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Groups protest 'racist' co-governance roadshow

by Belinda Carter

A nationwide tour by a speaker opposed to co-governance touched down in Christchurch in early July with a meeting at the Scottish Society Hall in Caledonian Rd, provoking the local community and an anti-fascist group to protest.

The presentation was billed as a private event and anyone wearing taonga Māori that identified them as Māori were denied entry, as they have been at other roadshow presentations Julian Batchelor has given. Several wahine sporting tā moko were turned away. You have to go back decades to find echoes of this sort of blatant racist treatment and it is one of the reasons why the

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What will become of the Shirley Community Centre?

by Belinda Carter

What to do about the Shirley Reserve, home to the Shirley Community Centre until the 2011 earthquake damaged it beyond repair, is the subject of an online survey.

The Shirley Community Reserve at 10 Shirley Rd is a key priority in the Waipapa Papanui Innes Central Community Board's annual 2023/2024 plan.

The Board wants to develop a "meaningful, dynamic and fun space for everyone, so that the reserve becomes a destination of choice for the community, a safe space, a place that enhances wellbeing, and provides a place for social connection."

Options include:

- A recreation space with a full basketball court, renewed playground, a picnic and BBQ area, a community garden and a walkway.
- A community hub that's open to partnerships with local organisations
- Leaving the space as it is (ie: keeping it as a greenspace)

(Around $3 million has been set aside for this project. A combination of Options 1 and 2, sounds like a recipe for a super community facility but that is not listed as an option)

To find out more about the reserve, and to give the board feedback, head to: https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/SCR before August 14 when the consultation closes.

Long association

The historic brick building (built 1915) housed Shirley Primary School until the Ministry of Education built a larger school across the road in 1977,

The land was held in trust for the sole purpose of a community centre being on the reserve, campaigner Mark Wilson says. The Centre, which opened in March 1977, was run by the Shirley Community Centre Society and the busy facility served communities of Shirley, Dallington, Richmond, Edgeware, St Albans and Mairehau, with residents participating in cultural, educational, and recreational activities, spanning ante-natal classes to wood working, bridge playing to knitting,

Some spaces were leased on an ongoing basis to the Shirley Pottery Group, NZ Society of Genealogists (Canterbury) and Santa's Workshop, according to an archived Christchurch City Council webpage.

More than a decade on and a lot of the groups that relied on the Centre, are still looking for a permanent home. (The Centre, if rebuilt as a council-owned facility, is unlikely to include space for permanent occupation, if the St Albans Community Centre experience is anything to go by)

Mark Wilson is part of the 10 Shirley Rd group trying to get the Centre rebuilt. More information is available through this website, originally set up for research purposes: https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz

They organised a petition signed by 1200+ local residents, asking council 'Where is our Community Centre?' The petition, and small local events, have helped get the Reserve into the long term plan. "We feel the council is obliged to actually follow through with the intent of the resolution that allocated $3 million, to rebuild the Community Centre," Mark said.

Several years ago, the council commissioned a feasibility study and has consulted (and continues to consult) on how best to use the empty space where the Community Centre once stood.

He hopes that the latest consultation is the final stage in the council feasibility study. "I would encourage you to participate in this consultation if you are interested in seeing some action on the site and investment into a community which needs and deserves it." he said.

The idea of a community centre on the site is not without controversy. In 2017, a city councillor at the time, Ali Jones, threatened to resign if the Shirley Community Centre was not

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Cafe Chat proves popular

The high tea session once held on the first Thursday in the month are now being held on Monday mornings and have shifted rooms from the Knightstown room to the larger Wardle room, which allows more room to spread out.

Speakers have been organised (although sometimes they cancel) introducing local residents to people making things happen in Christchurch. The sessions make use of donated tea sets, which once had pride of place in early 20th century middle class homes, and double decker cake stands.

Volunteers bake or make the goodies served on those plates; those who sup and dine help pay the costs through donations.

Countdown to Elections 2023

It is now less than three months till the elections to form the next government. St Albans News will contact as many parties as we can find who may (or may not) be standing candidates in Christchurch Central or It's Te Tai Tonga on Saturday, October 14. Questions will be asked of parties (think policies and promises) for the September issue and of candidates for the October issue. Contact news@stalbans.gen.nz for further information. Advertising inquiries should be directed to advertising@stalbans.gen.nz for any traditional advertising or advertorial (which is text-based) in the September and October issues. The deadline for the September issue is August 14.

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St Albans Residents Association will meet at St Albans Community Centre, 1049 Colombo St. on August 19 at 7pm.

St Albans History Group

Next meeting Monday August 3, 2 pm at the St Albans Community Centre.

Email: briangspear@hotmail.com

Wednesday Wheelies

Wednesday Wheelies meet at 9:30am, St Albans Community Centre carpark on Caledonian Road.

BBQ Trailer for hire

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SARA Website

Check out SARA's website on www.stalbans.gen.nz. Contains digital copies of St Albans News, a calendar of events and occasional blog posts.

StAN on Facebook

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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 on Facebook

Emma Twaddell has set up a Facebook page for the St Albans Residents Association. https://www.facebook.com/SARA.StAlbans

SARA and Centre news

Kai helps cultures to talk to each other

Families and individuals from around Christchurch turned up for brunch organised by a group called Incommon to learn about different ethnic communities in Christchurch. In July these featured food from Nepal, Eritrea and Afghanistan. All the proceeds from the meal have gone to those who did the cooking. The paper covering doubled as a notebook where people could answer questions. A set of cards also acted as conversation starters. Activities have been held around the city in response to the 2019 mosque attacks to highlight how similar we are to people who, at first, we may not think we share much in common. It acts as a reminder that our differences are often only skin deep. Perhaps Incommon will return another year in summer with an evening meal held on a long hot summer evening out in the community garden with different groups and music. If you or your community group are interested in running similar events visit https://incommon.org.nz

Food from Nepal was served on July 1.

