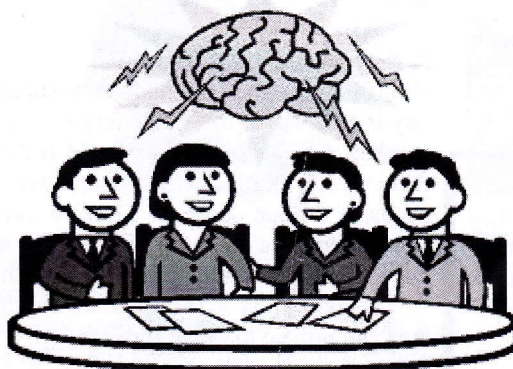


Community News

2nd QUARTER 2015

DALLINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2015



Come along to bring some new ideas for the future of Dallington.

**Each meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.00
pm
at the Trade Aid Headquarters, in Gayhurst Road**

**14th July
11th August
8th September
13th October
10th November
8th December**

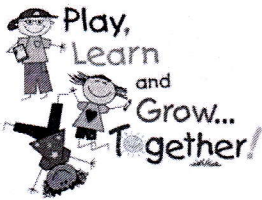
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Shirley Plunket Playgroups

Shirley Plunket Volunteers run two very friendly playgroups.
Tuesdays 10am - 12pm
and
Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.30am
at the Shirley Plunket Rooms,
166 North Parade, Shirley.
There is a cosy warm indoor play area, with a lovely outdoor area and playhouse attached.
They have regular, very enjoyable visits from 5th Year Medical Students.
There is no need to pre-enrol and everyone is welcome.
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Dallington v Windsor:

In response to the item about the name Windsor in the last newsletter, here are some thoughts about the name Dallington and why we should keep it.



1. If it ain' broke why fix it?

I have never heard any negative connotations re the name Dallington.

2. Transition costs:

It's not simply a case of changing the name overnight. It needs a concerted communication effort to ensure there is only one name in existence, avoiding confusion. Maps, websites, communication providers have many different databases. Large organisations which undergo name changes spend a lot of time and money on the process. They have a transition stage, which in the case

of an area can take years. People do not go out and buy new maps overnight, there is no such thing as an instantaneous change.

3. The negative perception of a name change:

Unless there is a compelling benefit to the community, name changes are met with scepticism. Why did they change it, what is wrong that they are trying to cover up?

4. Sense of belonging

Those who have left the area recently, whether from the red zone or for family reasons, still express a strong sense of a need to return, even if it is for the day. The name Dallington represents, for them, a strong identification with the area

5. Representation:

One of the arguments against a super-city is the loss of a voice. Merging with another area at this stage would lessen that voice. Dallington has a unique set of needs, a unique sense of place, a very strong residents' association in terms of its informal links and support within the community. It is a resource which the area can utilise to move forward.

6. We don't know what the future of the area, the red zone will be

7. There is a strong sense of change being inflicted upon us:

By mother nature, and the powers that be. People take comfort in seeing things they can identify with from before the quakes, things that have not changed. The group trying to keep Victoria Square the same, the fact there is strong support for Avonside Girls High School and Shirley Boys High School names, even though the location will be different is due to the identification of the names with the support of the area. The community is not asking for a name change

8. We're still here

When I have spoken about the name change with some people who live in the area - they want the Dallington name to stay and say we're still here. We're staying and we will stay into the future. You won't get rid of us that easily. Perhaps they are reflecting the sense of community spirit that was there before the quakes and has increased following, all summed up in the name Dallington. Dallington represents community. it's

not just a geographical location, it is a collection of informal groups, who all have an identification with the name Dallington.

9. People all over the city, the country and in some places of the world now know who we are

Since the quakes there's a much stronger appreciation of the area and the community spirit. For such a small area, we punch above our weight in terms of name recall.

10. In summary a name is not just a name:

It's all the images, the thoughts, the people, the connotations, the memories, the hopes for the future, the community spirit, the river, the Christmas carols, the struggles, the celebrations, the family memories. its 100 different things that people have created in this area over time.

You don't throw this away without a strong sense of rationale and whole community impetus.

Emma Jamieson.

Quote:

"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."

