

St Albans News

The Voice of our Neighbourhood

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Signs of an election pop up on St Albans fences

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It comes around every three years. The country is going to the polls again to decide who will run the next Government. Inevitably, signs appear on street-facing fences, wanting our votes.

St Albans identity passes

by Lynne O'Keefe

Long term St Albans residents remember buying their tomatoes from Tāne Norton.

The Nortons moved into Mayfield Avenue in 1978, swapping their St Martins property with the Doonan's Mayfield Ave property which housed five glasshouses. So started a long history within the St Albans community.

Third son Richard remembered it was winter when they moved in. Snow, an unwelcome guest in the glasshouse business, banked up between the glasshouses.

Tāne began his horticultural career growing corn under the guidance of Stewie Roderick who had glasshouses in the Hillsborough Valley. Richard tells stories of having to water the five tomato glasshouses before they could go to rugby in winter or visit the local Edgeware Pool daily in summer.

In 1989, Tāne's oldest son John went to Lincoln College and learned the benefits of automation. They demolished the existing glasshouses that were heated with kerosene heaters and built one large glasshouse instead. An automated watering and ventilation system was installed and some neighbours might recall a coal-fired boiler puffing out smoke through a large chimney. Not something that would be allowed these days.

In the early days, 90 per cent of the crop went to market and 10 per cent sold at the shop on site; 10 years later that reversed with the higher figure indicating huge support from the local community. Norton's Tomatoes was one of the last market gardens in St Albans.

A family affair, the boys worked alongside



**Tāne Norton:
1942-2023**

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New blood sought for committee

The St Albans Residents Association (SARA) is expected to appoint a new chair and secretary at its AGM on Sunday afternoon, September 9.

SARA is a registered charity that aims 'to foster the spirit of community in St Albans by the empowerment and involvement of local people.' It manages the St Albans Community Centre, the St Albans News and the community BBQ trailer. Employed staff support community-led development projects and volunteers involved in projects such as Kohinga Mara, Friends of Abberley Park, Edgware Pool Group, Café Chat, St Albans Predator Free, Keep St Albans Tidy, St Albans History Group and Wednesday Wheelies.

Over the coming year, SARA will be evaluating the St Albans Strategy 2013-23 and will engage the community to develop a new strategy for 2024-33.

Over the years, many St Albans residents have served as committee members and lead the direction of the organisation. "With the resignation of the chair and the secretary this year should be your year, this is an opportunity for you to say, 'yes I want to support the great work people are doing in my community,'" St Albans activator Emma Twaddell says.

Learn about the St Albans Strategy adopted 10 years ago and the 20 projects the community came up with: https://stalbands.gen.nz/?page_id=5836.

For more information contact jason@stalbands.gen.nz or phone 021 914 563.

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St Albans Strategy

Residents needed to join local community projects. Learn about the St Albans Strategy adopted 10 years ago and the 20 projects the community came up with: https://stalbands.gen.nz/?page_id=5836. Contact SARA@stalbands.gen.nz for more information.

St Albans History Group

Next meeting Monday September 4, 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

St Albans Community BBQ Trailer is available to hire for events. Marquee also available for hire, separately or with the barbecue, for corporate events, community gatherings or private celebrations. Enquiries to: BBQ@stalbands.gen.nz

SARA Website

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

StAN on Facebook

St Albans News is published every month. If you wish to comment on stories you read in St Albans News or anything that is happening in the area, you can write a letter to the editor (and wait) or you can go to our Facebook page: [StAlbansNews](https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansNews) and post a message there immediately.

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

Local sewers helping to end period poverty



Reetah Mitchell explains how the Days for Girls programme works, while guests at the Cafe Chat share a high tea.

by Belinda Carter

A scheme to help end period poverty in New Zealand and around the world was promoted at the Cafe Chat session at the community centre in early August.

Reetah Mitchell, co-team leader of Christchurch's Days for Girls outlined the work the group does to distribute kits to girls with limited means to adequately deal with monthly periods in the Pacific but also to New Zealand families struggling to purchase expensive supermarket pads on lower incomes. Nor are they friendly on the environment.

