

Townhouses for Orion site



Artist's impression of the townhouses being built at the corner of Packe St and Canon St. Housing NZ has bought up all the single bedroom units but two and three bedroom units are still available for sale to homeowners.

by **Belinda Carter**

A dozen single storey, single bedroom townhouses being built by Horncastle Homes on part of the former Orion site at the corner of Packe St and Canon St have been sold to Housing New Zealand and will be ready for occupation by Christmas.

And another 13 townhouses, yet to be built, are being sold to homeowners and landlords for occupation in August 2016. The contemporary freehold townhouses have been designed by architect Tim Devine and come in two and three bedroom options starting at \$429,000 for a two bedroom townhouse. Horncastle Homes said around 80 per cent of these homes have already been sold off the plans.

The former Orion site, of which the townhouse development is part,

had issues with soil contamination. According to the eCan LLUR database, consulted on September 18, the soil on the Orion site may contain arsenic, lead and BaP above minimum accepted levels. The information does not appear to have been updated since 2013, when a temporary village for quake workers was planned but later pulled.

The landuse database, a useful aid for would-be homebuyers and others, contains information about all properties in Christchurch and can be consulted online. <http://llur.ecan.govt.nz/Public/>. This information may not be included on the LIM report.

Housing New Zealand said their advice from Horncastle Homes regarding any concerns about contamination is that "all the necessary pre-development soil sampling and testing did not reveal any contamination beyond

acceptable levels for residential use. As such, no ground removal and replacement was necessary. This information would have been required as part of the Christchurch City Council-issued resource consent being approved," Housing New Zealand Communications Manager (South Island) Glenn Conway said.

Smaller Housing New Zealand developments are being built in Sherborne St, Barbadoes St and Bishop St. These will be completed over the coming few months.

This is part of Housing New Zealand's Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Programme, which will repair up to 5000 earthquake-damaged properties by the end of 2015 and build up to 700 new homes.

The Packe St frontage lost some trees to the development late last year, which disappointed some longterm residents of the area. ☘





Hi everyone.

What a difference spring makes to a community! It's great to see people out and about enjoying the sunshine and the beauty of the spring daffodils, amongst the backdrop of new

buildings popping up across the skyline.

It's been a busy month for SARA, with a well-attended AGM and great steps forward on both the Community Centre planning and our ongoing relationship with the Christchurch City Council.

Visibly displaying their confidence in the new shape and future direction of SARA, the CCC and Shirley-Papanui Community Board have granted the Association \$25,000 under the Strengthening Communities programme.

More importantly, both groups have indicated a strong desire to work collaboratively with SARA to help drive positive rebuilding and community strengthening within St Albans.

Our community has changed substantially over the last five years, and this grant will give us the opportunity to refocus our efforts in the right areas. It will enable us to employ a part-time community facilitator who will be instrumental in driving the implementation of the St Albans Strategy—a series of exciting, community-run developments planned for the area”

With the original Community Centre sadly destroyed in the earthquakes, SARA has operated on a less physically visible scale over the last five years. Relying on grants and donations from trusts and companies including the Canterbury Community Trust, Vodafone and IAG, as well as proceeds from the barbecue trailer and more recently, the transitional community centre, SARA has worked hard to keep the community voice heard.

Recent funding has enabled SARA to employ a part-time manager for the transitional centre, who has subsequently driven a substantial increase in its use.

The Strengthening Communities grant comes at a perfect time. Emma Twaddell (SARA Co-Chair) has worked tirelessly to ensure the voice of St Albans residents has been heard over the last five years.

Without physical premises, or paid support, this was challenging but the grant tops off a period of re-generation for SARA. We have regained management of the transitional centre. We are in a position to employ paid staff, and we're ready to start the public discussion about who we are, and what we want to be. This is our opportunity to create a community that is even stronger, more connected and more sustainable with the Community Centre at the heart of it.

Enjoy this fabulous time in our wonderful community!

Renée, Co-chair, SARA

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By A. Resident

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Cars parking on footpaths create hazard



One of the many cars seen parking where they oughtn't.

by **Belinda Carter**

Increasing numbers of cars are parking on footpaths in St Albans streets. Some of the streets are quite narrow eg: Dover St but others can be quite wide and experiencing heavy traffic, such as Cranford St.

The cars may be parking on footpaths to avoid damage from passing cars eg: to wing mirrors or to provide other drivers with more room. However, such consideration makes it difficult for those on foot or on wheelchairs, particularly on rubbish collection days. The cars weren't completely on the footpath. It usually involves two wheels on and two wheels off the road. Although there have been instances of people parking the whole car off the road when there are yellow lines.

We approached the Christchurch City Council about parking on footpaths a few months ago, but they said they had not received any complaints about parking on footpaths in St Albans.

