

Post office moves to supermarket

by Lynne O'Keefe

The loss of the postal service in Edgeware Village has been avoided by a move to the supermarket across the road.

"There appeared to be a lot of customers very disappointed the Post Shop was closing," says Freshchoice Supermarket director Stephen Anderson, who has negotiated with NZ Post to relocate the postal agency into the supermarket.

Stephen thought it would be favourable if the service stayed in the village. The postal counter will be located within the supermarket at the end of the checkouts against the western wall. It will offer postal and courier services, but

not bill payments.

Post boxes have been relocated to the city centre or Merivale's post office.

The future of the Kiwibank is still to be determined. It is hoped that the staff can be retained and move to the new location.

The postal counter will be open from 9 am–5pm Monday to Friday and 9 am–1pm on Saturdays. The Kiwi Bookshop will close on Friday, March 23, and all going to plan the service will open up in the supermarket on Monday, March 28. ☞

Edgeware Pool may get more funding



Artist's rendition of the proposed Edgeware Pool complex

by Belinda Carter

Work on the Edgeware Pool replacement could start as early as late 2023 if the council decision to give the group \$3million is approved and additional funding is raised quickly through other sources.

Christchurch Cty Council announced in late February its intention, through a late amendment to the draft annual plan, to give \$3 million to the Edgeware Pool Group to enable the pool to be rebuilt. The amendment was supported by 11 of the 16 councillors.

If the full amount is granted the pool group needs to raise a further \$1 million, probably through funders who award grants to community facilities, as soon as possible, as building costs are rising by the day.

The pool group owns the pool land after an arrangement with the council for a peppercorn amount. In 2018 the council

agreed to put \$1.25 million towards rebuilding the pool but the cost has been rising. The amendment brings forward funding from the long-term plan where the Edgeware Pool had been listed with 2024–2025 as a likely construction date.

The original pool, funded completely by the community had stood on the site at 43a Edgeware Rd since the early 1930s. In 2002, the city council made a decision that the management of suburban pools should be taken over by the council,

citing health and safety legislation, and so the Edgeware Pool became the responsibility of the council.

This new pool construction will bring to an end a sorry saga that began in 2006 when the council demolished the pool against community wishes.

The \$3million funding will sit in council coffers until the group has raised the remaining funds. They will not be able to seek further council funding and will be expected to operate the new pool without calling on the council for financial assistance.

Pool group chair Paul Somerville praised the council for recognising residents' need for local facilities such as community centres and swimming pools that are in walking or cycling distance of residents' homes. He said these things contribute towards the wellbeing of a community that has had much to deal with since the quakes, such as motorways, increased traffic flows and infill housing to mention a few.

Pool funding continues on page 5

For more on the CCC Annual Plan please see page 5



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SARA and Centre news

Centre hours varying

Community Centre opening and closing hours may vary over the next few weeks as Covid19 peaks in Christchurch. Fewer groups are currently using the centre but the hours will return to normal as the threat of Omicron reduces. Please phone 027 433 4469 if you need to contact centre staff.

JP clinic at the centre

Parminder Kaur, a fluent English, Hindi and Punjabi speaker, is one of a number of Justices of the Peace (JPs) available in St Albans area to witness and sign documents or provide services such as validating IDs. She is holding sessions 11am on Friday mornings, in Kohinga St Albans Community Centre. The centre office also has a list and contact details for JPs in the St Albans and Mairehau areas. The JP's website has a checklist detailing documents you need to take to a JP clinic: <https://justiceofthepeace.org.nz/Page/Content/Justice-of-the-Peace-visit-checklist>

Grant for community garden

SARA has been granted \$6700 from the Ministry of Social Development's Food Secure Communities Implementation Fund which supports communities to implement or scale up sustainable initiatives. The fund will be used to support the community garden at Kohinga (community centre).

Pooling water problem fixed

Frustrated by problematic pooling surface water in the community centre garden at 130 Caledonian Rd, community members called on certifying drainlayer Blair English from Downright Drains for assistance. He donated his time and yellow digger to install the Novaflow drainage for free, assisted by several enthusiastic volunteers. The system links solid piping to more flexible piping pierced with holes and covered in a long "stocking". It is then buried in soil to soak up water. The garden area has since been covered in stones and bark chip and hopefully no more ponds will form.

The following Sunday, 15 volunteer gardeners planted out the raised beds with more vegetables. This crop will be ready for picking during winter months. Volunteers get first dibs and the remainder will probably end up at the Dover St pantry for the wider community to access.



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St Albans History Group

St Albans History group will meet on April 4th at St Albans Community Centre at 2 pm. Email: briangspear@hotmail.com

Wednesday Wheelies

Wednesday Wheelies meet at 9.30 am St Albans Community Centre carpark on Caledonian Road.

SARA Website

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SARA on Neighbourly

SARA also has a presence on Neighbourly, a community asset owned by Stuff. Contains notices, advice, things to buy or sell and topics of interest to the neighbourhood. www.neighbourly.co.nz

SARA and Centre news

Kohinga features in festival of city buildings

Kohinga – The St Albans Community Centre, which opened a year ago on April 10, is one of the key buildings in the Open Christchurch festival of architectural excellence being held during the last weekend in April.

The centre is built almost entirely of wood, using prefabricated panels of Cross Laminated Timber (CLT). In light of climate change, it sequesters carbon and is regarded as a signpost of building types for the 21st century. It is certainly a contrast to the 90 year old unreinforced concrete and brick construction that stood on the site till earthquakes sealed its fate in 2011.