Eritrean coffee was a feature on July 8

Food from Afghanistan was served on July 21.

Cleanup prepares Edgeware Village for winter

Collecting leaves for the community garden compost heap.

It may have been the wet, cold weather on a Saturday morning in June along with family sports commitments kept the helpers away, but the Edgeware Village annual cleanup organised by the St Albans Residents Association still went ahead. Local Councillor Pauline Cotter, Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board member Emma Twaddell joined two St Albans residents who to pick up litter and clear the roadway and cycleway gutters of leaves and rubbish in preparedness for winter rains, cheered on by passing cyclists and motorists. ⌘

Letters to the editor

If you want to write a letter to the editor to be considered for publication please supply your first name and surname and your home address. Please keep to a 150 word limit and send the email (or letter) to the Letter to the Editor by the deadline. The next one is August 14.

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Activities at the community centre

Weekly groups that meet at the community centre.

Monday	10am	Saygo
	10am	SeniorNet Mac
	11am	Happy Feet
	5pm	Universal Martial Arts
Tuesday	10.45am	Yoga with Tracy
	10am	Neighbournet
	5.30	Pippins
	8.15	Ungu Capoeira
Every 3rd Tuesday	7pm	Prostate Cancer Foundation
Wednesday	9:30am	Wednesday Wheelies
	10am	SeniorNet Mac
And 2nd Saturday of the month at 4pm	10.30am	The Corner, coffee and chat
Bookings essential	6pm	Head to Tail
	7.00pm	Capoeira Angola
Thursday	9.30am	Saygo
	10.45am	Yoga with Tracy
	10am	NeighbourNet
	5.00pm	Universal Martial Arts
Friday	10am	SeniorNet Mac
Saturday	1pm	NeighbourNet

Have you been scammed?

More people these days are falling victim to various scams designed to part them from their money. If you think you have been scammed or are unsure if something is legit, Seniornet Mac and the NeighbourNet groups may be able to help on weekday mornings at the community centre. In a subsequent issue of StAN we will include an article on resources available to help.

Learn Italian at the community centre

Teacher Lisa Fazi with three intermediate level students making progress with their Italian conversational skills.

Semester 2 Italian lessons begin in July at Kōhinga/ St Albans Community Centre and end in November.

The Italian Society Dante Alighieri Italian classes cater from beginners to advanced, and held on weekday mornings, afternoons or evenings. More detailed information about Semester 2 classes is available on the website: https://www.dantechch.com/learning-italian.html

The cost for 16 classes of 90 minutes is $275. Experienced teachers Maria, Bunella, Lisa, Rosa and Roberto welcome absolute beginners, intermediate and advanced students to their informal and fun classes. It is never too late to learn a language they say.

Once a month on a Wednesday night, members of the Dante Society meet (Italians and lovers of Italy alike) to engage in a variety of cultural activities over a glass of prosecco. Anyone is welcome to become a member. ⌘

Sustainability

Take back recycling schemes in Otautahi Christchurch

by Maria Lamb (aka Tidy Kiwi)

We all buy products and hope they can be repurposed and recycled. Fortunately, a lot of items that are not accepted via kerbside collection, can be taken elsewhere. This article lists the most common items and the return schemes I am currently aware of but there are probably more. Before purchasing an item think about the end cycle of the packaging you are taking home.

Batteries: You can drop off batteries from your household to Mitre 10, Bunnings, or any of the three Eco Drop recycling centres. Note: car batteries can also be taken to one of the Eco Drops.

Bedding: If you have some good quality blankets, linen, duvets etc. take these to any one of these organisations: Habitat for Humanity (Burnside or Sydenham), The Blanket Bank at Christchurch Methodist Mission, NZ Red Cross shops, Christchurch Aunties, SPCA and Vinnies (St Vincent de Paul).

Bras: (This one is mainly for the ladies). Bras no longer being worn can be donated to Project Lift Up based in Spreydon. The bras are sent to women in Tonga, Botswana, Sri Lanka, Fiji, Solomon Islands, and other countries. https://www.projectuplift.org.nz/ Email: shirleysheppard68@gmail.com or text/ring 027 338 4242.

Cell phones and laptops (e-Waste): Most mobile phone stores take back mobiles through Remobile https://remobile.org.nz/

Child car seats: These can be taken to Seatsmart where the seat will be dismantled, and materials recycled or repurposed. Find out more here. https://seatsmart.co.nz/

Clothing and shoes: Most op shops such as Red Cross, Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul will happily accept donations of items in good condition.

Coffee capsules: Nespresso has a complimentary recycling kit that can be ordered through 0800 466 060. When the box is full arrange a pickup at no cost.

e-Waste: Tech Collect NZ will take back computers, laptops, cables, scanners and printers, cameras, and various other accessories. Noel Leeming, in partnership with Tech Collect NZ offers e-Waste collection. Find out more: http://techcollect.nz/about-us/

Gardening tools: Old spades, wheelbarrows or other tools can be dropped off at any of the Eco Drops or gifted to MenzSheds throughout Christchurch.

Light bulbs: Bunnings and Mitre 10 accept light bulbs for recycling.

LPG gas bottles and helium bottles: These can be dropped off at any of the Eco Drop recycling centres.

