



Community News

4th QUARTER 2015



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**DALLINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
CAROLS IN THE PARK/SUMMER OF FUN
FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2015**

**North-east corner of Burwood Park,
alongside Burwood Park Tennis Club
5.30 pm to 7.00 pm**

**Salvation Army Band
Barbecue
Bouncy Castle
Face-painting
Balloon Animals**

**Santa with sweets for the children
Spot prize for best Christmas outfit.**

**Everyone welcome – bring your own chairs if needed
Come join in the fun**

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Clean Up Dallington Day:

Wasn't it a wonderful day, the day we cleaned up the 'hurst on Dallington. A big thank-you to the residents who assisted.

A souvenir bounty of 15 full bags of rubbish; a kitchen sink complete



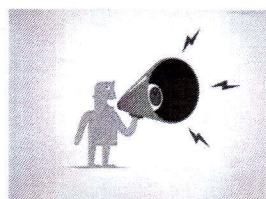
with attached plug on a chain, a pair of Ronnie Corbett glasses, two boots (different sizes), mostly coke and energy drink bottles. Someone didn't like their own reflection very much so they shattered and dumped their mirror – hey, whoever you are out there - next time don't blame the messenger!

Hello to all those wavers and horn beepers. Perhaps you'll join in the party next time. You can bring the champers. It was perfect weather, and we were actively enjoying our very green environment, scintillating company.

So what date shall we keep aside for the next one?

Noise pollution:

Complaints have been received from a number of Dallington residents who live on both sides of the river surrounding the rowing clubs and river.



If rowing club coaches insist on utilising loud hailer to communicate

with rowers a few feet away please refrain from broadcasting language far below Dallington standards. We would appreciate your assistance.

Native Birds:

What native birds are people seeing/hearing in their gardens.



Ring Beryl, 385 1457, so we can publish in the newsletter.

Eastern Pool at QE2:

Recently 100 residents in the Dallington area were asked whether they supported a petition regarding the Eastern Pool at QE2.



96% of respondents supported the two key points and signed the petition. Key points include one 25 metre pool being insufficient to meet the needs of the ward and the proceeds from land sales around the pool being used to build another pool.

Thank you to all those who participated. The petition was presented to the Burwood Pegasus Community Board on 16 November. Should we receive any information about the facility it will be included in future newsletters.



28th November, from 9am to 1pm at the Dallington Community Craft Shop, corner of Gayhurst and McBratneys Roads on Saturday

There will be a great Christmas food raffle, lots of buttons, cottons, jewellery and so much more.

Come and support your local community.

Enhancements in Dallington

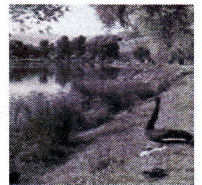
Have you noticed:

- that the temporary high voltage power lines installed post-quakes are now being removed.
- that the pot-holes in the Landy St area are being fixed.
- that the trees planted on the Gayhurst Rd approach to the Dallington Bridge have been attended to following their vandalism by some scumbags.

Dallington does still exist!!

Apparently on National Radio recently it was stated that Dallington no longer exists. A message has been sent to them advising them that we are still here and are a growing and vibrant community.

How do we make it known that Dallington does exist and is still a vibrant community. Let's get cracking and show that we are still here.



We need more people to attend meetings and put forward their ideas.

Dumping of rubbish:

Armourguard have apparently caught people in the early hours of the morning dumping rubbish in the Dallington red-zone.

Please do not dump rubbish in our area.

If anyone sees or hears people dumping rubbish in Dallington please ring the Council.



On the buses:

We are hoping to have an ECAN survey re the bus service to the

Dallington area either distributed with this newsletter or soon after.



People are using the No. 44 bus which is good to hear.

Remember, it goes from McBratneys Road, around Shirley and St Albans, down to Innes Rd and into the bus exchange

Community Police:

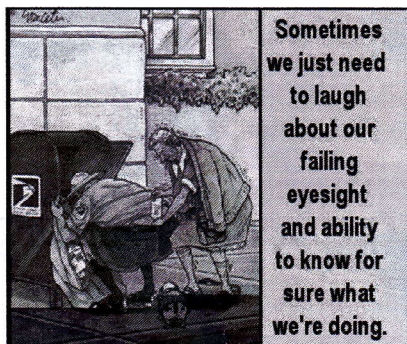
The Community Police Office at The Palms is always in need of new volunteers due to people retiring or going on leave.



The duty time at the office is only 3 hours a fortnight and you will be given training. You are there so that the Community Constable can be out doing his police work, rather than sitting in the office.