Find out more about the building materials and techniques employed, and how the active surrounding community makes use of the space. Book and then come along at 10am on Saturday to check out the spaces and listen to the stories behind the building's design and construction from CCC architect Crispin Schurr, designer Daniel Moroder from PTL Structural Consultants and the construction team from Watts and Hughes Construction. Andy Buchanan from PTL will explain more about the world-leading CLT.

The community centre is one of more than 40 buildings featured in Open Christchurch, the festival of architectural excellence, an annual event organised by Jessica Holliday and



the team from Te Pūhaki: Christchurch Centre for architecture and city-making.

More places to visit

St Albans also features an 1870s worker's cottage with a clever, contemporary and sleek lean-to at Abberley House. A 21st century alteration added a social space with a polycarbonate-clad gable roof at the back of the cottage. It is also open on Saturday and is not far away from the community centre. Bookings are required for set times, with a small charge.

Other buildings open to the public in Christchurch that weekend include the MegaTower in the heart of Merivale, a heritage house adapted for contemporary use at Sheppard and Rout offices, and the Christchurch City Council HQ. The Observatory Tower at the Arts Centre, badly damaged in the quakes but recently repaired, will

New carpet installed in Kohinga

Carpet tiles have been laid in the hallway at Kohinga St Albans Community Centre replacing vinyl flooring that had been present since the opening on April 10 last year. Carpet helps reduce the noise of shoe heels pounding along the previous flooring, and to a certain extent loud voices. The carpet tiles, similar to ones laid in council libraries, can be easily replaced if damaged.



The community centre is much quieter these days.

soon reopen as a hotel. Get behind the doors of the award-winning Te Hohepa Kōhanga Reo to learn how the building reflects the kōhanga reo's kaupapa.

This is a small selection of more than 40 buildings, featuring a range of building styles, ages and uses, which are participating in the weekend event. To discover Ōtautahi Christchurch through architecture, start by downloading the programme from openchch.nz.

All visits must be booked; many are free to enter while others have a small charge. ☞

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Get smart with bread waste

When she's not keeping an eye on nearby developments, June Peka does her best to reduce food waste.

In Pak n Save's stick-man parlance I'm super-savey. And I'm medium-to-dark-green on the sustainability scale. All this because I'm a child of my time – having had parents who lived through the Great Depression and war. I could probably write a book about work ethic, frugality, saving money, saving the planet even, but there are thousands around already, and my aspirations aren't that high to be honest.

It hugely bothers me though that we Kiwis throw out close to 160,000 tonnes of edible food each year. Some clever person has worked out that amount would fill 291 jumbo jets and/or feed a city the size of Dunedin for three years.

In only two or three generations, have we really lost that 'savey-ness' our parents and grandparents were known for? They knew in their bones that if they looked after their pennies, they'd turn into pounds. They saved coins in a jar through the year, to have a bit more to come and go on at Christmas and birthdays. They remade soap from scraps, turned shirt collars and carpet runners, and they never threw out a morsel of food. They understood very clearly, that any sort of waste is plainly and clearly MONEY waste.

They'd be appalled to read those statistics above, and to know more than 15,000 tonnes of that total is comprised of around 29 million loaves of bread. Conservative value

approximately \$60 Million – or about \$12.50 per each person in NZ. But I hope they'd be happy to hear that not one slice of the staple of life has left our house in any coloured bin or bag since Adam was a cowboy!

There's no trick to it. We buy only what we need and put it straight in the freezer. We don't leave it in a cupboard to go mouldy. It thaws in minutes when we need it – even quicker in the microwave. The crusts make the best cheese on toast, or under a benedictine egg. And every now and then we'll have an old-fashioned bread and butter pudding.

We keep crusts in a separate bag, and when that gets full from time to time, we drop a few slices in the blender or smoothie machine and turn them into crumbs – which also keep well in the freezer. If the oven is on for something else I'll toast the crusts first and then wallop them with the rolling pin to get crunchy crumbs to store in a jar. With added herbs and spices I crumb chicken and schnitzel. They add body to sausage meat and mince for patties and meat loaves. They go well with macaroni cheese and other pasta dishes and put a crunchy finish on a pizza.

In our household we might save only \$70-\$80 per year by being smart with bread, but every week as we enjoy our coffees out and our small treats, we hear our olds say, "Better in your pocket than at the dump!"

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Edgware Pool may get more funding

Pool funding continued from page 1

Cr Pauline Cotter, who put the amendment forward supported by Cr Mike Davidson, got involved in local body politics as a direct result of the pool demolition in 2006. She said the proposal would provide a massive boost to enable the pool to become a reality and asked residents to make a submission to the council's annual plan.

"A local summer pool like this ticks all the boxes in our Climate Resilience Strategy, and will add to the vibrancy

and amenity of the village."

The council is required to consult city residents over the inclusion of the increased funding for the pool as part of the annual plan. Submissions close on April 18. These can be made on the council website <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/haveyoursay/show/494> or alternatively the pool group's new website: www.edgwarepool.co.nz. They can also be mailed or hand delivered.

Time to spend ratepayers money

by Belinda Carter

Christchurch City Council has come up with its giant spending plan otherwise known as the Draft Annual Plan (2022/2023 version) and wants feedback.

Payment for this big shopping list comes largely from ratepayers – rates pay for approximately half the council's expenditure – but also from developers, hire fees, interest dividends and other sources.

The annual plan or budget decides what items will get a share of the money available and sets the rates increase (on average a fraction shy of 5% has been suggested) for the next financial year, which begins in July.

The key thing for St Albans residents is the replacement of Edgware Pool, but it is not the only item from St Albans included in the Annual Plan. Read about that in the story starting on page 1.

As well as the increased allocation for the pool other expenditure in the St Albans area includes timber lining replacement and naturalisation for St Albans Creek, mains renewals for Edward Ave and Geraldine St. The plan also foreshadows expenditure in the next few years, including the Edgware Master Plan in 2024 and 2025.