Colourful drawstring bags are distributed to girls starting menstruation, containing underpants, a piece of material with wings that clips together around the crotch area of the pants and liners. Multiple pieces of layered fabric (liners) are folded and then inserted into the winged device. The kit also contains a small bag lined with biodegradable material which can be used to discreetly wash the pieces of material so they can then be dried on a washing line.

The group relies on donations of colourful cotton materials to sew the kits. Donations of small bars of soap, like those supplied in hotel bathrooms, are also welcome as well as card stock that can be printed with instructions.

To help pay for the free service the group raises funds by making and selling jams and preserves. If you have glass jars you would like to donate or if you would like to join a group making those preserves to fill donated jars please contact the group through their Facebook page. Lemons are also welcome. Funds can also be raised to donate to the group to support its work.

Days for Girls Christchurch holds group sewing sessions but individuals with sewing machines working from home should get in touch.

Days for Girls was started in 2018 by Celeste Mergens who was working in a Kenyan orphanage. She found girls isolated for days and made to sit on bowls of sand or cardboard, severely restricting what they could do. With the kits they now have the freedom to participate more fully in education and work. Five years later the programme operates worldwide with some countries setting up social enterprises to provide work producing the kits.

<https://www.daysforgirls.org/new-zealand/>

<https://www.facebook.com/DaysforGirlsChristchurchNZ/>

Election candidates feature

Part 2 of the Election Special will run in the October edition of St Albans News. It will feature only candidates standing in the Christchurch Central and Te Tai Tonga electorates. St Albans News will be in touch with candidates with more information in early September.

The deadline for the September St Albans News is September 18. Please send your articles, letters and notices to: news@stalbands.gen.nz

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MEET YOUR CANDIDATES PUBLIC MEETING

GENERAL ELECTION 2023
CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 3

7 PM- 9 PM

ST ALBANS COMMUNITY CENTRE
1049 COLOMBO ST

Hear the candidates views

Hear their responses to questions
from the audience

Speak with them over a cuppa

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
	10.30am	The Corner, coffee and chat
And 2nd Saturday of the month at 4pm		
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

Groups offer low-cost help with computers and devices

The St Albans Community Centre offers help with computers and other devices in the mornings from 10-12 noon for a small cost.

What type of computer people have – whether Apple or Windows – determines the day you can turn up. Those with Apple computers and iPhones should visit on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and those

Longer term funding for SARA-headline

SARA has been granted \$35,000 a year for the next three years by the Waipapa/Papanui-Innes-Central community board's Strengthening Communities Fund for three years for operational purposes, including wages and salaries. Guaranteed funding for three years means the organisation can devote more energy to projects and other developments. It has also been a recipient of a three year grant (\$4000 each year) from Internal Affairs' Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) for operational and project expenses.

Pantry is for fruit and vegetables

The colourful pātaka or pantry near the Colombo St entrance to the community centre is for placing fruit and vegetables and maybe an occasional bag of bread rolls. Please don't leave things like magazines, baby clothes or microwave ovens. Clothing can be taken to the St John's shop in Edgware Village, try the Reverie booksellers in Edgware Rd to see if they will take books and magazines and take items that won't fit in the kerbside bin collection to the Styx Mill Ecodrop in Redwood.

Sustainability

Give St Albans a clean up

Maria Lamb (aka Tidy Kiwi) has registered local event Keep St Albans Beautiful as part of Clean Up Week, which runs from September 16 to 22.

Participants should assemble in the car park at English Park in Cranford St before 10am on Sunday, September 17. Maria's car is the base for the event and someone will look after bikes, scooters, bags and jackets. If you have them, take gloves, tongs and litter pick-up sticks. Light refreshments will be provided around 11.30am.

For more information, contact Maria 021 102 6762.



Get ready for sustainable September

by Maria Lamb (aka Tidy Kiwi)

PFJ (Plastic Free July) is well and truly over, yet the changes have continued. My biggest swap-outs were shampoo and conditioner bottles, these were replaced with Eco Store hair bars. Also invest in body bars and deodorants from Ethique as all their products are sustainably packaged and avoid the use of plastic production. These simple changes have decluttered the bathroom shelf, making it more inviting.

