

# St Albans News

The Voice of our Neighbourhood

February 2013



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## Old Orion Site redevelopment



The large parcel of unused land known as the "Orion Site" (due to it previously being owned by Christchurch Electricity Network owner Orion) has always been a topic of debate within St Albans and the entire city, primarily due to its size in such a central city location, and the nature of its use. That is to say, it has stayed 95% unused for many years. It seemed such an odd sight to see such a large parcel of unused land in a largely L3 zoned section of a central city suburb, as high density townhouse development dominated its surrounds and land being in high demand pre-quake for this very reason.

Bordered by Canon, Packe, Madras and Purchas streets, the large site has seen 7 townhouses built on the Madras/Purchas corner, and further sections that were attempted to be sold on the Canon street side unsuccessfully.

Other plans for supermarkets and commercial development have also been put forward but subsequently failed to come to fruition.

With the city-wide rebuild now gathering some substantial momentum, the potential use of this site was again revisited. The owners – JGM Group Limited – have applied and had approved, planning consent for a new temporary (10 year) workers accommodation village, to house up to 200 out of town rebuild workers. Titled "Cressy Village", a letter was recently sent outlining the details to local residents and our very own St Albans Residents Association.

Each unit will be of a high standard, and will include an en-suite bathroom, gas "on demand" heating, queen-single bed, flat-screen TV, Wi-Fi, and flat-panel LED lighting. The

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## Chair Chat

Earlier tonight I was sitting with my family at the table, playing with my hair. My 6 year old son said to me "Are you putting your hair up?" Which I replied, "yes, do you like it?" He screwed his nose up and then out of his mouth popped "You look like Matthew."

This should have been a fairly straightforward statement, sister looking like brother when putting hair up, quite normal, move on. But for me it wasn't a normal statement, it was a heart stopper. It's not normal for anyone to talk to me about my brother and there was my young son casually comparing me to him.

My heart broke because after 30 years it still doesn't feel right that my brother died and it's so unfair that Benson thinks I look like Matthew. Matthew should be balding

and gray and look nothing like me with my luscious locks.

But it was his acceptance of having an uncle in his life even though he has never physically sighted or touched him that allowed me in that moment to have my brother in my life. He made the impossible, possible. He made my brother exist in my life simply by comparing me with him.

With the 2nd anniversary of much loss of life almost upon us I hope that families and friends all over Christchurch take time with those they know who are grieving and allow them to have these special connections with their loved ones just like my beautiful boy did for me.

Kia kaha everyone



Emma Twaddell  
Chair of the St Albans  
Residents' Association

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buildings are well insulated and will provide strong protection from earthquakes and extreme weather conditions. The apartments will be cleaned twice weekly, and the public buildings will be cleaned daily.

The proposed plan is that clusters of 4-6 single units with shared timber decks and green spaces will be located on-site, along with many additional facilities, including a restaurant, café, bar, communal laundry and gym - all the usual facilities that you may well expect in "army camp". But far from being such a thing, what really stands out within the proposal is the care and respect that appears to have been taken with the potential aesthetic aspects of the development.

Large portions of the site will be retained as green space, including existing mature trees, which with the enhancement proposed can only be a good thing. 1.8m high open timber paling fencing, a minimum of 50% transparent, is to be established along all road boundaries, bar of course the entrance to the site, which will be mainly from Madras Street, with a secondary entrance from Canon Street.

These sorts of details show the developer is trying to be sympathetic to the surrounds of the area, and for that I am sure St Albans will be very appreciative. Careful consideration is shown further with swipe card access, and strict rules to be enforced in regards to the use of the bar and

restaurant facilities being for residents only. The site will also be have 24 hour security.

All additional on-site amenities such as planter boxes, picnic tables, cycle storage and, interestingly, some communal sports courts (which will have separate access and be available for public use also) are required to be in place prior to any occupation, again a careful consideration in the councils conditions of consent.

All of these conditions, including other details like the restriction of the color palette on the exterior cladding of the accommodation units and their reflectivity, I believe has made this a very worthwhile development. The additional life it will bring to the area can only be seen as positive for the community, as local businesses see the increase in patronage, and the once large eyesore of the site itself is bought back to life. 10 years on (the projects end date being 2022) there will be a lasting legacy in the beautification of the site, of course meaning an increase in the surrounding land value.