Plant pots and punnets: Drop off pots numbered with ID 5 in the recycling crate at Mitre 10 but rinse them first. https://www.mitre10.co.nz/potrecycling Bunnings does something similar: https://www.bunnings.co.nz/diy-advice/home-improvement/sustainability-recycling/recycle-your-plastic-plant-pots-with-us-this-spring

Garden tools like these can be recycled at Ecodrops and old glasses can be dropped off at Specsavers.

Polystyrene: Clean household packaging can be taken to Mitre 10 where the polystyrene is collected by Expol and recycled into insulation. For large volumes contact Expol direct: pickup@expol.co.nz or phone 0800 863 373.

Prescription glasses and sunglasses: The Specsavers Community Program takes any glasses that you no longer wear, which are then checked, regifted and sent to people in need overseas. https://www.specsavers.co.nz/specsavers-community-program

Soft plastic recycling scheme: plastics can be taken to most New Worlds, Pak n Save, The Warehouse and Countdown stores. The types of soft plastics vary between stores so if in doubt check out the detailed list on their website https://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/store-locator

Terracycle: Accepts a wide range of products for recycling such as Colgate oral products, Nescafe and Robert Harris capsules, Gillette razors, Mecca beauty, Royal Canin (rinsed pouches and dry food bags) and Vape Cycle. Brands and retailers are providing a way to recycle these products that otherwise would end up in landfill. https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/brigades

Tetra Pak: A lot of confusion surrounds liquid tetrapak cartons. They cannot go in the yellow recycling bin, but can be taken to any of the Eco Drops: Bromley, Wigram or Styx Mill. But before you do, cut along the top and side of the carton, rinse and let dry. The plastic lid can remain on box when returned. The cartons are transported to Saveboard who repurpose them into alternatives to plasterboard.

Wetsuits: Drop off old wetsuits to any Rip Curl store. Recently a new recycling pilot program called reZHIKle was introduced throughout New Zealand. If the wetsuits are damaged, they will be repurposed for outdoor playground equipment flooring, rubber protective mats or shredded to create gym flooring. https://www.sail-world.com/news/259360/ReZHIKle-your-old-wetsuit ⌘

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co-governance roadshow has been labelled as racist and anti-Maori.

Inside the hall, a predominantly older audience listened politely to the speaker, filling the room to overflowing. (For safety reasons it is meant to be limited to 200). Anyone who made it past the entrance and then tried to express a view that countered the line pushed by the key speaker, was asked to leave and did so peacefully.

Although there was no police presence in the hall, they congregated in small packs on the other side of Edgeware Rd and Caledonian Rd, keeping watch over the protestors with their placards. Meanwhile sinister-looking, balaclava-clad security guards lined the footpath on the Caledonian St frontage.

Labelled at the entrance as a "private event", the building was guarded on the outside by " security guards" dressed in black and wearing balaclavas over their faces, leaving only their eyes visible, a sinister turn and usually more associated with bank robbers.

The unlicensed and unregistered security team, one of whom has been convicted of a violent criminal offence, worked as crowd controllers (letting certain people into the venue, maintaining order and removing if necessary). But, mostly they quietly stood guard outside the hall.

Security staff (paid) require police clearance, training and a Certificate of Approval renewed every five years. They usually wear a uniform, but that does not include a balaclava.

Outside the hall, a younger crowd of around 100 warmed up by hot soup, fruit and nibbles sang, listened to Kiwi music and waved placards. Occasionally a speaker, including one from Te Pati Māori, addressed the crowd.

The local protest outside the hall was organised at short notice by Antifascist Ōtautahi spokesperson and human rights activist Josie Butler (Ngāpuhi), after attempts to persuade the Scottish Society not to hire out the hall to the roadshow organisers, failed.

The group opposes Julian Batchelor's anti-Māori racism and the spreading of disinformation about co-governance, such as his claims that the country is moving towards "tribal rule" and "civil war".

Josie is worried that Julian's rhetoric of hate and fear will lead towards violence. "This is of particular concern in Ōtautahi Christchurch where we have already had a terror attack fuelled by similar sentiments of hate and white supremacy.

"Julian's korero is not only untrue, but is also dangerous and likely to lead towards paranoia and violence against Maori in our community. We want to live in an Aotearoa where Te Tiriti is honoured and Māori people's right to tino rangatiratanga (self determination) is uplifted. This is not something to be afraid of.

"Māori culture is one of aroha (love), manaakitanga (uplifting the mana of all), whakawhanaungatanga (creating connections and community). It is beautiful, not only for Māori but for all Kiwi, Josie said.

Celebrating 150 years of Te Kura o Hato Ōpani/St Albans Primary School

Jubilee programme

The times in this programme are intended as a rough guide to planned activities. Most of the activities are free but some require registration and payment through the humantix website

Friday 15 Sept - Open Day

9.30 am	Mihi whakatau followed by morning tea
10.30 am	Tree planting, plaque unveiling and time capsule burial
10.50 am	Student performances throughout the day
12.15pm	School tours commence. See the school in action

This day is intended for past students/staff/whānau.

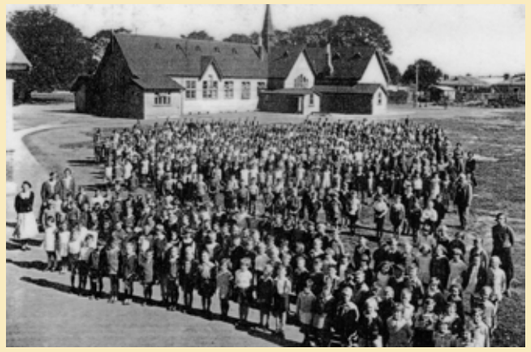
Saturday 16 Sept - Memories Day

From 9am	Morning tea (paid event) with old schoolmates and teachers. View recently unearthed historical archives.
From 9am	Photos taken in class/year groups,
10am (est)	Jubilee cake cutting
6pm	Jubilee dinner (paid event) in the Limes room at the Town Hall with guest speakers, fine food, music and dancing.