Being sustainable does not mean buying new items to start over again, it can be as simple as reusing what you have. When you have finished with a product, consider replacing it for one that can be recycled or reused. I have been making my own house-spray these past few months. We love oranges all year round, so started storing all the peels inside jars. Once jar is full, pour white vinegar over top of peels, seal jar and leave for two-weeks. Once fermented, drain the liquid into a spray bottle.. Natural, citrus scented and chemical free! If you have lots of peels, start another jar while the first one is in process. Don't forget to put the used peels into your compost.

We are coming to the end of winter and that means spring is on its way. There has never been a better time to get your hands into the soil. For me, it restores my spirit and gives me a chance to escape life's demands. Gardening is a great stress reliever and reminds us that we are all connected to the earth. At Kohinga, we have a community vegetable garden and welcome all to connect. The first

Sunday of each month, there is a meet up where the tools are well utilised and garden beds tended to. The more hands, the lighter the work.

September is a time where there are signs of new life all around us. Small buds appear on trees, and we find ourselves surrounded by blossoms and daffodils. This is one of my favourite months when everything feels achievable and the promise of changes to come are evident wherever you go.

Sustainable September is an actual thing if you've not heard of this catch phrase before. There is a Living Series display taking place at Turanga Library from August 28 to September 11. A Q&A session on Sunday, September 3 will include EnviroKids and the StormWater Superhero trailer. I'll also be there talking all things rubbish, a limitless topic.

<https://www.chchenvirohub.org/blog/stormwater-superhero-trailer>

I've had feedback from people telling me they found my August article including all the Take Back Recycling Schemes super helpful, with some tearing the page out and sticking on fridge. If you are wanting a printed copy to pass onto a friend or family member, copies will be made available for collection at Kohinga, St Albans Community Centre.

Note: there was an error in that publication: "The types of soft plastics vary between stores." This is NOT TRUE. It should have read: The types of soft plastics accepted are quite varied. If in doubt there is a detailed list on their website: <https://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/store-locator>

Funding for SARA

The following organisations fund the activities of the St Albans Residents Association (including St Albans News)



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2023 AGM

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St Albans identity passes

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their father. They picked, graded and packed tomatoes into 4.5 kg cardboard boxes which were then loaded into the Morris Commer van and delivered to the market twice a week, on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Another facet to Tāne, probably unnoticed by most residents, was that he delivered the early morning Press around St Albans and Merivale for 30 years. He got up every morning at 3 am and returned home around 7 am. Driving around at that time of morning, he was not shy in stepping in to stop minor crimes being committed.

The habit of rising at 3 am was hard to break and Tāne continued rising at that early hour. Richard remembered him falling asleep at school events held during the evening.

The tomato business continued until around 2004 when the glasshouse was demolished and the land sold. Tāne and Jacqui stayed on in their Mayfield Avenue home.

After the growing years ceased, the Norton family entered the hospitality industry. This continues today, with Bailies Bar and the Cranford Ale House in the hands of Richard and Andrew.

For as long as he was able, the quiet and unassuming Tāne regularly visited Bailies, to engage in friendly banter with customers.

[Tāne Norton died in early August. He was 81. Those who didn't buy his tomatoes when St Albans still had market gardens may recall Tāne's life instead as a former All Black during the 1970s -Editor]



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School rethinks Jubilee dinner

A slap up meal at the Town Hall to mark the 150th anniversary of St Albans School is off the menu. It has been replaced by a smaller (but still paid) early evening event in the school hall on Saturday September 16, with speakers, entertainment and canapé-style food.

The jubilee is being held from September 15-17. Check out the programme in the August edition of St Albans News. Most of the events are free but some attract a charge.