The rebuild has significant momentum! ☘

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## St Albans Community Choir

The St Albans Community Choir, (right) started 15 years ago by Heather Mitchell-Gladstone, has grown to 45 members with equal numbers of men and women. There is no age limit on membership and their oldest member is Harold Pearce, aged 91. The choir performs a variety of music and has recently performed for the Volunteers Association, Parklands Hospital, the Cornish Society and at their annual Christmas concert in Packe Street Park where they performed with the New Brighton Silver Band and the North West Arch Morris Dancers. They currently have plans for a concert in aid of the charity hospital and organising a barn dance. The choir will next be performing at the Scottish Settlers Function at Deans Bush on 10th February.

If anyone is interested in joining the choir they can contact Heather on 021 644 092 or Doug on 021 103 8334. Rehearsals are on a Monday evening at St Paul's church in Papanui. ☘



### Love For Music Ageless

Harold Pearce, aged 91, has been a resident of St Albans for over 50 years and is one of the longest serving members of the St Albans Community Choir.

Originally an engineer from Hampshire in England, Harold's hobby was cycling. "The only time I could get warm was by being on a bike! I did thousands of miles with a cycling club and time trialing." After the war he moved to New Zealand and he was happy to be sent to Invercargill. "The shingle roads weren't much good for bike racing so I took up tramping. I absolutely loved it and I met my wife Gwenyth through the tramping club."

Harold was always interested in singing. "My wife said that I should get lessons. I would sing along to the radio but we were always so busy I didn't really have time for it. It was not until Gwenyth passed away that Harold considered joining a choir and the St Albans Community Choir was starting out.

Harold joined the choir 15 years ago and has been a member ever since. "The singing is such good therapy – I'd recommend it to anyone. And the people are wonderful." It wasn't until Harold turned 80 that he began formal singing lessons.

Heather Mitchell-Gladstone teaches Harold and leads the choir. "Harold is a baritone. He sings with great passion and loves to sing strong ballads. If he had trained earlier, I believe he could have become a professional singer. He has that stage presence and ability to have a rapport with the audience," says Heather.

Harold's children and grandchildren have all heard him sing. "They put a good face on it but most of the modern generation aren't really into the songs I sing," says Harold.

Heather adds, "Harold gets on well with the choir and people love to hear his interesting stories. I also enjoy singing duets with him." ☘



Harold Pearce with the St Albans Community Choir



## Mel and Zoe's Alterations and Design Studio: straight seam to carpark

Mel Knight and Zoe Miller have what may be the best street sign in the city, advertising their design and sewing alteration services: a 1950s woman with gloves, hat and two-piece cream and cinnamon suit, leaning towards their big brick fence on Edgeware Road.

Designed and built for them by Sumner artist Jason Kelly, Mel says they wanted something that was quirky — “retro with a twist.” “We told Jason what we wanted and he designed and built it.”

For the past six years the pair's sign has been highly visible on the main road through Redcliffs.

But with repairs needed to those premises and with the bumpy roads dissuading some city customers from making the trip to the beach, a shift to a more central, accessible location was needed. “Business after the quakes was good, but the containers are a deterrent for some people. We knew the shop needed repairs so we would be disrupted for that.”

The pair moved into their new quarters, a massive old villa with a wrap-around verandah, in the long-blocked part of Edgeware Road in November. They were fully hoping the road would be open by Christmas.

“We are thrilled to be on Edgeware. The work crew was awesome, they kept in touch and were so kind to the residents. They did their best,” says Mel.

Yes, she and Zoe would have loved the road to be finished by Christmas, but they took the new opening date in their stride



and advertised access to their carpark in places their customers could see. “The whole city is dealing with the aftermath of the earthquakes,” Mel says.

“You are either in or out. We are in. We have a good client base and this site has plenty of parking and now easy access. I personally think the road is a work of art.”