Technically, you cannot park on grass berms. However, the 2008 bylaw says there have to be signs saying so but there aren't any. This limits what the council staff can actually do, so they take an educational role and stick flyers on windcreens of offending cars instead. It's a bylaw that needs amending to deal with a growing problem. The main concern seemed to be visibility for other drivers driving out of driveways.

St Albans School has also had a problem with cars. The school board reported in the August 13 newsletter, including photos of the offending cars, that people were stopping on yellow lines, parking over driveways and so on when dropping off or picking their children up from school. One child was hit (not badly injured) by a car reversing out of a driveway. Sheppard Place is a cul de sac and traffic is a problem. The school prefers parents to park out in Trafalgar St and walk the child into school.

If cars are blocking the footpath, you can use the app in the next article and send it to the city council. The council's parking unit is usually pretty prompt at dealing with bad parkers. ☘

Snap to it

If you want to report a pothole or graffiti in St Albans to Christchurch City Council, the council has made it easier with a smartphone app.

Called Snap Send Solve, it lets you take photos and report the problem quickly.

The app was purchased ready-made. It is used by over 40 councils in Australia but this is the first time it has been used in New Zealand.

It has been used by a variety of Christchurch residents to report a number of different issues such as broken glass on the roads,

missed bins, roading issues and graffiti, Dana Burnett, IT Service Manager - Digital Channel and Customer says.

"We had over 600 reports in the first month and are receiving approximately 20 reports per day, depending on weather and events. It is an easy way for customers and citizens to get in touch with us to report a problem or incident in the city."

It can also be used to report fallen trees, blocked drains, broken playground equipment, suspected pests, rubbish and more.

"The app works by identifying the location the photo is taken using the phone's GPS data. It then sends an email to the council, including the picture, which is then allocated to the relevant department. The more information the public can provide, the better we can help isolate and investigate the issue," she says.

"This allows for smaller and hard-to-find problems, such as potholes, to be accurately located. We can also immediately understand the extent of the problem, and investigate and act upon it."

The app is free and can be downloaded from the Apple app store, in the case of iPhones, or Google Play for Android phones. People can still use the telephone and other methods to draw council's attention to issues within their suburb. This just makes it easier and faster to do so.



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It has been a big year for SARA

by Belinda Carter

Co-chair Emma looked back on a year in which there were major changes for the St Albans Residents' Association and her excitement about plans for the future was infectious during the annual meeting on September 8.

She thanked the hard-working centre manager Sandra Wilson and acknowledged funding, donations and sponsorship. In particular, the council grant "felt like a huge vote of confidence, both in the work that we are doing here in St Albans and in our capacity to do it."

Emma also made mention of SARA's advocacy for better transport planning for northern commuters and the BBQ trailer and marquee providing a pop up community venue. SARA was given a portable building, currently sitting on an adjacent section, which it has received permission to move onto the community centre site.

"Without physical premises, or paid support, this was a challenging year but the CCC grant tops off a period of re-generation for SARA. We have regained management of the transitional centre. We are in a position to employ paid staff, and we're ready to start the public discussion about who we are, and what we want to be."

"This is our opportunity to create a community that is even stronger, more connected and more sustainable than it was before (and it was great then!), with the community centre at the heart of it".

Emma also outlined SARA's Strategic Plan for 2016 which aims to foster a spirit of community in St Albans, by involving and empowering its residents to develop a vibrant and healthy community

Actions include opening the transitional St Albans reSTART Hub to provide the community with a welcoming sitting room, computer room and community office, which is open to the public. It will be a learning space. We should see a revival of community events and a return to the role that SARA played in the community prior to the quakes. SARA will also be working in partnership with CCC and others towards the rebuild of the community centre - the current building is a temporary one.

In the wider community, SARA wants to see the Malvern Park Fitness Trail completed and the Birds of Edgware art project come to fruition next year. Work will continue on land and flooding issues, the cycleway, traffic congestion, safe footpaths and accessible buildings. SARA plans to survey residents in rental housing to help improve housing standards.

To read the full strategic plan for 2016 head online to stalbans.gen.nz.

The annual meeting elected a new treasurer, Peter McDonald, while BJ Cordes and Stephany Mitchell stepped down. Renee Walker and Emma Twaddell remain as co-chairs. The other committee members, some of them long-serving, are Doug Jack, Steve Moore, Lorna Szentivanyi, and Edel Armstrong.

Following the GM, guest speaker Brendon Streiker, the station sergeant at Papanui Police Station spoke about SARA, but not about the residents' association. It seems he is a fan of acronyms. The SARA model is the police approach to dealing with problems, which stands for Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment. The model helps police identify problems of concern to public and police and work out ways to fix them. ☘

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Police action helps centre clean up

by Belinda Carter

Community constable Wayne Stapley and centre manager Sandra Wilson have come up with a solution that will make visiting the Community Centre and its car park more pleasant in future.