Hospitals want equipment returned

Te Whatu Ora Waitaha is running out of some medical equipment it loans to patients and is asking people to return walking frames and any items of medical equipment they have borrowed from any Christchurch hospitals but no longer need. These will probably be labelled as Canterbury DHB or Te Whatu Ora property. The public hospital system is running low on some items and this can delay discharges. Shower stools, toilet frames, bed levers, crutches and pulse oximeters should also be returned if no longer needed. A call has also gone out to op shops and second hand stores to return any of these labelled items. These can be dropped off at the Occupational Therapy Department in the Physical Medicine Building at Burwood Hospital. Enter through Gate 3 on Mairehau Rd.

General election 2023

A rough guide to political parties

by Belinda Carter

One person, one vote. It hasn't been that way since we've had the MMP system that results in a parliament made up of MPs representing electorates, supplemented with list MPs. Those eligible to vote get two votes: one for a local candidate, one for a political party.

The party vote does not have to be for chosen candidate's party. Many voters vote for one candidate for the electorate but choose a different party - Labour and Greens is a common combination, but not the only one. Total party votes add up to seats in Parliament. Splitting votes helps smaller parties reach the 5 per cent barrier.

It was not an easy or quick task to produce this guide. Faced with a limited response to (perhaps an overly

ambitious set of) policy questions, St Albans News pivoted to this starter guide instead, compiled mainly after scrolling through party webpages.

It is not possible to cover every aspect of the parties plans and policies in just four pages. We have tried to include as many parties as possible but some parties may have been overlooked or have had minimal coverage.

This is not a guide to tell you who to vote for. Use it to sort out the parties closest to your own views and then check out the websites listed for the real deal. Do your own research, make up your own mind about who should represent you in Parliament, then get out and vote on October 14.

Parliamentary parties

The following parties (mostly in alphabetical order) currently have one or more seats in Parliament.

ACT Party

<https://www.act.org.nz>

<https://www.realchange.nz>

To the right of National. Wants to repeal race-based policies where rights depend on who your ancestor is as it believes in universal human rights, does not like co-governance (has a petition on this), wants a referendum on the Treaty of Waitangi, the tax burden on lower incomes to be lowered

but not by putting brakes on higher incomes. Will put victims first even if it means more beds in prisons and wants IRD to tackle gang income. Funding for GPs would be increased 13 per cent and public/private partnerships could develop healthcare facilities such as hospitals.

Dale Stephens

National Party Candidate
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Parliamentary parties, continued

Green Party of Aotearoa

<https://www.greens.org.nz/>

The Greens Party is politically left of the Labour Party, with a strong focus on the environment. Has an extensive and well-costed policy list on their manifesto page. Dealing with increased cost of living costs by promising a guaranteed income of \$385 per individual to cover life's essentials. It would be paid for by a fair tax system that will target assets (property and shares) totalling more than \$2million per individual. Income under \$10,000 would be tax-free. The Greens want to re-establish the extensive public transport networks New Zealand once had and emphasise climate-friendly transport such as e-bikes for mobility. For more information check out their manifesto.

Labour Party

<https://www.labour.org.nz/our-priorities>

The party, currently the largest in Government, has the slogan 'In it for you'. The problems it has been tackling, and will continue to do so, include child poverty, intergenerational wellbeing of Māori whanau and climate change. Party achievements include New Zealand's low death numbers during the Covid19 pandemic, an overdue increase in housing stock, and help given to workers (eg: minimum wage increases, free prescriptions, and the energy payments). Plans to improve Christchurch bus services were promised earlier in the year but there has been no mention in transport infrastructure plans of funding for the rapid mass public transport Christchurch wants to implement.

National Party

www.national.org.nz

Centre right party, tougher on crime but prison numbers are likely to go up as a consequence. Young criminals would be sent to basic training with the Defence Force. It plans to pay for improved transport infrastructure by involving private donors and global investors (such as China) and may create toll roads to recoup the expenses. National does not seem to have much planned for Christchurch and no mention was made of mass rapid transit for the city after the party pulled out of joint plan for dealing with housing intensification. Wants to see the basics taught in primary schools for at least three hours a day and for cellphones to be banned for students in schooltime.