Trawling through the Annual Plan document, there are references to relining parts of St Albans Creek, naturalisation, and ongoing work associated with Cranford St.

Money has been set aside as part of the DEMP package to come up with solutions for traffic management in Flockton and Francis St areas, to deal with problems that arose as a consequence of the new connection to the northern motorway.

Timber linings for St Albans Creek are being replaced around St Albans School and Innes Rd areas. Much of this work is to replace damaged linings caused by erosion when the creek floods, although in this case it's not for managing flooding. The banks of the creek are being naturalised with suitable planting to reduce erosion as well as help aquatic invertebrates and birds.

No doubt we will hear more about items relevant to St Albans during the year, such as cleaning up the waterways, as there is a citywide focus on reducing contaminants to improve water quality in streams and creeks.

The council is seeking feedback on the annual plan until April 18. This can be made online on the Haveyoursay webpages <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/haveyoursay/show/494> or sending your views in the form of a letter to the council service centre in Papanui.

Hearings will be held in May and a final decision is made in June, during which items can be removed or postponed till another year. Rates charged can then be finalised for the council's new financial year beginning in July.



News from the City Council

Government aims to transform recycling

by Belinda Carter

The Ministry for the Environment is running a consultation process to gauge support for recycling on a nationwide level.

Topics include: refunds for drink bottles and containers, improvements to household kerbside recycling, and separation of business food waste.

This is all part of a long-term shift towards a circular economy, where packing materials are easy to recycle sustainably with a low impact on the environment. This move has not come out of the blue as the ministry has been researching and running pilot schemes for several years, but it was revealed publicly in March 2022 with the notification of the consultation process.

The Beverage Container Return

Scheme encourages people to return empty beverage containers to receive a refund, perhaps 20-40 cents per item. The refundable deposit would be included in the purchase price, much as it was when a refundable scheme ran several decades ago.

Kerbside recycling would standardise, on a nationwide basis, materials collected for recycling regionally. It would make the process more consistent, there would be less confusion for householders, and it would help reduce contamination. For example, glass would be collected in a separate bin.

Businesses would be required to separate waste to encourage better recycling. Food waste would become compost. This is likely to be phased in as not all regions are set up for this

and would possibly focus first on food businesses.

Central government is also part way through the process of reorganising the management of water – water supply, wastewater and stormwater, known as the Three Waters – to improve water quality standards, create more efficiencies and lower costs.

Is the government over-reaching with these national-level requirements or should they leave it up to local councils to make joint decisions? Do you have more ideas about what they should be doing? Read more about the transforming of recycling and make a submission.

The consultation opens in mid-April and runs till May 8. Visit: www.consult.environment.govt.nz/waste/transforming-recycling ☞

ECan consulting on bus fares

by Belinda Carter

Environment Canterbury (ECan) plans to trial different bus options that offer lower fares for certain groups as a way to encourage greater use of public transport as part of its annual plan for 2022/2023.

One of these options will be trialled for a couple of years. All options have costs. The regional council's ultimate aim is reduce the number of cars on the road and for greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles to lower.

Option 1: Free travel—ECan's "preferred option" is to trial fare-free travel across all three zones for anyone under 25, total mobility and community services card holders. It will not include the Diamond Harbour Ferry service and anyone not eligible would pay full fare. Supergold free off-peak services are not impacted.

Option 2: Targeted flat fares—trialling flat \$2 fares for adults and \$1.20 for children and tertiary students across three zones, with a \$4 fare for the Diamond Harbour ferry and half

that for children. The trial would start in February 2023.

Option 3: Student fares—trial a concession for tertiary students for two years. They would pay the equivalent of a child fare eg: \$1.50 for travel in Zone 1 using a metrocard. All other fares would remain the same. This option would commence in July 2022.

To pay for this, and other items, ECan intends to raise rates by 24.1 per cent for the coming financial year beginning in July. ECan's rates are billed through CCC rates.

All options will increase bus usage and reduce greenhouse gases. Funding would come from different sources eg: rates increases and the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency.

Option 1 is the most expensive option of the three but for the user the amount of savings varies.

ECan is also consulting on flood protection and recovery and whether to create a special levy to fast forward climate change projects, such as food

security, disaster preparation and transport emissions.

Environment Canterbury (ECan) manages the use and quality of our natural resources, including water, land and air. As a regional council they are responsible for flood protection, public transport, Civil Defence, and more.

If you want to give feedback to the council, this can be done online, via email or at the service centre. Make a submission here:

<https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/75126/widgets/365075/documents/226391>

But be quick as that closes on April 3. Hearings will be held in late April with a council decision in late May.

Note: Since ECan's annual plan went out to consultation the Government announced that all public transport fares would be halved for three months to offset the increase cost of living costs being faced in New Zealand. It will be interesting to see what impact this has on the use of public transport. It will not affect ECan's trials. ☞

Housing

Urban design – plan or afterthought?

by Paul van Herpt, Architect

What we are seeing in our neighbourhoods in rather spectacular fashion is the results of the free market model for the provision of housing together with a complete lack of urban design. It is not just individual buildings and their interiors that need to be designed, but the spaces around and between them.

Design of the public spaces between buildings is known as urban design. In recent times, we have seen those spaces being redesigned by the traffic engineers as they dealt with the north/south flow of traffic through the suburb to deal with the Cranford Street motorway exit. In practice any sort of urban design got lost as council responded piecemeal to the loudest voices and squeakiest wheels.

An example can be seen in Barbadoes St, where the grass verges in the street are along the property boundary except for one which was moved out to the kerbline as part of those recent traffic works. An interesting design concept to have an odd one out!