Barack Obama

OUR FLAG

Our flag bears the stars that blaze at night,
In our southern sky of blue,
And that little old flag in the corner,
That's part of our heritage too,
It's for the English, the Scots and the Irish,
Who were sent to the ends of the earth,
The rogues and the schemers, the doers and the dreamers,
Who gave New Zealand its birth.

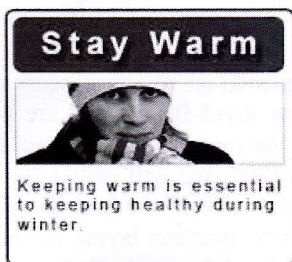
And you who are shouting to change it,
You don't seem to understand,
It's the flag of our laws and our language,
Not the flag of a far away land,
There are lots of people who will tell you,
How when Europe was plunged into night,
That little old flag in the corner,
Was their symbol of freedom and light.

It doesn't mean we owe our allegiance,
To a forgotten imperial dream,
We've the stars to show where we're going,
And the old flag to show where we've been,
It's only an old piece of bunting,
It's only an old coloured rag,
But there are thousands who died for its honour,
And shed their blood for our flag.

THE ABOVE WAS READ AT AN ANZAC DAY SERVICE

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Community Energy Action Charitable Trust helps Canterbury people stay warm at home with insulation, free recycled curtains and free energy efficiency advice. They have put together a series of top tips to help you keep your home toasty through the colder months.



Top 10 tips to stay warm at home

1. Get the insulation checked: A check doesn't cost anything and you may qualify for free insulation. Funding is also available for rental properties.
2. Make sure you have good curtains: Generously fitting and lined. If you cannot afford good curtains, contact Community Energy Action's Curtain Bank for free recycled curtains.
3. Close the 'curtain gap': Enclosed curtain rails or pelmets will make your curtains more effective. If you don't have them, anything else that blocks the gap between curtain rail and wall will work: corflute from an old real estate sign, cardboard, a rolled up towel, etc.
4. Install DIY window insulation: For \$30 a pack it reduces heat loss comparable to double glazing. It requires only scissors and a hair dryer to install.
5. Don't dry clothes inside: Use a dryer, dry outside or in the laundry, etc. A damp house is harder to heat and unhealthy.
6. Use extractor fans in kitchen and bathroom or open a window when cooking or bathing if you don't have them.
7. Take advantage of the sun: Make the most from the free heat from the sun by pulling curtains in the morning. Close them before dark to prevent heat escaping.

8. Switch to the cheapest power retailer and power plan for your lifestyle: Go to www.powerswitch.org.nz to check.
9. Heat your home to a healthy temperature: If you struggle to do that, get advice on subsidies for efficient heating that you can afford to run.
10. Get good advice: Call our free Energy Advice Service on 0800 388 588 today for free, personalised advice and more tips.

Hello from your neighbourhood winemaker:



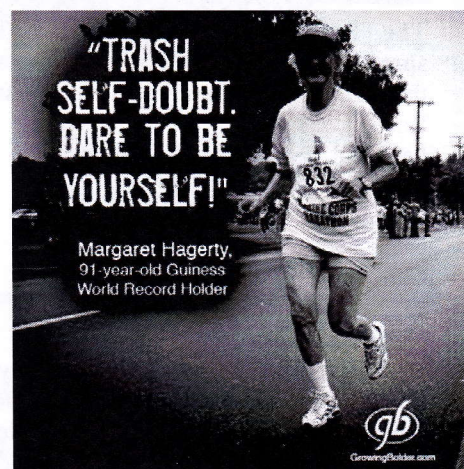
Foraging in the red-zone was a wonderful experience, not only did a security man tell me off like I was a naughty schoolboy, but meeting others obtaining fruits, and the unofficial caretakers like Bryan and Colleen Fairbairn, gives me hope for this wilderness area we are so fortunate to have acquired after such a devastating earthquake. Only time will tell if our green patch remains.

In my man-cave I have now made 7 batches of apple wine and 3 ciders. With the right proportions of types of apples I at least will get a "scrumpy", a little rugged but tasty nevertheless. In the Spring I will be inviting those who have helped me to a tastings and get-together at my place in Coopers Road.

As I walked around the area I observed many a fruit tree not being used. I took the opportunity to knock on the door and told the owner of my needs and now I have 5 apples, a crab apple and a peach tree in close proximity. I am still in need of pear, quince, japonica apple, fejoa and especially Sturmer apples, as these have a tart taste ideal for ciders.