Te Pāti Māori

<https://www.maoriparty.org.nz/policy>

Voters do not need to have Māori ancestry to vote for this party, whose aims are designed to improve outcomes for whanau Māori. It may require setting up organisations to focus on specific areas eg: the impact of the pandemic on Māori families. This party wants the first \$30,000 (per annum) income to be tax-free - this would be of particular benefit to low income earners. GST would come off food and new taxes would tackle vacant housing, landbanking (land undeveloped after four years) and stop sales of freehold land to foreign interests. A net wealth tax of 2% would be applied to assets worth more \$2 million (less mortgage and debts).

Small parties

These parties (mostly in alphabetical order) have ambitions to be in parliament. They need at least 5% of the party vote under the current MMP system to win seats.

Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis party

<https://www.alcp.org.nz>

The ALCP is regarded by some as a single issue party dedicated to removing or reducing restrictions on the use of cannabis and similar substances. Party feels cheated by 2020 cannabis referendum. Says its programme impacts beneficially across all areas of governance, in health, education, justice, law and order, race relations, economy

and environment. However, its policy webpage has been archived. Their website indicates they are standing at the 2023 election.

New Zealand First

https://www.nzfirst.nz/2023_commitments

New Zealand First is led by Winston Peters and has been in Parliament in previous governments. He wants to hold the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Christchurch after

Small parties, continued

Victoria pulled out, a referendum for a 4 year parliamentary term, English as an official language and better funding for St John and Plunket. Would take GST off basic foods. The party is against vaccine mandates and wants an inquiry into the handling of the Covid pandemic. Sees gangs as terrorist organisations and wants membership of a gang to determine sentencing in court. The party is against race-based preferences and gender ideology. It does not want men in women's spaces such as toilets and sports. Would remove Māori names from Government departments.

The Opportunity Party (TOP)

<https://www.top.org.nz/policy>

<https://www.top.org.nz/christchurch-plan>

Includes a costed policy specifically for Christchurch with \$1 billion investment thanks to former city councillor and party leader Raf Manji. The Christchurch plan includes better policing and mental health and zero emission buses. Other policies include wiping MSD debt and making income tax-free for under \$15,000 and a land value tax to stop speculative property investment.

New Conservatives Party

<https://www.nc.org.nz/policy>

The New Conservatives are a right wing party with traditional views on sex and gender. They oppose transgenderism and want puberty blockers banned for children. The party believes that rights begin in the womb

so have strong anti-abortion views. Want New Zealanders to keep more of what they earn so would make \$20,000 earned per year tax-free if they were the government. They want more funds spent on infrastructure and for New Zealanders to feel safe at home. The party rejects co-governance at local and national level. The party is against medical co-ercion, including vaccine mandates and wants vaccine-injured to be compensated.

Democracy NZ

<https://democracynz.org/ourpolicy>

DemocracyNZ thinks over-regulation is harming the country and New Zealand's ability to prosper. It does not want to see any unnecessary taxes created, such as climate taxes, as New Zealand should adapt to the changing climate. Wants the drivers of crime addressed (such as drugs and mental health) and criminal networks behind organised crime targeted. It also wants the Bill of Rights strengthened after freedom of movement and the right to choose whether or not to be vaccinated during the Covid pandemic were violated. It wants an end to race-based policies and co-governance, healthcare based on needs and greater focus on improving roads.

New Nation Party

<https://nnparty.co.nz/policies/>

The New Nation Party wants a written constitution to protect the personal autonomy of all New Zealanders eg: freedom of speech, movement and choice over vaccinations.

Don't put it all at risk

There's a lot at risk this election. Labour has increased the minimum wage \$15.75 to \$22.70 - that's \$218 a week. More than 240,000 Kiwis have received free apprenticeships so we can build capacity in the trades and people can get decent jobs.

Nurses accepted a good pay offer. Retaining and recruiting them is critical for the health workforce. Teachers will get a total pay rise of 14.5% by December next year - fantastic results.

Fair pay agreements have seen improvements for some of our lowest paid, yet important, workers like bus drivers and cleaners. Pay equity settlements (for underpaid female-dominated sectors) have seen significant pay adjustments.

A change of Government is a threat to nearly 200,000 people's pay agreements. All Kiwis deserve a fair wage for their hard work.