Sandra said that she had fielded complaints from neighbours living around the Community Centre at St Albans about unsavoury goings-on late at night.

“They have observed the car park being used for sex during the night. At one point they said there were three cars with people having sexual activity.” Late night visitors were believed to have been behind the damage to the metal shed and to a nearby grassy area.

Sandra said the neighbours told her the car park was being misused on a regular basis and there were often condoms spread around - five were counted one morning - although a neighbour does dispose of them when he notices activity the previous night.

“This is not good, as we have people from all different cultures, religion, and children using the St Albans Community Centre.”

Simply by locking two sets of gates after 10pm this problem has been solved. The one in Colombo St has been locked for some time but the earthquake-damaged gate at Caledonian Road was left open. It has been fixed thanks to an urgent request to Christchurch City Council being followed up with action on their part. Damage during the quakes made the gates impossible to lock and the middle gates were dismantled during the demolition of the old centre

Sandra says there now appears to be no untoward activity in the car park after 10 pm closing time. A fine example, as community constable Wayne Stapley said, of “changing a few things in the environment to prevent crimes.”

Station Sergeant Brendon Streiker said environmental design has great results. “This is one of many CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) visits or advice we will be doing long term as part of our prevention operation KARAPU.

“A regular routine for locking the area up will have long term results, as the sex industry tends to operate in the early hours. They have a history of returning.”

He said patrols have limited success. “The key is securing the location and making it hard to target.”

The locking of the gates has also dealt with another problem, drivers rat running during peak traffic periods, cutting through to Colombo St. This had endangered pedestrians who continue, with the centre’s blessings, to walk through to Caledonian Road. ☿

New bike facility for Edgeware Village



Edgeware Village sports fancy new red bikestands and a bike fix it stand full of useful tools like air pumps and puncture repair kits thanks to funding from the Christchurch City Council's transitional city projects fund. It is designed to be moved on if need be, but early adopters hope it will stay.

It is in a good position for the future cycleway that heads through Trafalgar St into the northern suburbs. The concrete pad outside the shops on the western side of Colombo St at the corner with Edgeware Road, has also been the recipient of wooden seating and trees in containers.

There is an empty shop nearby, that was once a cycle shop. Perhaps it might attract a cycle shop again or a cafe catering for cyclists?

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Change is in the air for St Albans voters

by **Belinda Carter**

St Albans East and West are likely to become part of the central city ward before the next local body elections in late 2016.

This is one of the changes recommended following Christchurch City Council's six-yearly review of ward boundaries earlier this year.

If this happens there are likely to be more councillors - 16 instead of 13 - with one councillor per (increased number) of wards. Under the current system there are seven wards, having two councillors per ward, with the exception of under-populated Banks Peninsula which only has one, making a total of 13 councillors. With the additional councillors, nearly \$300,000 will be added to the payroll.

The decision to include part of St Albans in the central ward will no doubt please those who see the community of interest lies with the central city.

The new northern boundary with the Papanui ward will run along St Albans, Courtenay, Westminster, Forfar and Warrington Streets.

If you would like to find out which ward your house will belong to under the revised system, check out this page <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/have-your-say/whats-happening-now/representative-review/property-search/>

The council recommendation takes into account 'communities of interest'

and, keeping representation fair, the council is aiming at one councillor per ward - or one elected member to 16,500 people (26,250 at present) give or take 10 per cent (with the exception of Banks Peninsula). Post earthquake movements, shrinking of the eastern suburb populations and increased population growth in northern and western parts of the city have influenced the revised ward boundaries.

Christchurch City Council will make a decision on the ward boundaries in November. It then goes to the Local Government Commission, which has the last say on the boundaries, ward and councillor numbers. The final outcome will be notified in April, in time for the local body elections in October 2016.

Under the planned changes, the current areas of St Albans East and West, Edgware and Rutland will all be part of the Papanui- Marshlands-Central community board. The new board will have nine members, six community members plus three councillors (one extra councillor and one more board member to represent the three areas in the new ward).

The council is seeking feedback from residents on the ward proposals until 5pm on Friday, 9 October. This can be done online or by obtaining a hard copy of the consultation booklet at service centres.

According to the community board

minutes, no consultation meetings are planned in the Papanui area, because of poor turnouts at previous events, but materials may be left at local events.

Online submitters should check out: <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/HYS/Representation-Review-2015-consultation-booklet.pdf>

Submitters can also ask to speak to the Council in person during the hearings in late October.