It all has to do with current rules and standards and nothing with design. The new government rules on housing intensification come from the same thinking – design to solve an immediate problem without considering the whole holistically.

Drive anywhere around the suburb



New homes in Hendon Street

and you can see the results of the various plan changes that council has brought in over the years. Many buildings are easily dated by their design, scale, and how they sit on the site. The old villa, the bungalows, the so-called 'sausage' flats of the 1960s, the two-storey town houses, often all adjacent each other and all from differing time periods and created under different rules.

Now with the government having got involved, thinking they can design cities by making rules and leaving it to private enterprise to provide, the results will continue to vary in standards and impacts. Intensification is fine and is needed because we can't continue to have urban sprawl out into land that should be productive. However, the land plots originally created were for on a specific house type. Many have been changed over the years to better suit the changing demands, and that is something that needs to be addressed too.

The sanctioning of higher density housing on random land plots between other types of housing styles and land use (some people still like gardens and trees around their houses) is undoubtedly going to result in compromises in quality and have a greater impact on the adjacent property owners.

With new subdivisions, the developer is required to put in a level of infrastructure, roads, reserves, facilities and then the sites get sold for people get to build on, subject to District Plan rules. A similar principle needs to happen in older existing areas that need redevelopment or intensification.

Such work needs to happen by aggregating numerous sites, sorting what needs saving and how development will impact surrounding areas, and improving infrastructure that copes with that intensification. Then private enterprise can develop and build to predetermined levels.

The argument against this is that the cost to put such infrastructure in place is too high. That is where council and government should be stepping in, to facilitate by various mechanisms that level of outlay.

We need to get out of the cycle of just allowing more intensification on sites set up for individual dwellings and then retro-actively fixing the issues this causes to communities. We need to start pro-actively designing our suburbs and cities. ☞

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Take a walk from St Albans Park to Dudley Creek

by Henry Paltridge

Make your way to the corner of Barbadoes Street and Edward Avenue where the walk starts and finishes at St Albans Park. (If using the bus, number 44 bus goes down Barbadoes St). It is not a long walk but allow about 45 minutes to complete the loop.

Edward Avenue was named after King Edward VII, the eldest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Like Prince Charles he spent many years waiting to become king, reigning from 1901-1910 at the time this street was first listed.

Barbadoes Street is named after an Anglican bishopric in the West Indies (Barbados). Later the Church Property Trustees named many streets in the area to honour early Christchurch Anglican leaders, such as Archbishop Averill, or parts of the church eg: Chapter and Guild streets.

St Albans Park has a wide range of sports facilities including cricket and football, bowling and croquet. It once had a reputation for being a bit boggy, but recent council works have

fixed that.

Staying on the left side of Edward Avenue beside St Albans Creek head to Cleveland Street, where the drainage goes underground. Landscaping was done here in 2005-2006 on the so-called Bings Drain. The area was once known as Bingsland (named after Hungarian Morice Bing who subdivided the area).

Follow Cleveland St (named for a former USA President) to Hendon St (named after a London borough) to Hills Road. Head south to Dudley Street, crossing the creek.

Dudley Street was named after the Archdeacon of Rangiora, Benjamin Dudley in the 1860s. In those days transport was by horse and most clergy had long beards.

Head down the left-hand side of tree-lined Dudley Street to Stapletons Road (named after Richmond resident Thomas Stapleton who lived there) where St Albans Creek flows into Dudley Creek.

Walk beside Dudley Creek along Stapletons Road. Dudley Creek flows

near Churchill Courts, (named after Archbishop Churchill Julius). It once had 90 residents and its own chapel but it was demolished after the quakes and its residents were moved to other homes in the South Island.

Follow Stapletons Road north and cross a footbridge over Dudley Creek into Guild Street. Walk up to Hills Road to Hendon Street and along Cleveland Street, then left into Edward Avenue, returning to the starting point.

(This article is largely based on notes provided to St Albans News by Henry Paltridge who is part of a Christchurch walking group which meets on Thursday mornings). ☞

Time for a coffee? Walk to the other end of St Albans Park and for a cuppa at Ristretto Cafe. A bit more walking takes you to Edgware Village if you want a fruity icecream at Crisps or an iced bun at Ma Bakers. St Albans does not have its own walking group but if anyone is interested in starting one please contact the St Albans Community Centre.

Geraldine St: Living street

If you would like to extend your walk after a cuppa at a nearby cafe, head along Geraldine St which runs parallel to Barbadoes St. You will come across this wooden pole, decorated by school children around 20 years ago, as part of the Living Streets movement. The aim was to make things more equitable between cars, pedestrians and other forms of transport. Its heyday was in the early 21st century and the council applied this idea to Geraldine St, from Bealey Ave to Warrington St. We hear less about Living Streets these days although what its proponents were trying to do is even more important nowadays with increased traffic. They decorated footpaths, edges of properties and kerbs as well as adding trees and additional planting in an effort to make the area more pleasant for residents.



Along the walk outlined by Henry Paltridge (on page 8) you can also come across this quartet of carvings in Edward Ave and Hendon St. They feature birds, such as a heron, pukeko, black swan and kotuku carved out of native timber trunks. They are believed to have been part of the Living Streets transformation of our city streets movement and are dated pre-quakes. If anyone can shed more light on these delightful pieces please let us know at email news@stalbens.gen.nz



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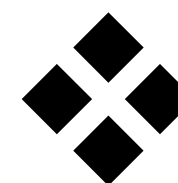
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Connected communities are safer communities

I love pages like the St Albans Community page of Facebook. It's a great place to keep up on local happenings, lost pets, excess fruit from the neighbour's garden, and the odd cheeky entrepreneur trying to use it for marketing. Such pages can also give useful reminders about security, with updates on incidents like cars being broken into, parcels stolen and home security cameras capturing strangers wandering up a driveway.