Politicians on the other side have promised to pause minimum wage hikes, reverse sick leave

increases, raise the super age (and de-link it from wage inflation), and scrap the new Matariki holiday.

A strong workforce means a strong economy. Independent ratings agency Moodys recently rated the NZ economy AAA because our institutions are robust and debt is low when compared with similar countries. Grant Robertson has continued his careful management of the economy - and we are prepared for future shocks too.

This election, remember what is at stake. Do we want a fairer society, or one with increasing inequality?

Get in touch if you'd like to discuss Labour's plan to secure New Zealand's future.

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Wants New Zealand to be more independent and to leave the United Nations. It also favours the devolution of central government powers to the provinces (it would repeal Three Waters), doesn't approve of Covid vaccination mandates and wants to go back to basics in education. Sees New Zealanders as one people so disapproves of policies that appear to favour one group over another. Would allow the first \$25,000 income per year to be tax-free, cut GST on food to 5% and allow oil and gas exploration to be resumed.

NEWZEAL

<https://www.newzeal.org.nz/priorities>

This conservative party, the former ONE New Zealand party under a new name, is all about family and believes in an unborn child's right to life. It will push for a lower deposit for first home buyers (2.5%) to secure stable housing. Believes in men being men and women being women. Would reduce provisional tax for new small businesses in the first two years. Says freedom of speech is a cornerstone of democracy and as a fundamental right needs protecting. Not a fan of public health responses (eg: Covid 19) that impinge on personal freedom.

Late additions:

Animal Justice Party

www.animaljustice.org.nz

This single issue party was registered after our deadline. Check the website for more information.

Leighton Baker Party

<https://leightonbakerparty.co.nz>

This party was registered after our deadline.

These parties are components of the Freedoms NZ party:

Freedoms NZ

<https://www.freedomsnz.org.nz>

<https://www.freedomsnz.org.nz/our-policies>

The Freedoms NZ party is a party in its own right (it grew out of the protests against mandatory vaccinations at Parliament 18 months ago) and an umbrella for several like-minded parties. The Freedoms Party has been actively seeking out like-minded small parties to join them in a bid to attract enough votes (needs 5% of the total vote) to earn one or more seats in Parliament.

The party wants compensation for vaccine injuries and restoration of those who lost their jobs because of the vaccine mandates. It would pull out of the United Nations and other global bodies if given a chance. A transgender agenda and race-based policies are not wanted. FreedomsNZ wants to reduce GST and crack down on crime.

NZ Outdoors and Freedom Party

<https://outdoorsparty.co.nz>

To find out more visit the website.

Vision New Zealand

<https://www.vision.org.nz>

To find out more visit the website.

St Albans and beyond

Campaign to help pedestrians

Don't tread on our toes, that's the title of the Yellow Feet campaign by Living Streets Aotearoa, aimed at drivers who insist on parking part of their car on the footpath. Whether it is to avoid mirrors being damaged or to avoid parking on yellow lines, it makes it difficult for those using pushchairs or wheelchairs to pass. Pedestrians with limited vision could injure themselves and children forced on to the road could be knocked over. Pedestrians with cellphones can report car plates to the council and drivers can be fined and their cars towed. Living Streets is working on a national plan to prioritise pedestrians – there have been plans for cycles and public transport and soon it will be pedestrian needs that will become the focus. Recommendations are likely to include things like wider footpaths, priority routes for pedestrians and better signage for walkways.



Train option should be reconsidered

The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board is disappointed passenger rail from North Canterbury is not being considered in the Christchurch City Council's Spatial Plan.

With the Mass Rapid Transit preliminary business case having been released, work could begin in the coming year, with an expected project delivery price tag of around \$4billion. This could have onflow effects on traffic flows on Papanui Road and subsequently Cranford Street.

It is not the final word on passenger rail as the Regional Transport Committee meets on August 28 to discuss future moves in that area.

Council will also consult on the future of the Cranford Street bus lanes in September; options including changes to a high occupancy vehicle (T2, T3) lane, clearway, or bus lane retention. Extended trials have been held over the past few years, interrupted by Covid lockdowns that disrupted typical driving patterns and bus passenger numbers.