If you are interested in this volunteering position, please 'phone Anton on 942.8692 for more information.

Time for a giggle:



Food for thought

Do you know what the relationship is between your two eyes?

They blink together, they move together, they cry together, they see things together, and they sleep together, but they never see each other; that's what friendship is.

From the CCC website:

The public is being encouraged to have a say on what should be on offer in the Leisure Water Area of Christchurch's Metro Sport Facility.

"The Metro Sports Facility is going to be a great asset for Christchurch, with aquatic and sporting components for everyone from the learner through to the elite competitor," says Christchurch Central Development Unit Director Baden Ewart.

"We have spoken with many sports organisations about what they want to see in the Facility, and confirmed several key components, but we

want the wider public to have a say on what they want to see in this aquatic leisure area, which we know will attract a lot of visitors."

"We want to know what people would come along for, what they like or don't like, and what features they most want to see - whether it be a lazy river, water jets and sprays, hydrosides or inflatable toys, or something different altogether. We can then use that feedback in the planning the detail of this Leisure Water Area."

Christchurch City Council Recreation and Sport Manager John Filsell says: "Our communities have shown a keen interest in the aquatic recreational and fun spaces and we are now counting on their suggestions and feedback to make this area a thrilling, engaging and special place to have fun".

The Government and Christchurch City Council have agreed joint funding arrangements for the Metro Sports Facility.

It will include an indoor aquatic hall with a 79 metre, 10-lane competition pool and seating for a minimum of 1000 spectators, various other pools, including hot pools and hydrosides, nine indoor courts for sports such as netball and basketball, and retractable seating for a minimum of 2500 spectators. There will also be a dedicated base for High Performance Sport New Zealand, and spaces for fitness and other activities.

The Government has already purchased most of the land required to develop the facility on a central Christchurch site spanning over 70,000sqm between Moorhouse Avenue, Stewart Street, St Asaph Street and Antigua Street

Tender processes are currently underway to appoint design partners, and contractors to assist in the planning for construction. The intention is to have some of the Facility open to the public in 2019, and the remainder in 2020, but efforts will go into shortening those timeframes where practicable.

People can comment on the Leisure Water Area by visiting www.ccdugovt.nz/metropools, or CERA's Facebook page, or on comment cards available at CERA offices and council service centres, libraries and recreation centres, which can be mailed free to CERA.

Comment closes on Sunday 13 December 2015.

More information on the Metro Sports Facility can be found at www.ccdugovt.nz/metro-sports.

Excerpt From Rebuild Christchurch:

The red zone lands mean so many different things to so many different people.

Our trauma, our angst, our home; our backyard; our neighbourhood; our opportunity, safety buffer, hope, sanctuary; our vision, our river park.

Our one chance to get it right: our stunning legacy for future generations...

This is no more so than in the eastern flatland suburbs of Christchurch. Like a slithery Taniwha snaking through the heart of the east, the memory, the emotion, and the promise lie in wait – only occasionally stirring. But woe betide anyone who seeks to poke it with a stick, or grasp it with both hands and oust it from its place of rest. The beast can spring into life with a ferocity that could devour the seemingly all-powerful.

We got a faint glimpse of that this week.

"The Government hopes to recoup money from Christchurch's red zone by leasing or selling land for private sector development," said an article in *The Press* on Tuesday. The Government was considering "options that offered a 'financial return for the Crown' for the future use of the land".

If there is any hint that anybody, whether public or private, profits – or is perceived to profit – out of the misery of those who were red-zoned or left behind in the adjacent TC3 zones, then the Taniwha will rise with a vengeance that time will not dull.

Yes, there may be need for new and affordable housing in the east that can help offset costs, but let's be innovative in how that may be achieved without encroaching again on lands best left alone.

Leave the Taniwha in peace. Let the lands return to what they want to be: a green and blue floodplain space that nurtures and protects the adjoining communities – and the wellbeing of the entire city.

Evan Smith
Ex-Red Zoner

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.



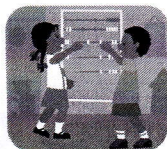
The Dallington walking group - if you would like to get out for a stroll then why not join the group on a Monday morning at 10.00 am, outside the Dallington Community Craft Shop for a walk or even just a coffee. You can 'phone Anton on Ph. 942-8692 for more information.



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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Justice of the Peace:

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

Linda Stewart

'Phone: 388.9583

(Linda is happy to visit Dallington folk, if need be)

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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

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The Dallington Residents' Association Committee meets at 7.00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Trade Aid in Gayhurst Road.