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## Waitangi Day Celebrations at Rehua Marae

Rehua Marae opened its doors to the community for the first time this year to celebrate Waitangi Day. In the past the Marae community has joined in the celebrations at Okains Bay but felt that with the changes

amongst our communities in Christchurch that it was important to invite their local community an opportunity to celebrate close to home.

The organisers were excited by the number of locals who

joined them throughout the day and are keen to see the local celebration continue next year.

Those who attended enjoyed the informal feel of the occasion, the friendliness of those there and the beautiful setting.

### Whakamana Hauora Day at Rehua Marae

*Nau Mai, Haere Mai*

*He Wā Whakamana Te Hauora o Ngai Iwi Māori*

Rehua Marae invites you to attend our new 'Whakamana Hauora' day on Wednesday 27th February 2013 that encourages Whānau and Community whanaungatanga and aims to uplift Māori health and wellbeing through Kōrero and Mātauranga.

#### *Hōtaka for the Day*

- 9.30am Pōwhiri/ Welcome
- 10.15am Presentations / Korero Mātauranga -Health Workforce Development - Wharenui

#### *Kia Ora Hauora*

- P.O.R.S.E - Early Childhood
- Māori midwifery and Traditional practice (TBC)
- 12.00pm Kai o te Rā & Promotion Stalls -WhareKai
- 1.15pm Traditional Māori Games - Ātea
- 2.30pm Poroporoake

We would love to have your organisation attend and promote your kaupapa. Stall sites are limited so please contact asap to reserve a site. There is no cost for the site. Your kaimahi are encouraged to attend the Korero Mātauranga session from 10.15 - 12pm as well as working their stalls from 12-1pm as this is an education and networking opportunity also. The kaupapa and information will be valuable for kaimahi as much as for our Whānau who attend.

*For more information, contact:*

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Elena Gapper at Rehua Marae (355 5615 or [egapper@rehua.org.nz](mailto:egapper@rehua.org.nz))

*Editor's apologies for the lateness of production of the StAN.*

# Canterbury Community Trust

The Canterbury Community Trust donates around \$20million dollars every year to community organisations in the regions of Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough and the Chatham Island. To apply, check out our funding sectors below. If you're a new group, give one of our Donation Advisors a call to see which sector you would best fit in to.

If you have applied before, you will see that we have re-named some of our sectors and changed some of the closing dates. We've also moved some groups from one sector to another. If you haven't received a letter from us explaining these changes then give us a call to discuss. Phone 335 0305 or freephone 0508 266 878



## THE CANTERBURY COMMUNITY TRUST 2013/2014 SECTOR CHANGES



### YOUNG PEOPLE SECTOR

Organisations working with preschool aged children (Kindergartens, Early Learning Centres, Toy Libraries). Organisations that support and encourage the development of children and young people (Youth Groups, Oscar Programmes, Playschemes).

OLD SECTOR	CURRENT CLOSING DATE	NEW CLOSING DATE	APPLY IN 2013	APPLY IN 2014
Infants and Children	20 August	20 February	20 August for a six month donation	20 February for a 12 month donation
Youth	20 March	20 February	20 February	20 February

Please note: A small number of organisations will have moved into this sector from other sectors not listed above.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING SECTOR

Organisations that support, promote and educate people to improve health outcomes and wellbeing (Community owned medical centres, health support groups).

OLD SECTOR	CURRENT CLOSING DATE	NEW CLOSING DATE	APPLY IN 2013	APPLY IN 2014
Disability	20 March	20 March	No change	No change
Hospital and Medical	20 November	20 March	20 November for a four month donation (for those groups requiring urgent salary/operational expenses)	20 March for a 12 month donation
Welfare and Social (some groups)	20 June	20 March	20 March	20 March

Please note: A small number of organisations will have moved into this sector from other sectors not listed above.

### ARTS AND HERITAGE SECTOR

Organisations that support or promote activities in visual/performing arts, festivals or preserve our region's heritage.

OLD SECTOR	CURRENT CLOSING DATE	NEW CLOSING DATE	APPLY IN 2013	APPLY IN 2014
Festivals	20 April	20 April	No change	No change
Music and Culture	20 April	20 April	No change	No change
Heritage	20 September	20 April	20 April	20 April

Please note: A small number of organisations will have moved into this sector from other sectors not listed above.