Sunday 17 Sept - Gala Day 11am - 3pm

- Musical performances from past and present students
- Community picnic, bring your own or dine on site from food trucks
- Old-fashioned games

Photos from the St Albans School archives



St Albans primary school has been housed in a variety of buildings over the past 150 years. For many years the whole school was housed in a large wooden building (top left), now just a distant memory. After one particularly bad outbreak of polio in the 1930s, many new New Zealand classrooms (like the one top right) were built to let air circulate through the building. After the earthquakes damaged the buildings, and to bring them into line with current classroom operations, many of the classrooms (bottom right) were rebuilt between 2017-2019.

Te Kura o Hato Ōpani/St Albans Primary School anniversary timeline

1859 St Albans Wesleyan School opens in St Albans St
1872 Site for St Albans School purchased from Mr John Pattrick
1874 Grand March to new site. Mr Ellenton Mitchell appointed headmaster. Roll reached 288
1876 Headmaster's house built in Sheppard Place
1880 Mr Mitchell resigns, Richard Soundry appointed
1883 Roll reaches 427
1886 Mr Soundry resigns, James Speight appointed
1892 Ada Wells dismissed from staff
1897 Mr Speight resigns, James Mayne appointed
1907 Mr Mayne resigns, James Sutherland appointed. Roll reaches 595
1914-18 Past pupils and staff fought in World War I. Some were killed in action
1918 Brick Infant Block built
1923 School motto adopted. School celebrates 50th jubilee.
1925 Mr Sutherland resigns, Mr J Thwaites appointed.
1927 Electricity installed at the school
1935 School uniform adopted
1936 Mr Thwaites resigns, Charles Alexander Caigou appointed
1937 Polio outbreak, extended summer holidays
1939-45 World War II
1940 Mr Caigou resigns, Mr C F Arnold appointed

A tale of two students

Gary Lang and Neve Soryl are two of the many former students interviewed by current year 5 students as part of a school project to compare school life now and then. Gary and Neve started school nearly 60 years apart.

Gary as a schoolboy

Gary Lang, 1947-1952

Interviewed in 2023

Gary Lang attended Te Kura Ōpani St Albans Primary School before intermediate schools were set up, and school went from primers to Standard 6. In those days students were not taught about Māori language and culture.

He recalls wearing a stripy tie and his black jacket on the way to and from school.

Gary would be able to go home for lunch every day, and on special occasions, he'd be able to get a pie from the pie shop, just down the road from the school, for lunch.

During the time he was at St Albans, Gary thought the teachers were quite growly and didn't help him as much as he would have liked. That was a reflection of what teachers were like at that time though. Gary remembers school being quite daunting, especially in the primers. The teachers were much harder back then. There was one teacher Gary liked though. His name was Mr Pearce and he took Gary's Standard 4 class. He remembers going on Saturday trips in his Standard 4 class and eating his lunch under the watch tower at Diamond Harbour.

He remembers having a funny old stove in the middle of the classroom. This was used to heat the room in winter. The buildings were cold and even when the old stove was on the rooms were pretty cold.

He also had to drink milk that had been in the sun for hours and hours and tasted spoiled. They also had a dental clinic at the school and the clinic did fillings, metal teeth and all sorts of dental work and had equipment such as the treadle drill.

One big difference in Gary's day was that he has no memory of any sport or physical education at school. The school day was all about learning and doing reading, writing and maths but there wasn't time for doing outside things.

The one outdoor activity he does remember is swimming. Sadly, his memories of the pool are not happy ones. In Gary's opinion, the pool was too deep and cold. Gary could not swim very well, he found it terrifying, and he tried to avoid swimming in the school pool if he could.

There was also a biking race track at English Park. His brother Brian would go from school straight to the track when he had to for races or practice.

Another fact for you, the school got shut for months when the country was struck by a devastating Polio Epidemic.

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1949 Mr Arnold resigns, Avery Cottee appointed. Roll reaches 816
1952 Roll over 1000
1955 Standard 5 and 6 pupils transfer to Heaton or Shirley Intermediate. Mr Cottee resigned and George MacDonald appointed headmaster.
1957 Pupils receive polio injections
1958 Roll down to 574 as a result of new schools in the area. Assembly hall built
1960 Demolition of the old block
1966 Mr MacDonald resigns, Mr G Maister appointed.
1970 Mr Maister resigns. Mr R A Evans appointed
1972 Mr Evans resigns. Mr P E Courtney appointed principal
1973 Centennial celebrations
1975 Mr Courtney resigns, Mr Burrell appointed
1981 Mr Burrell resigns, Neville Slaughter appointed
1986 Te Tikanga Rua Reo (bilingual unit) established
After school care programme (OSCAR) set up
1988 Mr Slaughter resigns, Bob Smith appointed
New school logo introduced
1998 125th anniversary
2010 September 4 earthquake
2011 February 22,Christchurch earthquake
2017 School rebuild begins
2019 March 15 lockdown
2020 Covid lockdowns, pupils stay home, school online

Neve Soryl, in her 20s

Neve Soryl, 2005 - 2010

Interviewed by Ansar in 2023

Neve Soryl was a student at Hato Opani St Albans from 2005-2010. Neve says that she has plenty of happy memories from her time at St Albans such as playing with friends and learning new things.