The Council has its final say on the matter in November. The decision then goes to the Local Government Commission before a final decision is made in April 2016, in time for the local body elections. ☞

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There is a gym in St Albans



There is a gym in St Albans, complete with typical equipment. After a comment at the tail end of an article about the new health centre we were contacted by Duncan Trevella to point out that there is a gym in St Albans and it's at Activehealth, a two storey building at 545 Manchester St close to Edgeware Road, catering mostly for 18-60 year olds although they have older and younger members. The 300sq metre gym also provides training for school sports teams and other groups. They have been in St Albans for just over a year. Activehealth includes physiotherapy, podiatry, nutrition and massage under one roof. For more information:

<http://www.activehealth.co.nz>



Repaired tennis courts highlight of opening day

Last month, under clear blue skies, St Albans Tennis Club held its opening day. A combination of fine weather, a good turnout and everyone enjoying their matches contributed to a successful day.

Opening day was the club's first opportunity to show off the long awaited and much anticipated repairs to four of its earthquake damaged courts. The courts now look picture perfect and everyone relished playing on the bump free courts.

St Albans Tennis Club wishes to share these 'as good as new' courts with everyone who wants to play tennis. We are a friendly club offering social tennis that suits everyone. It is never too late to take up tennis; it doesn't matter how long ago you last played or if you have never picked up a racquet before. Coaching is available through the club's resident coach to give you the skills and confidence to play.

We encourage new members to join us on any Saturday from 2pm at our courts in Dover St for a game. There is no obligation to join the club on your first visit as we want you to feel welcome and enjoy playing tennis.

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Trees lose protection

The Christchurch City Council maintains a list of individual protected trees (complete with their own GPS co-ordinates) and surrounds them with rules about what people can and cannot do with them. Currently there are about 1900 on the list but the district plan, currently being revised, has slashed the list to about 430. If the plan goes ahead, just under 1500 individually 'protected' trees will no longer need a resource consent before being cut down. The new schedule at 9.4.5.1.1 appears to list, at a glance, no St Albans trees. The worry is that developers wanting to make the most of the land for higher density properties may cut down a tree that was once listed for its heritage value.

Bowling green funded

Good to see the Shirley Papanui community board giving \$5000 to the St Albans Park Bowls for the green keeper. Nicest piece of turf in St Albans.



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Hitting the wall in a small business

by Sue Dwan

Setting up a business from scratch and guiding it through all of its early developmental phases is hard work. It may include physical and professional isolation from former peers and colleagues, numerous highs and lows while developing products and/or services, finding new customers, keeping existing ones or losing others.

Additional stressors include not knowing what you don't know about something until it happens; and being the technical, entrepreneurial and management/administrative whiz as well as the office cleaner, courier, supplies purchaser, gardener, maintenance person, painter and debt collector.

Often new business owners may 'hit the wall' for a period of time, because everything in the business seems too difficult. The natural tendency is to work harder and longer yet that compounds the issue. Instead, it is more helpful to:

Recognise the situation

It means one's get up and go has got up and gone, temporarily. It doesn't mean a lack of skills, positive attitude or wherewithal. It reflects overload or overwhelm and forward movement is halted.

Get support

Talk to those who know what it is like to be self employed and experienced in what it takes to create and maintain a business and to work through the highs, the lows and the states in-between. It can be reassuring to know that it happens to others.

Identify triggers

Identify any specific triggers that may have contributed to the slump, for example: working dawn to dusk for months on end without weekends off; or doggedly working on something that's not in your area of expertise and failing to get the required outcome.



Develop strategies

Some predetermined strategies can get you through tough times, such as taking a short break or a holiday. If your thinking is scrambled and your judgement less sound than usual, hold off making major decisions until you get expert advice or have a break. Buy in specific expertise to do tasks you don't have the skills or time for, or delegate some work to others. Spend time each week on relatively non-demanding activities. Factor in some personal treats, such as meals out in the Edgeware Village; increase your self-care activities, including exercise and walks around Abberley, St. Albans and Rugby parks; or lend a hand at the Packe St community garden or the St. Albans Uniting Parish garden. Talk to someone you trust and feel comfortable with.

Re-prioritise the priorities

Determine what must be done now, next week or next month, and what may be realistically left for a later time.

Affirm

Give yourself a pat on the back every day. Creating a business and/or staying in business in demanding, constantly changing times is not for the faint hearted. It is normal to feel overwhelmed, tired and fed up at times and it is important to see it is a response to workload demands and/or internal personal pressures. Having the time to rest and regenerate, using pre-determined strategies, may give you the impetus you need to keep going when the going gets tough. ☘

Sue Dwan is a St Albans based management and business coach, writer, change agent and director of Dwan & Associates: www.dwanandassociates.com. One of her favourite survival strategies is to get out of the office, walk to a local St Albans café and enjoy a scone, coffee and a different environment.

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Obstacles and bringing good fortune



Ganesha Chaturthi is a Hindu festival celebrating the birthday of Lord Ganesha, the destroyer of obstacles and lord of good fortune, and usually marks the end of the monsoon season around mid-September. It celebrates rebirth and renewal. Ganesha idols (elephant head) are brought home and installed on a decorated platform. The idol is offered pure water and refreshments such as honey and milk.