Community pages are an important communication tool, especially in a pandemic. They can also be effective in keeping our community safer, but it's important to keep things in perspective and not grow fearful. We have all heard of the risks of the internet amplifying bad news, and this is no exception.

A more connected community is our best response to crime. Consider a coordinated neighbourhood support group and speak with your local community patrol. I have had the pleasure of meeting several members of our local patrol, City Park Community Patrol, and they are eager to help. Email them on citypark@cpnz.org.nz or consider volunteering. The patrols are valued by police as their eyes and ears, and provide important information on 'hot spots' around the city.

The police have some great security tips, which generally boil down to not presenting an obvious opportunity to dishonest people. Have a look here: <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-community/protect-property-vehicles>. Knowing and looking out for each other is

important too – just little things like clearing mail when neighbours are away can help.

Over on www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz you will find great advice on making your property and community safer. There are fact sheets on reducing opportunities for burglars, safety for vacant homes, and setting up your own neighbourhood networks as well as lots of good legal advice around things like cameras. And continue to use the community page. It's a valuable resource for information sharing. Always remember, your safety is paramount so take care when photographing people.

Finally, it is important to police to know where incidents occur – even when they are not too serious. Letting the police know using their 105 number for non-urgent matters makes sure that police know where their resources are best used and what kind of crime is happening where. Obviously in an emergency, call 111.

If you feel a community meeting with agencies is necessary or would like to discuss an informal neighbourhood support network, I'm happy to help facilitate this. Contact my office on chchcentral@parliament.govt.nz.

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Dr Duncan Webb, MP for Christchurch Central



Youth perspective: Innes Rd does not work for us

by Liam Speechley, youth writer

Innes Road is a danger. A concrete wasteland filled with speeding cars and... well not much else. And who does this impact the most: our tamariki who use this street every day, attending St Francis or Mairehau Primary Schools, or further down the street, Mairehau High School.

Innes Rd is a road solely for moving cars. It discourages stopping and makes crossing the road, even on the zebra crossing, a nightmare. Stopping for a chat surrounded by concrete, whizzing cars, and loud noise isn't exactly pleasant – but it's the everyday reality for the children of our community.

It is an environment not suited to a demographic that cannot drive but the negative aspects are felt by the whole community. The inability for schools to meaningfully connect with the street at their gate limits the diversity of activity in St Albans. We need to keep children safe (but not locked up in a car) by encouraging active transport (ie: walking or cycling to school).



The benefits of active transport can be far-reaching. Physical activity is a way for children to burn off energy. Kids spend time exploring their community; it fosters friendships and getting out of the car and visiting local businesses such as dairies and bakeries benefits the local economy.

We must do better for them. Here's what I'd do:

Narrow the car lanes. This forces car drivers to slow down and become more aware of their surroundings. Place a 20-30 km/h speed limit around the schools at pick-up and drop off times.

Replace car parking in Innes Rd near the schools with a cycle-lane, requiring cars to park on side-streets. It would

make it safer for cyclists using Innes Rd who would otherwise face cars pulling in and out or doors swinging open onto their bikes. The removal of parking spaces would be a worthwhile sacrifice.

Improving accessibility would make biking to school more appealing. If parents have got a buggy, a kid walking, and another biking, the current footpath is far too small. Narrowing the car lanes would give families more space to spread out.

Then add some life to it. Installing proper bus stops for the high school would be a start. Give the benches some colour and shade so our tamariki don't get wet. Turn the berms into community gardens filled with vegetables and fruit, and plant pretty natives that school garden clubs can maintain. I can see a school fundraiser ready and waiting.

Innes Rd deserves a wider community discussion. Together, we can build an Innes Road that works for children and the rest of St Albans.



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Networking pays off for Bristol St residents

by Belinda Carter

The Bristol St residents managed to block Corrections plan to rehabilitate violent criminals in a group of buildings on the corner of Bristol St and Berry St by grouping together, getting good professional advice, making detailed written submissions stressing the impact on residents and turning up to hearings to stress the point.

The group, the Bristol St Community Network Inc, was formed a few years ago after a public meeting, specifically to respond to Corrections' plans.

The residents of Bristol St and adjacent streets were up against the "deep pockets" of two Government Departments (Corrections and Kainga Ora). It is unusual for small groups to win against monoliths but the residents of Bristol St showed it was possible to do so and win.

Baden Ewart said that group of which he was a part are "relieved and pleased with the commissioners' report in January, which demonstrates "sound and detailed reasoning by the Commissioners."

He credited the Group's success to the professional advice they received and the strength and competence

of those opposed to Corrections plan. "The power of our opposing arguments [was] based upon the clear intentions of the District Plan and the unsuitability of the proposed use for a residential suburb."

Baden was highly critical of Corrections approach, which was "wrong from the start when it attempted to slide the proposal past the Council when they sought a non-notified consent, their clumsy ... engagement with the people affected by it, their failure to meet their obligations under the Official Information Act to make information available to the public, their ... indifference toward the local community ... and their many misrepresentations about their proposal."

Residents facing developments in their neighbourhood could take a leaf out of the Network's book and familiarise themselves with the application, the district plan and seek help from experts, legal and otherwise. That's if they are lucky to be notified of the application - not all planned activities are notified to neighbours if the breaches of the plan

are deemed "less than minor".

Resident Felicity Price credits the work done by the Bristol St Network as key to the group's success in overcoming the odds.