### SOCIAL SERVICES SECTOR

Organisations that support, promote or work to address social and welfare issues.

OLD SECTOR	CURRENT CLOSING DATE	NEW CLOSING DATE	APPLY IN 2013	APPLY IN 2014
Welfare and Social (some groups)	20 June	20 June	No change	No change
Infants and Children (some groups)	20 August	20 June	20 June	20 June
Heritage (some groups)	20 September	20 June	20 June	20 June
Community Services and Facilities (some groups)	20 September	20 June	20 June	20 June

Please note: A small number of organisations will have moved into this sector from other sectors not listed above.

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTOR**

Organisations that support community development through their services, activities and economic initiatives. (Rescue Services, Marae, Animal Welfare groups, Community Gardens, Advisory Services).

OLD SECTOR	CURRENT CLOSING DATE	NEW CLOSING DATE	APPLY IN 2013	APPLY IN 2014
<b>Community Services and Facilities</b>	20 September	20 September	No change	No change
<b>Economic and Employment</b>	20 December	20 September	20 September	20 September
<b>Recreation and Leisure</b> (some groups)	20 November	20 September	20 September	20 September
<b>Welfare and Social</b> (some groups)	20 June	20 September	20 September	20 September

Please note: A small number of organisations will have moved into this sector from other sectors not listed above.

**EDUCATION SECTOR**

Organisations that support learning opportunities in the community.

**CLOSING DATE 20 August**

**SPORT AND RECREATION SECTOR**

Organisations that support participation and engagement in sport, recreation activities or hobbies.

OLD SECTOR	CURRENT CLOSING DATE	NEW CLOSING DATE	APPLY IN 2013	APPLY IN 2014
<b>Sport</b>	20 December	20 November	20 November	20 November
<b>Recreation and Leisure</b>	20 November	20 November	No change	No change

Please note: A small number of organisations will have moved into this sector from other sectors not listed above.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

Organisations that promote and support environmental activities.

SECTOR	CURRENT CLOSING DATE	NEW CLOSING DATE	APPLY IN 2013	APPLY IN 2014
<b>Environmental</b>	20 December	20 September	20 September	20 September

Please note: A small number of organisations will have moved into this sector from other sectors not listed above.

**CHATHAM ISLANDS**

SECTOR	CURRENT CLOSING DATE	NEW CLOSING DATE	APPLY IN 2013	APPLY IN 2014
<b>Chatham Islands</b>	20 December	20 November	20 November	20 November

Please note: A small number of organisations will have moved into this sector from other sectors not listed above.



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# The St Albans Community Strategy 2013-2020

## PHASE TWO – GETTING RESIDENTS INVOLVED

### Project Mentor

Are you/do you know a person with the skills to support and guide the development of the St Albans Community Strategy. SARA would welcome suggestions from residents to whom we should ask to be our Mentor. Send your ideas to [SARA@stalbens.gen.nz](mailto:SARA@stalbens.gen.nz)

### Programme Champion Team

Over the next few months SARA, with the help of Resilience NZ and Volunteering Canterbury, will be developing the Programme Champion Team and require skilled volunteers from the community to fill the positions.

The team will made up of 4 Programme Champions.

Each Champion will head one of the environments, Built, Services, Recreation or Strategic. They will be responsible for making the projects happen. The roles will be ones of support for the project managers through training, resources, reporting, planning and project outcomes.

The team will be resourced by the SARA Management Committee through volunteers, financial capital, knowledge capital etc.

If you are interested in being involved and wish to see successful community driven projects involved in the reshaping of our city please contact [SARA@stalbens.gen.nz](mailto:SARA@stalbens.gen.nz)

More information on the St Albans Community Strategy can be found at [http://stalbens.gen.nz/?page\\_id=4840](http://stalbens.gen.nz/?page_id=4840)

### PROJECT UPDATES: February 2013

#### Recreation - Malvern

##### Park Fitness Trial

Project Manager Pete Brady has met with CCC staff responsible for Malvern Park and they were receptive to his proposal. Pete is getting a plan of the project with costings to get the agreement in principal of the project. He has visited parks suggested by the staff to look at track materials and exercise equipment.