The centre was filled with flower petals, incense, prayers, songs, incantations and a tintinabulation of small bells. Many of those present wore Indian garments and handed out freshly cut fruit and Indian sweets.

The event was organised by Mumbai Memories, in just two weeks, to give the largely nuclear families and single people from India living in Christchurch a feeling of community. As a little boy said of the community centre, "this is our house". It proved more popular than the organisers realised. A packed dinner rounded off the event.



Original costumes

Five creative St Albans School students committed their time to designing and producing original costumes for the Wearable Arts section of this year's Cultural Festival entitled 'Te Waipounamu' (South Island of New Zealand).

end result. Their moment to shine came on (31st August) at the Horncastle Arena. A matinee two days later gave the public a second opportunity to view their work.

The designs

Bella Spear created the Cathedral Rose Window out of a paper mache pulp and plastic containers. She wore the Spire as her headpiece.

Tanner Bartram created Te Waipounamu out of a variety of fabrics adding sparkle for embellishment. The final touch was her 'Long White Cloud' worn as a headpiece.

Noah Yee was Manu Ngahere, representing the forest and native birds. His cloak featured forest birds glued or sewn on to it.

Olivia Timbs created a fantail out of materials from creative junk. She used a wire frame to enhance the shape of her tail feathers.

Emma Sinclair was Aoraki and the Mount Cook Lily. She spent hours cutting out individual flowers for her dress.

Lights were used to provide a common theme to their work and to give them that Wearable Art's 'WOW' factor. What a great experience! ☘



The theme provided them with the option of producing wearable art for either the 'Iconic Christchurch' or 'Wild and Wacky' sections.

This enthusiastic and highly motivated group spent many hours working at home and school to produce this

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New principal for new school

The current principal at Our Lady of Assumption School, Jo Early, has been appointed as principal of the new Francis of Assisi school that has been created in place of Our Lady of Fatima and St Paul's.

She starts work on November 2. She is married to Micky and has two grown up children Megan and George who have both been through the Catholic primary and secondary system.

She recently completed her Masters of Educational Leadership.

"The opportunity to lead a new school and develop



positive relationships within a strong learning community is very exciting. There has been a long period of uncertainty for the St Paul's and Our Lady of Fatima schools and the parish. I would like to assure you that I am sensitive to this and keen to build relationships as the two communities come to be one Catholic community in relationship with the Parish, being fully committed to the special character of this community," Mrs Early wrote on the school website.

One of her first tasks will to be involved in the St Francis Community Day on Saturday, 7 November 2015. Visitors which will a tour of the new building. If you are keen to give a helping hand please email: bill.morgan@stfranschch.school.nz, by Friday, 2 October. ☘

The school has a new website. To find out more visit:

<http://www.stfranschch.school.nz/>

New outdoor play space for Playcentre

On October 3, the St Albans Playcentre will be opening its new playground directly behind the centre. The land was gifted to St Albans Playcentre by the Ministry of Education and the centre has been busy fundraising to develop it as outdoor play area for tamariki.

"This is turning into a fantastic space for our children to engage in imaginative play in a purposeful and natural environment," Megan Whiting says.

The official opening includes a blessing from a Kaumatua, singing by the tamariki and a morning tea. "The grand opening will celebrate our many wonderful parents, local businesses and community members who have volunteered their time, skills and materials to help develop this piece of land. It has been a major undertaking for all involved and we have achieved an amazing result that we are all very proud of."

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The Springfield Brewery.

by **Brian Spear**

There was once a brewery in Springfield Road but its development took a long and circuitous route.

In 1874, George Pitts was involved in the formation and dissolution of a number of partnerships which had been formed to run the business of the Suffolk Brewery. This enterprise had been operated for some years by Samuel Manning from premises on the corner of Barbadoes Street and Moorhouse Avenue.

By 1879, George had branched out on his own and had established the Springfield Brewery on the corner of

Springfield and Edgeware Roads.

It appears that George carried on this business until 1892 when he sold the assets to Frank Shand and advertised the property in Springfield Road for sale.

George then moved to Reefton where he ran the local brewery before trying his hand at mining.

Frank Shand carried on with the brewery but he renamed it St Albans Brewery and relocated to Devonport Lane. He died in 1918 and Robert Edward Hall and Henry Hawker Hudson formed a partnership to take over the business. This arrangement

lasted until 1922 when Hudson retired and Hall formed a company the St Albans Brewery Limited to take over the venture.

The Company had ceased trading by 1926 and was dissolved in 1928. The brewery was taken over by the Southern Cross Brewery Co Limited which operated until 1938, when the business assets and licence was acquired by the North Canterbury Brewery Company of Rangiora.

Information sources: Papers Past website. The Press and The Star.