Corrections will not be appealing the council decision not to grant them a resource consent in this instance but Felicity hopes the site's owner (Kainga Ora) will find a more suitable use. It had previously been a residential facility for those with those with mild intellectual disabilities. "Personally I've always thought the site would provide excellent accommodation for assisted living, or even social housing, like the complex further along Bristol Street in Pickering Courts."

"Kainga Ora now has the chance to contribute to the community rather than terrifying us with putting 12 violent criminals in the midst of a high-density residential area surrounded by young children and numerous vulnerable elderly living alone."

So what will become of the Bristol St Network. It was formed to tackle this specific issue and at its peak had more than 1000 members. After succeeding in stopping Corrections plan, it will now be wound up, Baden says. ☘

Vape shop takes up residence in Edgware Village

by Belinda Carter

The vacant shop in Edgware Village next to the liquor store is now home to Hukka, a vaping store, one of a number around the city. It sells alternatives to cigarettes that heat liquid containing nicotine which is then inhaled.

While some in the community (including a few in the St Albans Residents Association) would have liked to have seen a cycle shop there, right beside the Papanui Parallel cycleway, it sat vacant for three years. In 2021, it was briefly a pop-up display of children's illustrations of their preferred layout/use of St Albans streets.

A vape shop won't be to everyone's taste but is likely to be better regulated than a city dairy that *St Albans News* heard had sold vaping supplies in 2020 to a 12-year-old girl.

Sales in vaping shops are limited by 2020 legislation to those 18 or older because it can slow down brain development in younger people. But, according to a report issued late last year by the Asthma and Respiratory Foundation (ARFNZ), around 20 per cent of students under 18 were doing it anyway, including some who had never tried cigarettes.

For more information about the report check out: <https://www.asthmafoundation.org.nz/news-events/2021/alarmining-results-from-nzs-biggest-ever-youth-vaping-survey>

The government allowed vaping into New Zealand, after a trial conducted at the University of Canterbury, because it believes it can help make New Zealand smokefree by 2025.

Vaping shops are popular with adults trying to give up cigarettes. You can spot a vaper by the cloud of white vapour when they breathe out. The vapour contains fewer toxins and is less habit-forming and cheaper than cigarettes but can cause side effects such as coughing, breathing difficulties and nausea, and is bad for oral health.

Vaping is not harmless, but it is less dangerous and toxic than cigarette smoking. People can get burnt from the heated liquid (nicotine) if they are not careful. Other smokefree alternatives, such as gum and patches, are considered safer.

If you would like to know more about vaping from a health point of view check out:

<https://vapingfacts.health.nz>

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St Albans parks and gardens

Work goes on in Packe St park

by Helen Kidd

Packe St Park and Garden's 25th anniversary celebration has been cancelled, but plenty is happening in the park.

Aromatic walkway - New volunteers Holly, Sylwia, and Chris have worked hard to clear the brick areas and mosaic pathway, and Chris has made broken brick edgings along the paths. We are also trialling a new way of controlling the weeds in the brick paved areas by planting thyme in the cracks and creating an aromatic walkway.

Fruit harvest - Plenty of fruit is available to harvest right now - apples, peaches, crab apples, pears, quinces. Bring a bucket and collect the windfalls, or pick off the trees. Feijoas are not far off.

Moon garden - If you walk past the park, you will have noticed a small new garden on the berm featuring plants that show up at night, bloom at night, or are night-scented. Watch it grow and develop into a full 'moon garden'.

Specialist help needed - Two projects need some specialist help to fix: Someone with welding skills is required to balance the ball back on the seal's nose. With it back in position the volunteers can work on the rest of the tatty-looking seal. Advice from a mosaic artist would help the park volunteers complete the mosaic path. Email

packestreetpark@gmail.com.

No dumping please - The park volunteers work really hard to keep the park looking tidy and welcoming and it is disappointing when piles of unwanted clothing and household items are dumped each month. These detract from volunteers' hard work and end up in an op shop or in the red bin. ☘



The mosaic path needs more work before it is completed.

Advance notice - Packe St Park and Garden's annual meeting is planned for June.

Time to replenish the soil for next season's growth

The days are growing shorter as Autumn leaves grace our streets, a gorgeous bronze backdrop for April's harvest. The last of the stonefruit such as peaches and nectarines are ready to be picked and preserved for a tasty treat on cold nights.

As Autumn provides a gorgeous bronze backdrop to our city streets, it is time to replenish any soil nutrients that have been depleted from Summer's growth. Fallen leaves are a welcome addition to compost or mulch, ideal as they will damage lawns as they break down. Be sure to mix compost into your vege beds.

Once the stonefruits like peaches and nectarines have all been harvested, it'll be time to give their trees a prune. Removing any dead/diseased branches or fruits and returning them to form will see them right through to Spring.

Prepare for a bountiful Winter: brassicas (broccoli, cauliflower, kale, brussels sprouts etc.) can be sown into trays for later transplanting while root crops such as beets, onions and swedes can be sown directly into soil.

Good gardening, *Basil*

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Canterbury Embroiderers' Guild: @ Hammersley Community Centre, Amos Place. Groups meet Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri. Contact Ros 021 108 5539, Marie 021 68 3547 or email CEGstitchers@gmail.com. Any form of stitching

Christchurch Senior Citizens: card section Mondays at 12.30-3pm, indoor bowls Tuesdays 12.45-3pm, old time dance 3rd Saturday of each month 1.30-4pm, live band, Scottish Society Hall, Edgware and Caledonian Rd. Visitors welcome. Further information phone: Veronica 383 4682 or Beth 388 2375.

Citizens Advice Bureau: The North branch now at Fendalton Library, 4 Jefferies Road, 0800 367 222

Coffee and conversation: Every Wednesday 11 am – 1 pm At Kohinga St Albans Community Centre. Join us for coffee and conversation, meet others in your community. All Welcome. Koha for coffee appreciated.