Neve told me that she lived across the road from Te Kura o Hato Ōpani/ St Albans Primary School when she was growing up and remembers walking to school every day with her friends, but was often told off for being late in the mornings.

When I asked Neve about her favourite memories from St Albans she told me about Matariki times when they would stay the night at school. Neve recalls that around Matariki times all the TTRR children would bring their camping stuff to school and stay overnight and camp with their friends. This was a very fond memory for her.

Neve also remembers the school pool and really loved swimming. Her family had a key which meant that they could come to school during the weekends and holidays to use the school pool. Neve says that one year she even had her birthday party at the school pool. There were quite a few similar things that Neve did back then that we still do, like going to the AquaGym and Jellie Park for School sports.

Neve explained to me that the buildings and playgrounds have also changed a lot since her time here. I was surprised to learn that there were four different playgrounds when she came to school. There was the big A, the little A, The awesome A and the baby A.

She recalls that at one stage there were too many tamariki at St Albans. Neve remembers the teachers deciding to use the hall as two classrooms. They split the hall in half and had two classes using the hall as two classrooms because there was no more space in the school.

I really enjoyed talking with Neve and learned a lot about what school was like for her. Thank you Neve.

(This is an edited version of the interview of Neve by two Te Kura o Hato Ōpani/St Albans Primary School students so they could compare school life then and now) Current pupils also interviewed Shelby Johnston, Sarah Helluer, Ruth Gardner, Pippa Wipperfuerth, Millie Spear, Michayla Clemens, Michael Williams, Max Wallace, Lavender Turner, Juliet Robertson, John Yates, Jane Ryan, Helen Rutledge, Greer Grenfell, Gabby Wakefield, Darryn Ward, Brian Spear, Dean Horwell, Abby Bills-Strange and Te Iwa Johnston.

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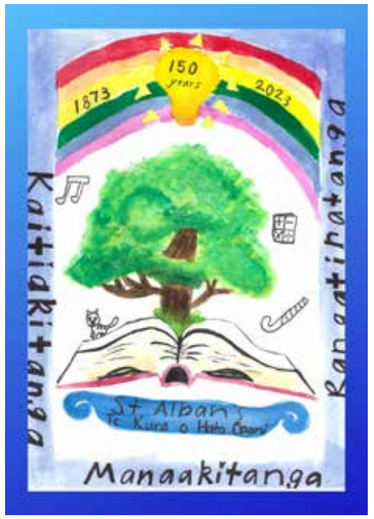
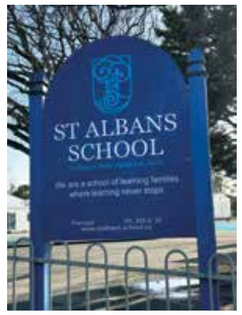


Te Kura o Hato Ōpani/St Albans Primary School has produced a jubilee magazine which focuses on 150 years of history including several pages of building photos, activities and some class photos. This Jubilee book will be available at the school office and for sale at the reunion in September.

The story behind the school logo design



The current emblem on the St Albans school uniform was designed by Mike Davey who still works at the school. It is also on the sign at the entrance to the school. The emblem tells a story that is embedded in the school's culture and is the topic of one of many tales in the school's Jubilee Book, available for purchase in Term 3 from the school office.

In 2004, Mike Davey designed St Albans School's current school logo, inspired by the oak tree. The logo encompasses biculturalism and represents all those within the kura. The tree is symbolic of the school's past, present and future and all those who have been part of it. It also symbolises the nurturing of the growth and development of the school's pupils. The sustenance for the tree, drawn up by the roots is represented by the spiral and koru shapes. This sustenance is the combination of the values, attitudes and beliefs within the school community, which combined with knowledge, skills and dedication create an environment where children thrive.

School to purchase a drone

The school is accepting donations over the weekend in September to purchase a drone to record important school events, such as the sesquicentenary, It is a fun device not available in the past which benefits student learning. *(right: an example of a drone)*

Your local MP for St Albans

If you would like me to be a guest speaker at your meeting or event, have questions about Government policy, or you would like some help with a problem, contact my office.

Duncan Webb
MP for Christchurch Central
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St Albans parks and gardens

Help Predator Free St Albans trap rats

Predator Free St Albans will hand out rat traps and tunnels to interested St Albans residents who call in to see them at the community centre on August 15, any time between 5.30pm and 7:30pm.

The small band of volunteers particularly wants to meet residents who live near St Albans Stream, or feed birds in their gardens, and who might not be aware they have a rat problem.

"We need residents in St Albans to help form a network of backyard traps to protect our birds, and insects such as the butterflies in Abberley Park. Not only will you protect our local birds and insects, but you will be a part of a corridor to reduce rodents moving into our unique Banks Peninsula. Let's achieve Predator Free NZ 2050 together, so everyone can enjoy bird-song," co-ordinator Philippa Wadsworth says.

The traps come in a wooden box called a tunnel made to order by an Arvida Retirement Village resident volunteer. The tunnel protects pets and small fingers from the traps.

A suggested contribution of $15 per trap will ensure the group continues to operate the service. Those who don't need a rat trap themselves might consider a small donation as several individuals, companies and organisations (like Richmond Community Garden) have already done, so that others might benefit and help reduce the predator population.

Help will be given to register on the website and to download a phone app to record trappings.

The main focus is on rats but if people spot mice, possums, stoats and weasels, let the group know through their Predator Free St Albans Facebook page or phone 021 064 8861. ⌘

Scented garden gets a tidy up

A deteriorating summerhill stone wall in Abberley Park's Scented Garden is about to get a fix.