I have also acquired a new press and apple chipper to help. Contact me on 3663755.

Cheers, Bruce



Dallington Walking Group:

It's been 18 months since we moved to Dallington and joined the Monday walkers or, should I say strollers, once a month. It's a pleasure for me while walking to look into people's sections to either admire their handy-work and/or say "Hi neighbour".

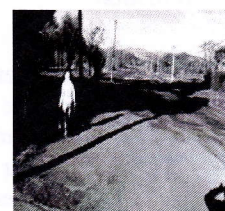
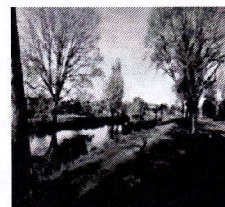
The peace and quiet while walking the red zone is a very different matter but I like the solace, the quietness and serene scenery. I cannot wait till spring as the many gardens left behind should blossom aplenty due to being untouched.

Once the unnecessary roads are gone then meandering pathways would be a delight. Perhaps using some of the existing road/footpath as a base for this walkway/cycleway would save cost?

Food for thought.

Happy walking.

Bruce & Yvonne Le Comte



The Dallington Community Craft shop is located in the block of shops on the corner of McBratneys and Gayhurst Roads, open between the hours of 10.30 am and 3.30 pm each weekday. Call in and see us, stop and chat and have a cup of tea. There are lots of lovely things to choose from including hand-knitted garments and hand-made wooden toys, books and plants, and home-made meusli bars.



Dallington Friends & Leisure Group - Burwood Park Tennis Club,

Cresswell Ave, every Wednesday, 10am- 12pm. Term 1 programme is available at the Dallington Community Craft Shop.

Art

Classes:

Art classes are now held at the Brighton Gallery on a Thursday afternoon. You are welcome to come along. The number for the Brighton Gallery is 382-0045.



The Dallington walking group

- if you would like to get out for a stroll then why not join the group on a Monday morning at 10.00 am, outside the Dallington Community Craft Shop for a walk or even just a coffee. You can 'phone Anton on Ph. 942-8692 for more information.



Oscar an out-of-school care and recreation programme for five to 13 year olds is held at Banks Avenue Primary School.

If interested, please telephone Sophie on mobile 027 438 2604

Burwood Playcentre - 241 New Brighton Road. Children 0-6 years. Phone 385 4378 Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9.15am-12.15pm. Enquiries to Tracey 021-148-3287.



Scouting: The scout den in Halberg Street is still the venue for the following scouting activities.



New members are welcome:
Keas (6-8 yrs) Wed. 6.15-7.15 pm

Cubs (8-10.5 yrs) Thurs.

6.30-8.00 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.

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Councillor Glenn Livingstone:

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Justice of the Peace:

If you need the services of a JP, for witnessing documents or any other matters contact

Linda Stewart

Mobile 027 405 3257.

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. Email Beryl Starr at majbean-land@clear.net.nz

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

Time for a giggle:

During a lady's medical examination, the doctor says, "Your heart, lungs, pulse, eyesight and blood pressure are all fine. Now let me see the bit that gets you ladies into so much trouble."

The lady starts taking off her underwear, but is interrupted by the doctor. "No! No! Don't remove your clothes ... just stick your tongue out!"

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Gayhurst Road Bridge update:

Looking good!

SCIRT are pleased to tell you, they have finished all structural work on the Gayhurst Road Bridge and are preparing for the road which spans across the bridge. Next, we will install the hand-rails either side of the bridge and work on the new junction layout to Gloucester Street and Avonside Drive.

The Gayhurst Road Bridge is scheduled to be finished very soon — subject to design approval by Christchurch City Council. We are currently waiting on a decision regarding the surrounding road approaching the bridge. We will keep you updated on an opening date, once this has been confirmed.

Opening day

We hope to have a celebration with members of the community at the Gayhurst Road Bridge when it opens to the public, to celebrate the re-opening of such an important link for the local community. Advertising for this day will begin soon. We would love to see you there.



The team at McConnell Dowell thank you for your patience and understanding during the rebuild of the Gayhurst Road Bridge.

Thank you to our advertisers for their help with costs.

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

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