#### Built - Safer Roads and Footpaths

SARA along with the Human Rights Commission and Ruth Jones have been investigating the present state of the footpaths in the St Albans area in particular the issues arising on footpaths outside new commercial buildings.

#### Avon-Otakaro River Park

A recreation area along the river linking to sister suburbs. Though lacking any actual project team to drive this project as yet, the St Albans Community BBQ Trailer has provided the first link for this project. The Avon-Otakaro Network used it at Travis Wetland on World Wetland day. For more information on the river network see <http://www.avonotakaronetwork.co.nz/> If you have an idea on how to make this seemingly unachievable task of linking St Albans to the Avon River happen, why not let the readers of the St Albans News know or bring it along to the monthly St Albans Community discussion.

*(It is the author's understanding that the Avon doesn't flow through St Albans)*

#### Services - Community Information

SARA is responsible for the production of the St Albans News and the St Albans Community Website. All residents are welcome to be involved in theses projects by joining the production team or providing information and articles for both.

Contact [Belindaatwebpace@stalbens.gen.nz](mailto:Belindaatwebpace@stalbens.gen.nz) if you would like to be involved in building and maintaining of the website or Dave at [news@stalbens.gen.nz](mailto:news@stalbens.gen.nz) to become involved in the StAN production team.

SARA is responsible for the St Albans Community Discussions and would love to have a volunteer to be responsible for the meeting organization and building the community network. Contact Emma at [SARA@stalbens.gen.nz](mailto:SARA@stalbens.gen.nz)

Information on the dates and times of the community discussions can be found at [http://stalbens.gen.nz/?page\\_id=1265](http://stalbens.gen.nz/?page_id=1265)

SARA and StAN are also planning an extra CCC Election Issue of the newspaper as well as a Meet the Candidate Evening later in the year to help SA Albans residents become informed on our local candidates. If you have any questions you would like to see put to all the candidates let us know. And if you would like to be involved in producing this issue we need a few more hands on board to make it happen.



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### Built - Community Facilities

Vodafone have funded SARA \$15K to develop the BBQ Trailer further. This includes a reticulating hot water system, electricity and some type of shelter structure – thus making it a portable meeting space that can be utilised all year round. Does anyone have any ideas of how to make the shelter work – we were thinking something on top of the trailer like a pop up camper but it pops out and down to the ground. Anyone know a steel engineer or someone with the creativity and the skills to make this happen?

### Strategic

- Tram link to central city. This is on the agenda to discuss at March's community discussion with CCC and ECAN.

- Sustainable Living
- Better Quality Housing

SARA has been promoting and providing local landlord contacts to Canterbury Energy Action to encourage landlords to use their summer landlord subsidy to insulate rental properties in the area. If you are interested in ensuring St Albans residents are aware of more sustainable methods of living, make yourself known to SARA or if improvements in the quality of housing in St Albans is something that is important to you, come on get up and connect.

- Develop sense of place.

Initial discussion on this project is on the agenda for April's community discussion



## Imagine: a growing community garden movement taking a lead in recreating Christchurch.

### What would that look like?

The wind of change is rustling the green trees of Christchurch. If you listen you can hear it and it's exciting.

The Avon River Park, the red-zoned lands, the damaged sports fields and the "green frame"; all these new places and spaces have rich food-growing opportunities to offer in our fractured, needy post-quake city.

But who is there to sketch the possibilities, to embroider the detail and to sell the deal?

These questions (and many more not even thought of) will be offered up, talked over and collected

at an Open Space Forum in New Brighton

Community Garden, 136 Shaw Avenue on Easter Sunday afternoon – March 31 from 2 pm – 5 pm.

The Open Space will be facilitated by Margaret Jefferies on behalf of the Canterbury Community Gardens Association. It is for anyone who has an interest in gardening and the community gardening movement. The more diverse the group the better it will be.



As chair of Project Lyttelton and the person who introduced the Time Banking concept to New Zealand, Margaret Jefferies is a skilled facilitator tuned in to the notion of "reaching beyond ones grasp" and making the impossible doable through collective endeavour.