Computer aided, touch typing course for students 9 or older with difficulties reading, writing and spelling. Run by the Seabrook McKenzie Centre in London St. Mon, Tues 4-5pm. Further information phone 381 5383 or visit the home programme version on readandspell.com

Cranford Pippins for 5 and 6 year olds meets Tuesdays during school terms, 5:30 6:30pm. Contact: info@girlguidingnz.org.nz.

Edgware Croquet Club: Come and try Croquet, a friendly club off Forfar Street in St Albans Park. Association Croquet Thur and Sat 9.30-12noon and Golf Croquet 12.45 -3pm. We welcome visitors and new members. For more info contact Jan 021303843

Elizabeth Bridge Club: Wednesdays 12.50 (for 1.00pm start) to 4.00pm at the Christchurch Bridge club rooms, 21 Nova Place (off Barbadoes Street) Visitors welcome. Friendly club, parking. No partner, contact Maureen on 021 646 123.

Fit Beans Coffee Club: 9.30am Fridays, Reformed Church Hall, 63 Cornwall Street. Easy exercise for anyone looking to maintain or regain strength and balance. Suitable for any age or ability, sitting or standing. No running, jumping or lying on the ground required. Led by Dee Owers, \$5 per class, followed by free tea, coffee and cake. Phone Sarah on 338-1648 or 027 758 5141

Free Kindergarten Enrolments: Not for profit Kidsfirst Sunbeam Kindergarten welcomes queries and new enrolments. 13

Cornwall Street, (03) 366 7157.

Free insulation: Community Energy Action (CEA) can assess your house and if eligible organise free insulation for above ceilings and under floors. Curtain bank offering free recycled curtains (including fitting). Curtain bank is mobile so can visit your home. More information, visit cea.org.nz

HOUSIE at the Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St North, every Thursday at 12.30pm 2.15pm. \$2 per Housie card or bring a prize to the value of the card. Afternoon tea to follow. All ages welcome. Numbers are limited. Vaccine pass required to enter. Enquiries ph 372 9224. Visit our website, www.lcmchristchurch.org.nz.

Knit & Knatter Shirley: Please can anyone help with free wool for these ladies. Contact Mary 027 733 9666 or 980 0811

Laughter Yoga: The St Albans Laughter Yoga Club. Sunday mornings, 11 am – 11.45am at the Scottish Society Hall cnr Edgware and Caledonian Rds. Contact; Hannah Airey 021 998 109 www.lotustrust.org.nz. No bookings necessary, \$3 donation.

Mainly Music: a preschool music programme, All Souls Church Complex, 30 Church Lane. Monday at 9.30 am, followed by morning tea. Warm welcome. Enquiries to Susan McDonald 027 2764653 or just come along.

Meditation, Mindfulness & Gnostic Philosophy. 8-week course. Starts 8 February. Gold coin donation. Tuesdays 7:30 to 9 pm at Kohinga St Albans Community Centre. Learn to relax and concentrate. Contact Helen at 022 354 0902 or gnosissnz@xtra.co.nz.

NZ Japan Society of Canterbury meets to promote understanding and goodwill between the people of NZ and Japan. Meetings include talks, video shows or other activities with a Japanese accent. Visitors welcome. Contact Jean Bell: 355 9903 or jeanpbell8@gmail.com

Saygo Falls Prevention: Mondays 10 – 11am and Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30 am (wait list for Thursdays) \$2 entry. Kohinga St Albans Community Centre.

Shirley International Playgroup: a fun playgroup for mothers and under fives from any cultural background. Fridays during school term time. 9:30am 11:30am at the Shirley Hub, 69B Briggs Road, Mairehau. \$2 per session or \$10 for the term. Call Shauna at Delta Trust on 03 389 0219 for more information.

Scottish Country Dance club meets at the Scottish Society hall corner Edgware Caledonian Roads, Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, February through to December. A time of fun, fitness and friendship. Contact: Margaret Birse, ph 327 0193.

Shirley Rugby League: Need players to join our family club, girls and boys welcome, ages 4 to Masters age 35 yrs. Contact Rochelle 021 133 5437.

Shirley Ladies Friendship Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10.00am at Delta Community Trust 101 North Avon Road. Interesting speakers. Walking group meets on 3rd Wednesday, and trips are arranged. For more information please phone Dale at 385 1133

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

St Albans Community Pre school: 20 free hours, 2 5 yr olds, casual bookings taken. 3 Thames St. Contact Odette on (03) 355 9396 or look us up on Facebook.

The St Albans History Group is interested in old photos or articles about St Albans. Contact: Brian: briangspear@hotmail.com

St Albans Shirley Football Club. For players 4-40+ Phone 021 0204 2300 for team details.

Rockers Of Ages Choir: For elders and aspiring elders (any age welcome). No auditions, music provided. Wednesdays, 2pm 4pm during term time, Forfar Courts, 95 Forfar Street, St Albans. Phone 0800 843 687 for more information.

U3A St Albans: meet at St Albans Uniting Church. Monthly 4th Thursday 9.45am, morning tea followed by speaker. Many more activities. Visitors warmly welcomed. Call Noni, 03 354 5643, for further details.

Women in Harmony community choir: Meets Thursdays in primary school terms from 7.30-9.30pm at Kohinga St Albans Community Centre, 1049 Colombo Street. Sing world and popular music in 3 part harmony. No auditions. Email: women.in.harmony.nz@gmail.com; womeninharmony.wordpress.com; facebook.com/womeninharmonychristchurch

Weekend Group: Second Saturday of the month 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm at Kohinga St Albans Community Centre. Meet for friendship and company with lively chat. Refreshments provided. Koha appreciated – (recommended \$5.00 per person).

