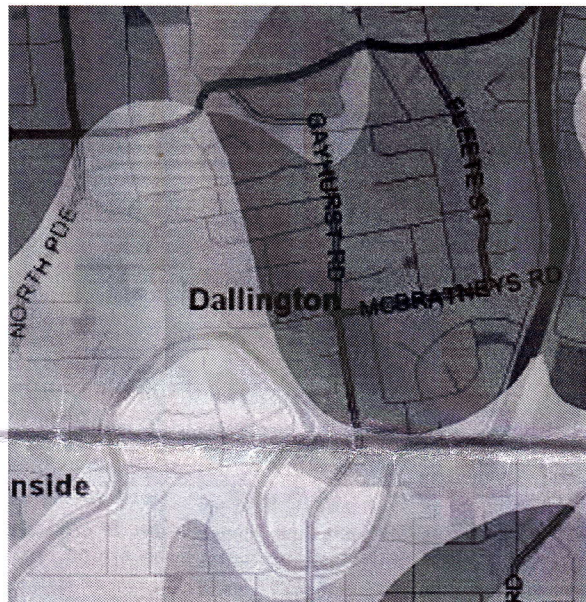
With drainage and subsequent modification through farming, market gardening and orcharding this variety of soil types may not have much relevance for modern gardeners. However, if New Zealand natives are being planted they'll probably do better when matched with their natural environment. Plant lists have been published to show the distribution of natural vegetation for each soil type. These show houhere (lacebark) forest near the Avon River; matai (black pine), manuka and lancewood over the whole area; totara and koromiko south and central and kahikatea (white pine) forest in the north.

In considering Dallington biodiversity a map produced in 1856 by J Thomas and Thomas Cass, Chief Surveyors, is quite revealing (see [http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/ Black Map – environmentecology.pdf](http://resources.ccc.govt.nz/files/Black%20Map%20-%20environmentecology.pdf)). It shows swamp along the riverbank near Snells Place, grassland and fern in the south, a raupo swamp near McBratneys Road, grassland in the vicinity of Dudley Creek (Banks Avenue), broken ground and surface water east towards the river and sand hills at what is now Burwood Park.

In this context we do well to remind ourselves that the United Nations has declared 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity. Of the 17,000 species under threat worldwide 150 occur in New Zealand.

"The Christchurch City Council is taking steps to contribute to safeguarding these and other animals and plants through implementation of its Biodiversity Strategy for 2008-2035" ([www.ccc.govt.nz/.../yearofbiodiversity.aspx](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/.../yearofbiodiversity.aspx)).

Natural vegetation planting lists for each area may be obtained from local CCC service centres and the botanic gardens.  
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Lucas Associates 1997

## Ecosystems

- Kahikitea – Gleyed wet soil
- Totara – Mottled moist soil
- Houhere – Deep loamy dry soil

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### Community Board interview

- Intersection projects at Avondale Road/Bassett Street: 2010/11;
- Dallington Terrace parking.

### 10. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

*I can't stress this enough: Local body elections are in October this year. Be aware of local concerns as they do affect daily lives and vote according to issues that concern you. Not voting results in a loss of democracy and the recent ECan demise adds weight to a privilege that needs to be respected and protected.*