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Craft beer taking off

by Rufus Turner

Craft beers in New Zealand have increased dramatically recently. There are currently at least 15 microbreweries in Christchurch alone. One of these, Two Thumb Microbrewery, opened in 2013 at 352 Manchester Street, just south of Bealey Ave and is the closest to St Albans. Owner Clayton Wallwork, who lives in St Albans, named the brewery after the mid-Canterbury mountain range where his family has a bach. Two Thumb is the first brewery based in the St Albans vicinity since the St Albans Brewery (1880s to 1940s), based on Devonport Lane, St Albans.

The brewery can produce batches up to 800 litres. It sells three regular beers and also several seasonal beers. The beers are available from some off licences within St Albans including Edgware Supervalu, liquor outlets as well as other off licences in Christchurch. He has also supplied beer to several bars.

You can also fill your own bottles at the brewery on Wednesdays and Fridays between 3 and 6pm.

Seasonal beers at present include a Special Porter (5.6% ABV) that is a good darker ale, Harvest Ale (5.8% ABV) a satisfying malty beer and by the time of publication, a tasty American Amber Red Ale (6.0% ABV) that lingers for a significant time after each mouthful. ☿

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The deadline for the next issue is November 16



Kolsch (5% ABV) – A lighter beer that tastes quite fruity as well as having characteristics of wheat beer. Nice for summer.



Oatmeal Stout (5.8% ABV) – A very nice dark beer with good chocolate and coffee overtones. A great beer for colder nights. This beer was based on the old Invalid Oatmeal Stout brewed by the St Albans Brewery (see previous page)



NZ Pale Ale (5.4% ABV) – A pleasant, balanced ale that has had extra hops added to give a pleasant citrus taste with some residual hop bite at the end.

Art Project for St Albans

The St Albans Residents Association (SARA) is currently undertaking a community art project and are seeking expressions of interest from artists and or individuals who have skills to make this project a reality.

The project concept involves the design and placement of up eight birds in a prominent local tree, using neon as the artist's medium. Aspects of the design will need to involve elements of movement and colour.

For a full rundown of specifics and deadlines please contact Ian at sara@stalbans.gen.nz or phone Sandra on 021 31 7584

Community rebuild partnerships

The Shirley Papanui Community Board has taken a meeting with the St Albans Residents Association in July and formalised it into what it is calling 'Community Rebuild Partnerships'. SARA co-chair Emma Twaddell welcomed its formation and hoped to meet with the council quarterly. She thought it was a good idea to apply citywide. The title chosen could refer to rebuilding after the earthquake damage or damaged relationships that need fixing, but either way, partnering with community groups throughout the city should be seen as a positive thing. The meeting on July 16 discussed the Community Centre use, the Edgware Village Master Plan, Abberley Park paddling pool and Cranford St changes among other things. It was also an opportunity for community board representatives and Papanui service centre staff to see the difference having staff on site makes for the facility and for them to be made aware of activities already carried out by SARA in the community and plans for development of St Albans (the St Albans Strategy). ☿

Christchurch has some great places to visit

by Nicky Wagner

The daffodils are in bloom—spring has arrived! As we move out of this cold winter and start to enjoy more time outside, it is a great time to think about what activities we can do with our children. A great announcement recently has been the finalised design of the Metro Sports facility on Antigua Street, allowing work to begin on the \$300 million centre. This project is being funded by both the Christchurch City Council and the government, with core facilities including a swimming and diving pool, netball and basketball courts, and general purpose spaces. An important feature is the 500 parking spaces which will be provided free for users paying entry, so when you take your children in for swimming lessons, you won't be hard hit in the pocket.

Another great place to take your children will be the Margaret Mahy Playground on the banks of the Avon River. This fantastic and creative space will help keep children entertained in a safe and family-friendly environment. The project will be completed over the Christmas break and should definitely be on your list of things to do.

If you have a spare moment, you should take the time to walk one of the four Avondale-Wainoni-Aranui (AWA) Trails in Eastern Christchurch. This is a clever and engaging project led by students and supported by the All right? campaign to put a unique spin on the Red Zone. It was born

out of the reality that many of our youngest students don't remember the city pre-earthquake and this allows them to connect with the neighbourhood in a fun and active way.

I also joined Mayor Dalziel on September 4 for a commemorative service in New Brighton to acknowledge five years since the first earthquake. It is hard to believe it has been five years since this life changing event upturned our community, and it is important that we pause to reflect and realise how far we have come.

So as we head into spring, do take the opportunity to spend time with family and enjoy some of the fantastic and varied activities our city offers. It has been a tough five years, but now we are making progress in creating a safer, more environmentally conscious and people-friendly city.