Community groups

Do you represent a community group in St Albans? This is a space for ongoing free notices, but please keep them short.

St Albans News Classifieds

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Are you having difficulty making a decision about family, work, relationships?

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Personal Training – 'Fit With Babs' One on One Personal Training in a Private Studio off Innes Road. Away from crowds!

St Albans events

Events happening in the next couple of months. If you have events you would like announced here, please email: news@stalbens.gen.nz

April 9, 1.30pm: Kohinga Mārā 130 Caledonian Rd Foraging talk on where to find free food

April 30 10.30am: Kohinga 1049 Colombo St. Talk and tour of the community centre (Open Christchurch event)



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Becoming You Yoga: Mary Potter Centre, Tuesday 4.30pm \$13, Slow mindful yoga. St Albans Community Centre, Thursday 10am \$15, Restorative Yoga. Suitable for all. Contact: https://www.becomingyoutoyoga.com

Yoga Class: Tuesday and Thursday 10:45am-12pm at St Albans Community Centre. All abilities and ages welcome.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

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Mental Health Support

There are a number of places that offer free help, handy when you are having mental health issues:

- **Counsellors** available via text: 1737
- **Suicidal?** Phone 0508 828 865
- **Kidslines:** 0800 54 37 54 For under 18s, 24/7
- **Depression:** 0800 111 757 or text 4302
- **Canterbury Charity Hospital:** 03 360 2266
- **Shakti Crisis Line:** for migrant or refugee women living with family violence 0800 742 584
- **Allies online mentoring** offered by young Muslim adults to Muslim teens run by Youthline. Free text 234 or phone 0800 376 633
- **Sexual Assault Support Service Canterbury (SASSC):** 03 377 5402 for recent and historic cases
- **Male Survivors:** 03 365 9000
- **OUTLine NZ:** provides confidential telephone support for matters of gender or sexuality, 0800 688 5463

- **Mental Health Advocacy Peer Support (MHAPS):** Phone: (03) 365 9479, Text: 022 370 8055, Rural Phone : 0800 437 324, Email: reception@mhaps.org.nz, 9:00am – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday
- **Comcare Trust:** Comcare assists people with mental health or addiction issues to live well in the Canterbury community. Tel: (03) 377 7020, Fax: (03) 961 0794, Email: enquiries@comcare.org.nz
- **Rape Crisis:** 0800 883 300 for support after rape or sexual assault.
- **Are You OK?** Family violence helpline 0800 456 450.
- **After hours counselling:** Phone counselling provided. Offer of a free introductory chat and affordable fees related to clients financial situation in these challenging times. Call on 027 694 5275 or email at: murray@afterhourscounselling.co.nz

News from around St Albans

No more library fines

Library fines are now a thing of the past at Christchurch's public libraries. Historic debts relating to fines have also been wiped. This means that about 14 per cent of library members who have been unable to borrow items because their cards were blocked for non-payment of debts can again borrow books, magazines and DVDs (as long as they have a vaccination pass to physically access the library). However, members will still be responsible for lost or damaged items and DVDs still attract a hire charge.

Names for service awards

The city council's community service awards are a way to thank people, mainly volunteers, in different community groups for the work they do. The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board needs names (and bios) of suitable individuals nominated by April 14. Two people are needed to nominate a suitable candidate using the form on this page: <https://ccc.tfaforms.net/322NSER>. The presentation of a certificate will be made during the winter months

Talking wills and more

Pat Rotheram of Parry Field Lawyers will provide information on EPOAs, wills and residential care subsidies from 1.30pm on May 2 at the Mary Potter Community Centre (442 Durham St North) with a cuppa to follow. Vaccine Pass required to enter.

Parathlete of the Year

After StAN went to print on February 23 with a feature on her, New Zealand's youngest dame Sophie Pascoe, dressed dramatically in purple, was named Parathlete of the Year at the annual Halberg Awards. New Zealand's most successful Paralympian has a tally of 19 medals from Paralympics and Commonwealth Games, 15 of which are gold.

Board hosts community forums

The St Albans Community Centre will host the Papanui Innes Community Board's next open forum on April 8, covid19 willing. This is part of the board's intention to involve the community. Formal meetings are held monthly and the other fortnight is mainly for community consultation, albeit briefly. Community groups and individuals with anything to bring to the board's attention should contact the service centre for more information. The monthly half hour forum starts at 9.30am, with participants presentations limited to five minutes each, including questions. Board members currently attend the meeting online under red light requirements, while the community centre will host and video the community members. The forums and the regular board meetings will be live streamed through the board's facebook page and Youtube channel. At some stage meetings will become physical events in different communities in the two wards.

Celebrating volunteers in the community

In 2020 Henry Matthews, a volunteer with the Packe St Park and Community Garden, received a volunteer recognition award from Volunteer Canterbury.

Again this year, Volunteer Canterbury is calling for nominations from community organisations for the 2022 awards, recognising ordinary people who have made an extraordinary contribution.

These might be people like Henry, a retired carpenter. Starting as a volunteer gardener, Henry's role quickly expanded as the wide range of his practical skills was discovered. He quickly became the garden's resident Mr Fix-it and also joined the

committee, supporting projects, adding ideas, and regularly attending working bees.

To nominate that special volunteer, download the nomination form from the Volunteering Canterbury website: www.volcan.org.nz. Nominations close on May 20.

Awards will be presented at a ceremony during National Volunteer Week (19-25 June 2022).

Volunteer Canterbury is currently advertising 250 roles for volunteers on its website, including some in St Albans. People become volunteers for different reasons, including giving back to the community, meeting people and gaining experience to help with their job hunt. ⌘



Henry Matthews volunteers in Packe St park.