Christchurch City Council parks staff have been busy cleaning up the area and the council is meeting soon with contractors to see what can be done about the cracking of the blocks and adjacent paving stones. It is believed to be the result of a combination of numerous earthquakes and roots of the magnolia tree spreading.

The garden was designed in the 1950s by Huia Gilpin for residents of the Fernwood Hostel at the neighbouring Institute for the Blind, as it was then known, and was the first such garden to be established in New Zealand for those with limited vision. It is now a popular place for staging wedding photographs and a source of income for the City Council.

The whole park has the status of being a heritage park and garden. ⌘

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News from the council

Potholes get repaired and public engaged

Kia Ora Kotou. It's good to find the days getting lighter and feeling a bit longer and knowing it's not too long until spring. On my walks around St Albans I am noticing more pot hole repairs, which is good news and reflects the additional budget Council put in place in the recent annual plan. It's an ongoing cycle as we seem to see a plethora of pot holes re-emerge after every rainfall event. In addition, many of our roads and footpaths receive damage during housing construction and need to be patched, which weakens them. Please use the Snap Send Solve app to report any pot holes or footpath damage.

In August, the Waipapa Community Board will be signing off the Strengthening Communities Funding round of 40 applications with seven from St Albans. There's never enough money in the pot to grant applicants 100 per cent of what they request, but we do our best and it's wonderful that the Council offers financial support to the many worthy organisations that do such good work in the community.

The Waipapa Community Board is currently seeking feedback on the future for the Shirley Reserve, which is located on the South side of Shirley Rd between Chancellor and Slater Streets. It is the site of the old Shirley Community Centre. Council has launched an online tool that's very easy to use so please take a look and let us know what you think: https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/SCR

Some residents have noticed work going on at the Edgeware Pool site and are excited to think the pool construction has begun. Although the group is tracking well, intending construction 2024, the work at the site is actually the City Council decontaminating the land around the aquifer site. This is a good thing for the new pool as they will be leasing some of this land for car and cycle parks. Another exciting piece of news is that the pool group has launched it's new web site, which I would encourage you to visit so you can keep up to date on progress. www.edgewarepool.co.nz

Council is conducting pre-engagement for our 2024-2034 Long Term Plan, with many budget decisions affecting St Albans, eg: flooding mitigation, green spaces, roading and funding for community organisations. The team has launched an interactive tool which allows you to move budgets and projects around online. It gives you an idea of just how challenging these decisions are and how much balancing 'nice to haves' and 'must haves', and trade-offs is required. https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/whatmattersmost The uptake so far has been overwhelming so please get involved.

Nga Mihi Nui,
Pauline Cotter ⌘

What will become of the Shirley Community Centre?

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rebuilt. At this time, the Transitional Community Centre in St Albans, which she and others thought was heading to the old Shirley Community Centre site, ended up at MacFarlanes Park instead.

Several Richmond and Shirley based organisations (church and non-church based) with their own buildings have opposed the rebuilding of the centre at 10 Shirley Rd. It has been suggested by some parties that there are too many community centres in the area.

The St Albans Residents Association (SARA) has been informally supporting the group that wants to see the Shirley Community Centre reinstated at 10 Shirley Rd, as St Albans faced a similar situation at 1049 Colombo St and now has been in Kōhinga for more than two years. However, at the time StAN went to the printer the SARA management committee had yet to discuss its submission to the city council.

The future of the Shirley Reserve site is likely to be known by October/November.

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All's sort of quiet in St Albans and beyond

by Harrison McEvoy

This month's political scene has been relatively quiet for St Albans, in large part due to the focus on the Park Tce cycleway taking up most of the Papanui Innes Central Community Board's focus. Our Board received an apology from the Christchurch City Council earlier this month regarding the overstepping of the delegation powers that the Community Board had regarding the cycleway project. This doesn't however mean that St Albans is completely left out.

The city council has just closed (July 12) submissions for redesigning Innes Road, in line with the Safer Speeds programme. The street layout is also being altered to better suit the number of schools and shops in its vicinity. These works include the installation of raised traffic platforms at Mairehau and St Francis of Assisi primary schools, the installation of a median island at the Thames Street intersection. Ethne Street, Nancy Avenue and Kensington Avenue intersections will all see built-out corners, and the Philpotts Road median island will be rebuilt. This is designed to make the area safer for pedestrians and cyclists considering the 15,000 vehicles that use the street daily, as well as the nature of some motorists from the Northern Corridor using these streets as rat runs. In exchange for these improvements, Council needs to remove a total of 20 car parks along Innes Road throughout the entire project.

In some more holistic news, the final report for the Future of Local Government Reform Panel, He piki tūranga, he piki kotuku, was released in late June following the cutoff for StAN's July issue. It calls for more independence, authority, and system renewal for local governments to ensure better results for everyone. The effects of this report will likely come to fruition in the coming years as reforms take place both at central and local government levels.

July also marks the formal beginning of Election Campaign Season, and Labour (Dr Duncan Webb), National (Dale Aotea Stephens), and the Greens (Kahurangi Carter) all intend to challenge the Christchurch Central electorate. This is a space to watch. ⌘

Join the campaign to eradicate graffiti

Christchurch City Council has started a campaign to keep Christchurch graffiti free by holding a monthly draw for a supermarket prize, offering monthly insights and photos of real street art. You can sign up on the ccc.govt.nz/graffiti website or phone 03 941 8999 and ask about the graffiti programme.

Residents are encouraged to report graffiti around the city through the Snap Send Solve app so Council staff can clean up the tags.