If you would like to come to this Open Space Forum enrolments are being taken up until 17<sup>th</sup> March (St Patrick's Day). You can e-mail [secretary@communitygardens.org.nz](mailto:secretary@communitygardens.org.nz) or telephone 021 122 7638 or 03 326 6927 leaving your name and contact number.

If you have a laptop it would be helpful if you brought it along. Refreshments (good brain food) will be provided and a koha would be appreciated.



The Bryndwr Community Garden was set up after a visit to the New Brighton Garden

## **'Traffic Needs in the North of Christchurch'**

**'Rich Road – Poor Road, "Fendalton Rd or Brougham St for St Albans," The Northern Arterial – The final Chapter?' Sparks Fly Over Roundabout,' Whom Did You Elect? – Traffic engineers or Community Board Members?' 'Controlling the Traffic Flow'**

*by Emma Twaddell*

These are all titles from StAN articles in 1994, the year Transit NZ officially lifted the 1966 Northern Arterial Motorway designation and the CCC abandoned, after much community pressure and legal advice against it, its bid to take on the designation

The following is an extract of: "The History of the Northern Arterial" presented by Muriel Soanes at a meeting attended by 200 residents to try and influence CCC not to pick up the designation. Muriel had been actively involved with this issue for 28 years and kept extensive documentation on the subject.

"I would like to give some of the history of the Northern Motorway. I am one of the 366 residents who received notices in September 1966 notifying us our properties were required for a 6 lane motorway.

We believed it was going through within five years. Many residents sold their properties for a mere pittance. The elderly had no chance of regaining their losses.

We waited 13 years for the next move. No satisfaction was received from enquiries at the City Council nor the (then) Ministry of Works during that period.

We learnt in December 1979 that a 4 lane Northern Arterial was proposed.

Properties not required after all were uplifted from

the designation. The owners of those properties sold to the Ministry had the right to buy them back, but not at the price they received originally!

In 1985 a Twiswig Report was produced by a Transport Working Group. Submissions were to be heard on 15th July at a Tribunal Hearing. Representatives from the St Albans Residents Association went to this hearing and managed to get a 3 month postponement of the hearing, so they could study the report. However, the Tribunal Hearing did not take place till November 1987. At this time we had been waiting 21 years for a solution. The report from the Tribunal in March 1988 said: 'I would be surprised and disturbed if the first stage did not proceed within 5 years.' That period finished last year.

In 1988, 27 homes were demolished to put in a crossroad linking Warrington St with Cranford St.

In August 1990, 24 years after the announcement, Transit NZ scrapped the plan. The CCC was given the opportunity to decide if it wanted to continue with the plan and finance it. The decision had to be made by 31st March 1991. The Council failed to come up with the finance. It even approached Transit NZ to give them the properties already purchased by the Crown, but Transit NZ declined.

For 3 years since then, we have lived in limbo. We couldn't sell

privately, Transit wasn't buying houses and the CCC had no authority to do anything. The whole situation was handled disgracefully."

Now in 2013 we have a new 30 year transport plan. This plan shows no details on how increased traffic will be dealt with in the area. This plan has 2 arterial roads stopping at the St Albans boundary and it does not show how it is planned to disperse this traffic. This should be ringing some alarm bells for the residents of St Albans who are still feeling the effects of the previous management of the last 30 year 'plan.'

I have also recently attended two meetings with CCC and CCDU staff who have stated the 4 laning of Cranford street is a given.

Attached to the Dec 5th 2012 Shirley/Papanui Community Board Agenda is the October 2012 Update of current projects (for elected members from CEO Tony Marryatt) which states the 4 laning of Cranford St is at preliminary design stage. (incidentally, this was the only project for the St Albans area!)

After putting this community through almost 30 years of 'disgraceful' handling of traffic issues in St Albans it is possible that it is going to happen again? Are the needs of one person/ one car commuters from the north going to be put before the quality of our lives and the

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MP FOR CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL

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safety of our inner city community? Is the CCC going to reveal their plans for this area or will our limbo continue?