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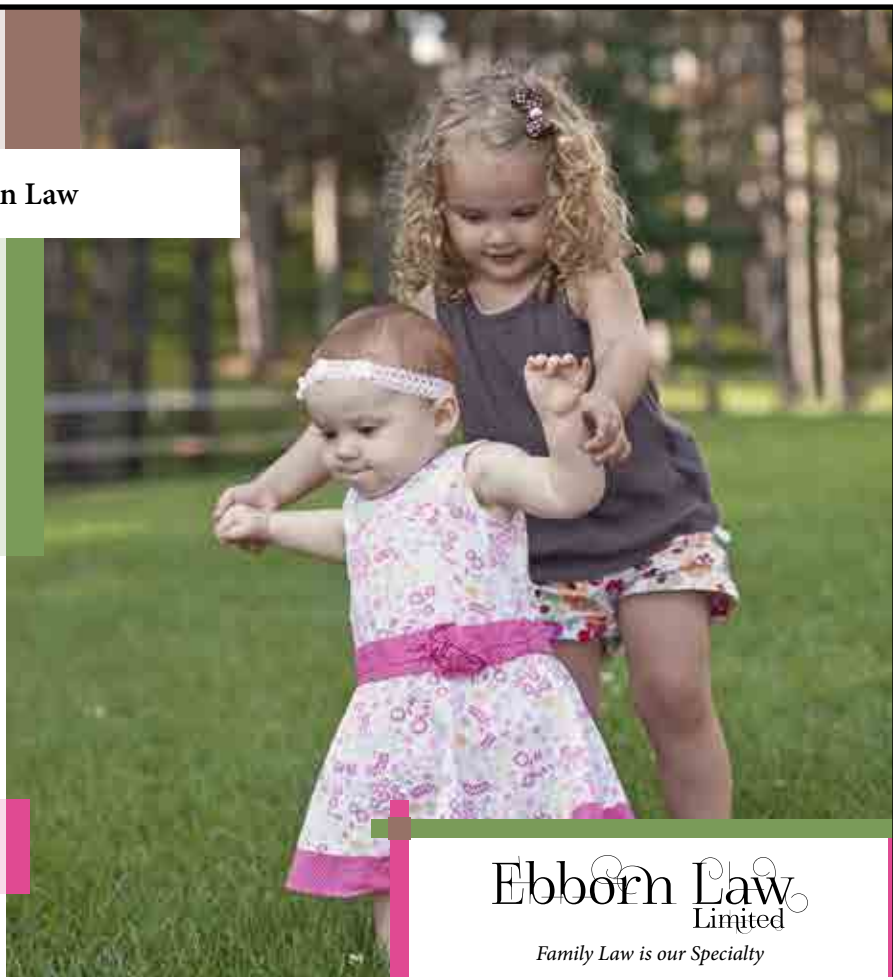
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by Emma Twaddell

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The station is set up as a non-commercial radio station, broadcasting local information, community notices, weather, news and sports with local and international entertainment.

The shows are a wonderful mixed bag including a local hard rock show, Cranked Up, The Best of British, showcasing an eclectic mix of unsigned British music and Te Puutake, presenting the latest on what's going on for rangatahi around Aotearoa.

Every Sunday listeners are offered an afternoon of country music which promotes independent contemporary country music artists from here and around the world.

I recently met Ken Dunning, whose show Coffee Hour has been broadcast on 87.8 since November last year. Ken says Coffee Hour is a fun show that he likes to think helps educate, agitate, organize and inform people in regards to local South Island news and events. Transcripts of the shows are copied onto facebook for people with hearing problems.

Ken has a new sports show called View from the Stand, airing on Saturdays, where he will follow over a dozen grassroots local sports, from Aussie rules to netball and include a mix of male and female sports as well as team and individual sports.

Between the many shows, pop, rock and dance mixes entertain and at 5pm daily the CTV News simulcast is broadcast. Check out the link to view the weekly schedule. <http://www.powerhitfm.co.nz/on-air-schedule/>

You can also listen to the radio station online.



St Albans Community Centre Manager's hours

If you want to make contact with the centre manager, Sandra Willson for bookings etc the easiest way is to email

communitycentre@stalbans.gen.nz

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SARA

Local residents needed to lead and/or join local community projects: See the St Albans Community Strategy 2013-2023 for ideas of how you can help out in the community. Contact SARA@stalbens.gen.nz for more information.

St Albans Community BBQ Trailer is available to hire for events. FREE to any St Albans resident to use for a street level event. Enquires to BBQ@stalbens.gen.nz

St Albans Residents Association Community Discussion and Management Committee Meeting. Second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. St Albans Community Centre. All welcome.

The St Albans History Group wants to make copies of any photos or records of earlier St Albans homes, businesses, personalities or locations. Anyone who could help with this project should contact Brian Spear for further information. His email

address is: briangspear@hotmail.com

Packe St Park and Community Garden Working Bee and Afternoon Tea: Thursdays 2 to 4pm.