English lessons in Champion St

The Hagley Adult Literacy Centre based in Champion St offers migrants (New Zealand citizens or residents) access to free classes to improve their English, conversation skills and Kiwi English. For more information phone 364 5212 or visit www.hagleyadulteracy.org.

Merivale loses full post office service

St Albans residents will have to go further afield if they want to make bill payments and pay for their car registrations over the counter.

From September 28, Parris and Jeanne in Merivale will no longer be agents for NZ Post. It is another blow to the range of services available locally to St Albans residents. The closest fully serviced NZ Post agencies will be at the Papanui and Shirley Council libraries.

Private boxes will be relocated to the Cashel Street box lobby. Choosing a different location may require a change of box number but this has yet to be confirmed.

After the closure of the Edgeware Post Shop in March 2022 Merivale was the closest shop providing this full service. Edgeware Freshchoice offers postal services and Kiwibank but not bill payment.

Parris and Jeanne will continue trading, selling their extensive range of books, cards and gifts.

Tennis club season opens

The St Albans Tennis Club opens its 2023 season with a Love Tennis event being held on its Dover St courts on September 10, from 11am - 4pm. Equipment is provided and a BBQ will operate.

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Letter to the Editor

Reader calls for more balanced approach in community paper

Dear Editor

Why is this community newspaper becoming so politicized? First it was publicity for "Fear" by Byron Clark, now front-page headlines on "racist co-governance roadshow". Your journalism, it seems, is keeping in step with general media which no longer maintains a balance by investigating both sides of a story.

After listening to Julian Batchelor recently on air, I understand his meetings have been constantly heckled by protestors who resort to violence and wilful damage, snatching phones, kicking, punching, spitting at participants as they emerge from venues. This is the reason for the security contingent. Denial of entrance has nothing to do with

ethnicity or racism as you suggest. Fact checking would have revealed that these are not public meetings, so entry or obstruction has more to do with invitation to a private function. I am told there is a cross-section of Māori and Pakeha New Zealanders present at these meetings.

It would be more helpful if you gave Julian Batchelor the opportunity to express his real and valid concerns which are consistently misrepresented. He is not racist and in fact is very knowledgeable about the Treaty, holding it in great respect.

With regard to the constant focus on "hate" and dangerous rhetoric, the real hateful extremist element appears to come not from the "far right" but from "anti" protestors who,

for example, violently attacked Posy Parker's visit and now direct their hostility toward any opposition to co-governance. What has happened to listening to each other with peaceful debate and dialogue?

Yours sincerely
Chris Watkins

St Albans News received three emails about the protest against the Co-governance meeting in Caledonian Rd which featured in the August edition. One has been included here, unabridged and without comment. The other two failed to supply their home address (which is never published) and/or failed to stick to a 150 word limit. Correspondence on the articles about Byron C Clark and the July protest coverage is now closed.

Long association between pool group and school

The St Albans Pavilion & Pool group and the St Albans Swim Club wish to congratulate the Te Kura o Hato Ōpani/St Albans Primary School on their 150 celebrations.

A long historical association exists between the school and swim club, dating from 1892 when a meeting was held in the Te Kura o Hato Ōpani/St Albans Primary Schoolroom to form an Amateur Swim Club for St Albans. The club used the school pool until 1929 when it was decided to secure another site to build a larger public pool for St Albans.

The new pool, which was built at 43 Edgeware Rd, opened in 1934. Te Kura o Hato Ōpani/St Albans Primary School continued to use the community pool for swimming lessons and swimming sports until the pool was demolished in 2006.

We are pleased Te Kura o Hato Ōpani/St Albans Primary School are official supporters of the plans for the new Edgeware Pool and look forward to continuing the historical association when funds are raised and the pool is built.

Lynne O'Keefe, Pool group chair

GREAT NEWS!

St Albans Pavilion and Pool Incorporated has now raised 85% of the funds we need to build the new Edgeware Pool.

However this funding is all tagged for the construction of the pool and our immediate need is for \$50,000 required to sign off various legal documents that provide the detailed drawings and costings. We cannot use the construction money for this.