The app can be downloaded the Apple app store or Google Play depending on your phone's operating system and then used to take photos of the graffiti to tell the council where to find the less desirable 'art' form usually executed under the cover of darkness. ⌘

Community Notices

Are you a model boat enthusiast? Interested in sharing and comparing your models with others? Contact SARA@stalbans.gen.nz to connect with others.

Cafe Chat at Kōhinga. 1st Monday of the month. 10.30am to 12.30pm. St Albans Community Centre. A guest speaker each month

Canterbury Embroiderers' Guild: Hammersley Community Centre, Amos Pl. Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri. Contact Ros 021 108 5539, Marie 021 68 3547. Email CEGstitchers@gmail.com.

Christchurch Senior Citizens: Cards: Mon 12.30 - 3 pm. Indoor bowls: Tuesdays 12.45 – 3 pm. Activity group outings.Further information – call Veronica 383 4682 or 021 1187 360 or Beth 389 2375.

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

Coffee and conversation: Every Wednesday 10.30am - 12.30pm at Kōhinga St Albans Community Centre. Join us for coffee and conversation. All Welcome. Koha for coffee appreciated.

Coffee with friends: Meet new people, make new friends. Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and home baking at. Reformed Church Hall, 63 Cornwall St every Fri at 10:30am.

Computer aided, touch typing for students 9 or older with difficulties reading, writing and spelling. Seabrook McKenzie Centre, London St. Mon, Tues 4-5pm.

Community Bible study: Small non denominational class. Monday mornings, 10.30 to 12pm. All welcome. Phone Veronica on 960 7655 or 021 0229 2613.

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

Edgeware Croquet Club: Forfar Street in St Albans Park. Assoc Croquet Thur and Sat 9.30-12 and Golf Croquet 12.45 -3pm. We welcome visitors and new members. 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. Visitors welcome. No partner, contact Maureen on 021 646 123.

Family Drug Support Aotearoa New Zealand: Ph 03 21818740

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 infomation, visit cea.co.nz

HOUSIE: Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St North, every Thursday at 12.30 - 2.15pm. $2 per card. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome. Numbers limited. Gold coin donation. Enquiries ph 372 9224. Visit website: www.lcmchristchurch.org.nz.

Justice of the Peace available at Kōhinga St Albans Community Saturdays 10.30 - 12.30.

Knitting & Crochet Group, meets 10am to 11.30am, every Tuesday, at The Edge Cafe. New members welcome.

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

More Than Music. For families with preschoolers 9.30 every Wed during term time at Rutland St Church. Contact church office 3554101 or text Nicola on 0272831905

NZ Japan Society of Canterbury provides understanding and goodwill between the people of NZ and Japan. Visitors welcome. Contact Jean Bell: 355 9903 or jeanpbell8@gmail.com

Predator Free St Albans: Interested in trapping rats? Ph Phillippa 021 064 8861 or see our FaceBook page

Prostate Cancer Foundation Support Group: Established support group for men, partners and family meets every third Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the St Albans Community Centre.Contact Chris Jones for more information - Phone 0 3 342 6173 or email vp@prostate.org.nz

The Respiratory Relief Society Canterbury Inc. runs weekly exercise classes Tuesdays from 1-00-2-15pm at St. Albans Uniting Church Nancy Ave for people with respiratory, cardiac and vascular conditions. Contact David Chamberlain 332 4471 or Helen Bush 021 230 6338.

Rotary New Horizons meets at St Albans Community Centre every second Wednesday of the month at 6pm. Email Marg: mlyons747@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook, or visit rotarynewhorizons.org.nz

Saygo Falls Prevention: Mondays 10 – 11am and Thursdays 9.30 – 10.30 am. $2 entry. Spaces available in Thursday class. Kōhinga 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, Scottish Society hall cnr Edgeware Caledonian Rds, Tuesdays at 7.30pm,April - December. Fun, fitness and friendship. Contact: Margaret Birse, ph 327 0193.

Seniornet Mac runs help sessions for those with Apple devices at the St Albans Community Centre on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am- noon.

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 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.00am at All Saints Church New Brighton Road (by Bassett Street bridge). Interesting speakers, walking group and trips are arranged. Please phone Dale 385 1133 for more information.

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

St Albans History Group wants 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.

St Albans Laughter Club: Laughter yoga teaches you to breathe to release tension and stress. Sundays 11am-12pm. Scottish Society Hall, cnr Caledonian and Edgeware Rds. $3. email: hannah@lotustrust.org.nz, FB: Christchurchlaughteryoga

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 Kōhinga St Albans Community Centre. Sing world and popular music in 3 part harmony. No auditions. Please email: women.in.harmony.nz@gmail.com; facebook.com/womeninharmonychristchurch

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

St Albans News Classifieds

SERVICES

Having difficulty making a good decision about a family, work, relationship or legal problem? We can help you make a thoughtful and practical decision. Give me a call and we can discuss. If needed, we can then meet at the St Albans Community Centre. Bill Demeter at 027 379 3873. There is no charge for this service.