St Albans Community Pre-school: Westminster St/Thames St Cnr. For more information contact Odette on 03 355 9396

St Albans Leisure Group is an older adult's recreation group that provides social contact and activities for its members. Contact Wendy at sara@stalbens.gen.nz

FREE INSULATION Warm Up New Zealand: Healthy Homes projects provide free ceiling and underfloor insulation for low-income households occupied by people with health needs related to cold, damp housing. Available to home owners and tenants. Contact Right House 0800 744 569, EnergySmart 0800 777 111 or Community Energy Action Charitable Trust: 0800 GET WARM (0800 438 9276)

Swim lessons. The family-friendly St Albans swimming club offers affordable

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paul.valerie@actrix.co.nz

Highland Dancing: For boys and girls aged four years and above. Saturdays from 9.30-11am during school term at Scottish Society Hall, corner Edgeware and Caledonian Roads. For more information contact: Cushla Piesse at cp.piesse@orcon.net.nz

Canterbury Embroiderers' Guild, Hammersley Community Centre. 11 Amos Place, off Marshlands Road. Groups meet Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri. Workdays with projects and tutored classes held during the year. All welcome who enjoy any form of stitching at any skill level. Contacts: Kate 027 446 0138 or Lynne 382 2572

Merivale Elite6: Every Thursday at 7:30am—8:30am (Arrive 7:20am to order a drink and/or breakfast). At McDonald's Merivale, 217 Papanui Rd, Christchurch 8014. www.elite6.co.nz/merivale/

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Residential Advisory Service (RAS) 03 379 7027 – 0800 777 299

The Residential Advisory Service provides free, independent help to residential property owners who are facing challenges in getting their home repaired or rebuilt after it has been damaged by the Canterbury Earthquakes. For more information, go to: www.advisory.org.nz

Need help to find help? Feeling distressed and overwhelmed right now?

Call the Canterbury Support Line 0800 777 846 open 7 days from 9am to 11pm. Talking can help. Call 0800 777 846 to be referred to free and confidential advice.

New Zealand Red Cross help is still available in Christchurch

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Independent Advice Grant. To assist homeowners in the Red/Green TC3 Zones or who have over \$100k of damage with obtaining assistance on what to do with the earthquake-damaged property. Up to \$750 per Household. For more information go to: www.redcross.org.nz and click on Canterbury or phone 0800 754 726

Let's Find and Fix is a CanCERN project. Call 0800 233 551. Let's Find And Fix specifically targets those homes where there are holes in external walls, the roof or floor, or plastic used as cladding. Problems with drainage where the toilet backs up, or there is raw sewerage/waste water or polluted liquefaction lying on the property. External windows or doors do not open, shut or lock properly.

In the Know is a question-and-answer based service that aims to make it easier and faster for residents to get information about the residential rebuild and repair process. It can be found online at: www.intheknow.org.nz or contact Leanne at CanCERN on 027 655 5665 for more information.

Mary Potter Talk Series

David Adams from the Canterbury Horticultural Society will be talking on "Gardening in Pots" on Monday, October 12 at 2.15pm. Kate McDonald from Green Prescriptions will talk at 1.30pm on Monday, November 2. Afternoon Tea provided. Venue: Mary Potter Centre 442 Durham St North. All ages welcome.



Volunteering Canterbury

Help is available for anyone who's involved in supporting volunteers.

It's worth checking out the 'Managing Volunteers' section of Volunteering Canterbury's website at www.volcan.org.nz. Forthcoming workshop: 'Understanding Volunteers and Volunteering Today' on 23 October.

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Roadworks in St Albans

Major quake repairs are taking place in St Albans over the next six months but information about them is sketchy. The six month schedule (which lists repairs 2013-2016) on SCIRT's website gives some hints of what is coming up. Check out the listings for St Albans and also check out Richmond, as it has listed Packe St and Edgeware Rd, which might come as news to residents of those streets. The work in St Albans and Richmond is being carried out by Fletchers. Some of the work is just for wastewater repairs while in other streets the repairs include freshwater and road surfaces. Some will only take a week to fix and others may be under construction for a month or more. The St Albans listings contain many of the streets in St Albans, major and minor, too numerous to mention. Some of them are probably in Merivale. Judging from the schedule it looks like all Christchurch quake-related repairs are due to finish by November 2016. The streets will be quiet over Christmas 2015 as the repair workers take a well-earned break from December 23 to January 5.

Gentle exercise for mums and bubs A new, 45 minute exercise class for "Mums and Bubs" is being held weekly on Saturday mornings at the St Albans Community Centre. The trainer focuses on Mum's wanting gentle exercise without worrying about childminders, so children and babies come along too.

Parents and toddlers group

Do you have a young child and live in St Albans? Jessica Hope-Evans has offered to set up and run a toddler's group that will meet at the community centre. If you are interested please email

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