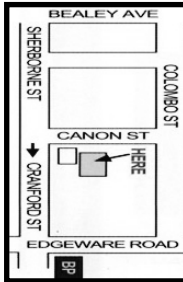
Come and let others know your thoughts on how to deal with traffic in the area on Tuesday 12th March @ 7pm. Mairehau Library. SARA met CCC Senior Transport Planners late last year and have invited them to join our community discussion. They were very open to this and happy to share their information. ☘



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## TC3 Insurance Claims

by Emily Walton. Partner at Wynn Williams & Co.

It is exciting to finally see buildings rebuilt and homes and businesses re-established in St Albans. But for people with TC3 land, and there are plenty of us here in St Albans, this might still feel like a distant dream. Uncertainty about land conditions, damage and foundation solutions may seem almost insurmountable.

The former Department of Building & Housing has recently re-released Guidance: Repairing and Rebuilding Houses Affected by the Canterbury Earthquakes. It is intended to reflect new knowledge and foundation options that will make some sites easier to deal with. As a lay person, they are extremely technical and complicated. The level of damage sustained by TC3 land and buildings still dictates the level of geotechnical engineering information needed for a repair or rebuild and usually, the foundation solution.

If you need site specific engineering information and foundations, the engineers' fees are usually covered by your house insurance policy as are the additional costs of building TC3 foundations. In most cases, it is safer to let the insurer meet these costs as they are incurred, rather than cash settling your TC3 claim, despite how tempting that may be. Cash settling when you don't know exactly what's involved in your repair or rebuild may leave you out of pocket. ⌘

## St Albans Community BBQ Trailer

by Doug Jack

We recently had built a double burner stainless steel bbq trailer thanks to Z.

One of the uses of the bbq is to help local organizations with their fundraising efforts. This season the trailer has been used by two local schools, one of whom reporting making \$2000 from the bbq alone. If your organization would like to use this community resource the cost is \$50 plus the return of a full gas bottle.

To date SARA is very pleased with the contribution the trailer is making within the St Albans community, and they are excited to see it being used by local groups, residents and businesses. Over this summer it has been used at cultural, sporting and environmental events. It has been used by 2 businesses for staff events and several locals streets have used it to catch up with their neighbours.

Thanks to Vodafone we are now able to fit out the trailer with another gas bottle as well as cooking tools and trays. Hot water and electricity are also to be installed.

SARA also has funding from Vodafone to sponsor street bbqs so if you would like to put something on for your neighbours, contact bbq@stalbands.gen.nz for free use of the bbq and \$50 towards food. ⌘

## Cartoon Corner

Are you an artist or a cartoonist? If so, here is your corner where you can display your talents. Don't worry if you do not know what to draw, I can help you with that. The main criteria are that you can draw and you live in St Albans.

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## Community Notices

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Thanks to the CCC and Lions International the transitional St Albans Community Centre is available to hire. The centre has a room which holds up to 50 people and two small meeting rooms. Accessible to all. Contact Lisa Barwood. [lisa.barwood@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:lisa.barwood@ccc.govt.nz) or 941 8176

**If you like a stroll** round the neighbourhood and live in the St. Albans area then how about becoming a distributor for the St. Albans news? Volunteers needed for delivery routes in the area, various locations. For more info or to volunteer today please email [news@stalbans.gen.nz](mailto:news@stalbans.gen.nz) or call/text 02102715221.

**St Albans Community BBQ Trailer** is available to hire for events. FREE to any St Albans street to use for a street level event. Enquires to [BBQ@stalbans.gen.nz](mailto:BBQ@stalbans.gen.nz)

**St Albans Community discussions:** 2nd Tuesday of every month. Mairehau Library, 42 Kensington Ave, St Albans. These gatherings are about discussion and action to ensure the residents of our suburb are included in the planning and decision making of the development of the area.

March 12th – Transport, Roding and pathways in St Albans. We have asked CCC transport planners and ECAN to come along and join us

April 9th – St Albans Geographical Boundaries. We hope NZ post will come and join us.

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### The Packe St Park and Community Garden.