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

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

- **Aviva, live free from violence:** Free Canterbury-based 24h support line: +64 800 2848 2669
- **Emergency Services:** call 111
- **Allies online mentoring** offered by young Muslim adults to Muslim teens run by Youthline. Free text 234 or phone 0800 376 633
- **After hours counselling:** Call on 027 694 5275 or email at: murray@afterhourscounselling.co.nz
- **Are You OK?** Family violence helpline 0800 456 450.
- **Comcare Trust:** For health or addiction issues. Tel: (03) 377 7020, Fax: (03) 961 0794, Email: enquiries@comcare.org.nz
- **Counsellors** available via text: 1737
- **Depression:** 0800 111 757 or text 4302
- **Eating Disorder Recovery Support:** Contact: 021 195 6766.
- **Elder Abuse Response Service:** 0800 EA NOT OK/0800 32 668 65 (available 24/7) Email: support@elderabuse.nz or text 5032
- **Family Violence Information Line:** 0800 456 450 (available 9.00am -11.00pm daily)
- **Family Drug Support Aotearoa New Zealand.** Tel: 03 2818 740. www.fds.org.nz
- **Hey Bro helpline:** 0800 HeyBro/0800 439 276 - supporting men to be free from violence
- **Kidsline:** For under 18s, 0800 54 37 54 (speak to a Kidsline Buddy 4pm-9pm weekdays)
- **Male Survivors:** 03 365 9000
- **Mental Health Advocacy Peer Support (MHAPS):** Phone: (03) 365 9479, Text: 022 370 8055 Hours: 9:00am–4:30pm, Monday to Friday
- **OUTLine NZ:** provides confidential telephone support for matters of gender or sexuality, 0800 688 5463
- **Rape Crisis National Call Line:** 0800 88 33 00
- **Sexual Assault Support Service Canterbury (SASSC):** 03 377 5402 for recent and historic cases
- **Shakti Crisis Line:** for migrant or refugee women living with family violence with multi-lingual staff. 0800 742 584
- **Suicidal?** Phone 0508 828 865
- **Worried about a child:** 0508 FAMILY/0508 326 459 (available 24/7) - Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children, formerly Child, Youth & Family
- **Youthline:** 0800 376 633 (Free TXT 234)

St Albans events

If you have events you would like announced here, please email: news@stalbans.gen.nz

August 3, 10.30am - 12.30pm: Cafe Chat at Kōhinga

August 14, 1.30-2.30pm: The General Emergency Preparedness talk at the Mary Potter Community Centre at 442 Durham St

August 15, 5.30 - 7.30pm: Predator Free St Albans Meeting supplying rat traps, Kōhinga, 1049 Colombo St

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St Albans and beyond

Choir presenting spring show

The St Albans Community Choir, in association with the New Brighton Silver Band is staging a spring show on September 17, featuring European, Irish, Scottish, and Cornish music, at St Paul's Parish Church in Harewood Road, Papanui. Starts at 5pm, entry by donation at the door, with a light supper to follow.

Preparing for an emergency

How do you prepare for a general emergency? Sarah Cornall from Civil Defence will tell you how on August 14 at the Mary Potter Community Centre at 442 Durham St. The General Emergency Preparedness talk covers the key national warning /preparedness messages, tips and ideas on things you should consider to make yourself and your household more prepared for different potential impacts of an emergency, as well as where best to get information from during an event. The talk takes approximately 45 minutes with time for questions.

Dealing with land slips

If your neighbour's land slips onto your place and damages your property by and large they are not liable for the cost of repairs. Unless the land slipped after they (or the previous owner) excavated their land and caused it to move. Or, if the slip was caused by a natural disaster. In the unlikely event of a storm, flood, landslide, earthquake, tsunami or volcanic eruption, you can make a claim on your home insurance, and your insurer will lodge a claim on your behalf with EQC (now known as to Toka Tū Ake). Citizens Advice Bureau's website https://www.cab.org.nz/article/KB00042867 is packed with more on this or phone 0800 367 222 (0800 FOR CAB).

NZ First stands candidate

New Zealand First candidate Mark Arneil is standing again in Christchurch Central at this year's election, hoping that the return of the party to parliament will restore balance. He currently works as a Digital Business Partner but has extensive operational and management experience from a career spanning the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States. He wants to see commonsense policy in both local and central government and feels strongly that balance will be restored to parliament with the return of New Zealand First. He resides locally with wife Maria and has three grown up children.

Unlimited bus travel

If you have a metrocard to ride Christchurch buses it can save you money so it is handy to have, even for infrequent travellers. It costs more to use cash. From July 1 this year, if you aren't entitled to other discounts giving free travel, once your card has registered $16 worth of travel in your zone you won't be charged for further trips for that week.

Let's keep making progress

As your local MP for nearly six years, it's a source of pride to cycle through my own suburb, St Albans, shop locally and enjoy the connections we've all made.

It's easy to understand why this area is so popular – close to the city, with good schooling options and a range of housing choices, it will continue to be appealing to residents of all ages as Christchurch grows.

Many of this area's residents are people under 35 – and that's really who this election should be about. We've supported Kiwis of all ages with cost of living measures like the significant superannuation increase this year, and cheaper public transport, but much of this Government's work focuses on significant, long-term change.

We passed the landmark Zero Carbon Act and we're working with farmers to reduce emissions (while at the same time supporting the future of primary industries with huge wins like the EU Free Trade Agreement).

We're tackling the housing crisis – something that's been decades in the making, with no quick fixes – but we're seeing change that will return home ownership to something younger people can aspire to.

This Government restarted contributions to the Super Fund and has committed to keeping National Superannuation at age 65. Our ageing population is a real challenge but planning for it, rather than pulling up the ladder behind us, is a fairer approach.

More people are in work, exports are up and the economy is actually larger now than prior to the pandemic. We're positioning New Zealand for a high-skill, high-wage, low-carbon future.

We've come too far to risk turning back the clock.

I'm always out and about in the area. Come and say hello and learn more about Labour's plan to secure New Zealand's future.

Duncan.

Duncan Webb
For Christchurch Central

Labour

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