If you support this pool
please donate urgently
through our secure website:



www.edgewarepool.co.nz
Thank you!

St Albans parks and gardens

Grasses planted to soak up rainwater



Christchurch City Council recently planted *Carex virgata*, commonly known as Swamp Sedge, in low lying areas of St Albans Park to soak up excess soil moisture. The area has been prone to ponding due to a high water table. Extensive drainage work carried out five years ago was mainly confined to the sports fields.

Garden Awards

by Harrison McEvoy

The St Albans Uniting Parish Community Garden in Nancy Ave was among the 13 winners in the Waipapa Community Board's annual Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards run earlier this year, featuring fruit and vegetables. The volunteer-run garden provides produce for parishioners for a donation and also supplies a local foodbank.

The awards are run in partnership between Christchurch City Council and the Canterbury Horticultural Society, whose staff judge the awards. The newly-minted Mairehau Garden, designed by Green Lab and run by volunteers, received a community award and also a special award as an organic garden.

Help native birds flourish

People were encouraged to plant more native trees as part of Conservation Week in August. These provide a habitat for native birds, which can be attracted by setting out containers of sugar water (not bread). To make the environment safe for them, Predator-free St Albans chose Conservation Week in mid August to distribute its rat traps at the community centre. Native trees, which can even be grown in pots, are sold at plant nurseries, such as Trees for Canterbury.

Step forward to help park grow

Packe Street Park and Community Garden is looking for people who want to develop the park further to step forward.

"We're looking for people to become involved with the park and also join a group working on developing the park further. A bit of time and a lot of enthusiasm partnered with an active interest in gardening are what we need," co-ordinator Helen Kidd says

Email packestreetpark@gmail.com or phone Douglas on 021 0274 2030 if you are interested in getting involved.

Everyone is welcome to attend AGM on Sunday 24 September, from 1 - 3 pm at Kōhinga St Albans Community Centre. Afternoon tea will be served.

The group recently received CCC Strengthening Communities funding for the park to cover operational expenses for two part time co-ordinators. "We are always very grateful for this contribution as we couldn't run the park without it."

Park maintenance to go in-house

Christchurch City Council is to take back maintenance work for 1000 plus city parks because of complaints about poor maintenance.

The bad news is that it will be another 10 months before this happens, when the current contract concludes. Before that happens the council will be spending more than \$7million dollars (capital expenditure) re-equipping the council for a job that it has not been directly responsible for in decades. It will also employ about 70 people at community board level.

Work in parks scores badly in public satisfaction scores. Manual bins and electronic ones, like this one (that can warn the council it is full and needs emptying) seem to be full to overflowing and rubbish not collected as often as people would like.



Community Notices

Are you a model boat enthusiast? Interested in sharing and comparing your models with others? Contact SARA@stalbens.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: Need help? Ask us. It's a free service. Fendalton Library, 4 Jefferies Road 0800 367 222 www.cab.org.nz

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

Edgware 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 021 30 3843

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 information, visit cea.co.nz

Gambling Harm? Salvation Army Oasis: free counselling and support for anyone affected by gambling harm, whether it's their gambling or someone else's. Ph (03) 365 9659 or call in to 126 Bealey Ave. Website: oasis@salvationarmy.org.nz

Greater Company of Mary Associates and Affiliates Mass will be held on Saturday 9 September 2023, 10.30am at the Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham Street North. All welcome, morning tea after. Rsvp by Monday 4 September, ph 372 9224 or visit lmcchristchurch.org.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.lmcchristchurch.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 Philippa 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 03 342 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 Edgware 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@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.

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 Edgware 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

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- **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@stalbens.gen.nz

September 9, 2-4pm: Kōhinga, SARA AGM
September 10, 11am-4pm: 37 Dover St, Love Tennis

September 24, 6pm: Pool Quiz, Bailies Bar
September 24, 1-3pm: Kōhinga, Packe St Park AGM

September 30, 9.30-12.30: All Souls Church Craft recycling market. 30 Church Lane, Merivale
October 3, 7-8.30pm: Kōhinga, Meet the Candidates





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