Working Bee and afternoon tea, Thursdays 2 - 4pm. Packe Street Park AGM: Tuesday 26th March 7.30 pm at 115 Packe Street. Guest Speaker Claire Phillips – strengthening communities. Shared supper afterwards \*Everybody welcome\*

**Edgeware Village Green.** Trafalgar St. Some scheming and greening, Tuesdays 4 - 6pm. or email [rsc.admin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rsc.admin@xtra.co.nz)

**Mairehau Library:** Kensington Ave. Open 2 - 4pm Monday - Friday; 10:30 - 11am Saturday

### St Albans Leisure Group:

The Leisure Group is an older adult's recreation group that provides social contact and activities for its members. The group generally meet fortnightly and visit many of the free and low cost events that the city offers and follow each event with coffee and a chat. If you would like to enjoy the camaraderie and social contact the Leisure Group provides, contact Wendy at [communitycentre@stalbans.gen.nz](mailto:communitycentre@stalbans.gen.nz) or 374 2465.

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Registration Days St Albans Park  
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**The St Albans News relies on your contributions. Please send your articles, letters and notices to [news@stalbans.gen.nz](mailto:news@stalbans.gen.nz).**

**The deadline for the next issue is March 31st, 2013**

## RECOGNITIONS

NZ Post – 500 Free envelopes. SARA is going to use them to direct mail members and supporters. Logo has been requested

Vodafone – \$15,500. The St Albans Community BBQ Trailer. The trailer will be having a makeover in the autumn and will be equipped with hot water, power and a shelter structure. Free Street BBQs.



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## Editorial

Hello, I am the new editor of the St Albans Neighbourhood News. My name is Dave Mitchell and I have lived in St Albans for many years. And that's about all the personal information you will get out of me, because this newsletter is for and about St Albans, not me. On that note, I know that there are many groups, clubs, and assorted events in St Albans, so please tell us about them. The issues will always be published in February, April, June, August, October, and December. The deadline for all material for each issue will be the last day of the month before. For example, material for the June edition must reach us by May 31st.

This year, we will also produce an extra edition covering the Council Elections. Important and long-lasting decisions concerning the future of our city are being made, some behind closed doors, and more decisions will be needed to be made soon which will have a direct impact on St Albans residents. It is vital that we elect capable councillors who have our interests, not their own, at heart.

Near to my heart, both physically and emotionally, is the impending finish of the road works surrounding my immediate area. To the men and women who have been toiling on our pipes, roads, and footpaths, thank you, now please go away.

Finally, do we have any budding journalists out there? If so, we need you. I would like to do articles on newcomers to our district, and on business profiles. If you would like to assist, please contact me at [news@stalbans.gen.nz](mailto:news@stalbans.gen.nz). Dennis, I hoped you enjoyed reading this on your toilet. ☘

### Question Mark

Do you have a question that you want answered? Please send them to me, Dave, at [news@stalbans.gen.nz](mailto:news@stalbans.gen.nz). One question I have is why the footpaths by the new shops on Colombo and Cranford Streets are so high? The answer will be in the next issue.

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### Letter to the editor

In March 2011 as earthquake refugees, we moved into a flat in Springfield Road. It had power, flushing toilet and running water, luxury!

Over the past eighteen months or so, we have seen Edgeware grow and grow. We love walking down to Peter Timbs on a Saturday and buying our meat and enjoying the hot Hungarian sausages on the barbeque. The best fish 'n' chips are at Edgeware takeaways on Colombo Street and it is great to see the supermarket back on its feet. I remember my husband trudging in the snow down to Super Liquor, because wine was one thing I didn't have in my emergency kit! Well done to Video Ezy, the Vege shop and KB's with their upgraded premises. The new Baileys has just opened and we will head down there shortly to sample their finest. Our new house is nearly finished and we will have moved in by the time you read this.

So thanks to all, it has been a nice part of town to spend some time in.

*Jacky Cook*

### What's in a Name?

Did you know that Madras Street gets its name from the colonial Anglican bishopric of Madras in India? Named in 1850, it is one of the original streets of Christchurch.

In case you are wondering, Colombo Street was named after the Anglican bishopric in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). Manchester Street was named after the Anglican bishopric in Manchester, England, and Barbadoes Street was named after the Anglican bishopric in the West Indies. ☘