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Election Issue

The St Albans News recently asked all Mayoral, Shirley-Papanui Ward Councillor and Community Board candidates to submit their photo and state in about 160 words what they will do for St Albans. In this issue we have included all the responses we received for you to consider when you make your vote.

Democracy only works when people stay informed; and when people vote.

Your Community Needs You

Do you want to have an influence on things that impact the life of your whanau?

Do you want to contribute more to your community than one vote every three years? Then your community needs you.

Residents living in St Albans have a long history of contributing to the development of their own lives than this (often) random pick of our decision makers.

The St Albans Residents Association (SARA) Inc has a record of involvement in community building that stretches back almost 50 years. Its impact on community spirit was particularly strong from the mid 1990s, focused around the community centre. The outgoing "Civil Tower of Power" has post- earthquake failed/refused to support SARA and therefore has denied all of you the resources and voice, which this organisation has built up over the past 15 years, to help in the recovery of your lives.

SARA has been forced to limp along for three years without a community centre or any staff. But it is only limping, not broken. It is ready for some creative, skilled visionaries to take it into the future.

The current governing committee has done an excellent job of recouping the organisation's resources, which are invaluable to a community, and

are looking at how to make SARA more effective in the future.

We have been devising a development strategy for locals to use to achieve projects they want in their community, using SARA's resources. We have also been looking at ways to make SARA a sustainable organisation and a focus for 2014 will be the development of a social enterprise for St Albans – perhaps a movie theatre! We also want to see more local events happening and to tap the creativity and energy of young St Albans people in the development of their new world. We look forward to St Albans becoming an inclusive community, accessible for all.

None of this is going to happen unless residents of St Albans lead it and at present there are not enough of you talented people working together to ensure St Albans doesn't become the Bronx of the brave, new city.

Being part of this organisation does not mean attending meaningless meetings. It is networking and working with your neighbours to make your homes and lives happy and safe.

Bring along your family and friends to the Edgware Croquet Club, beside the Bowling Club on Forfar St and join others from the St Albans Community for a shared BBQ on Sunday September 22 @ 11am. Our AGM will start at 2pm and SARA needs its supporters to stand up and help – right now.

The future is what we make it. ☘



The St Albans News relies on your contributions. Please send your articles, letters and notices to news@stalbans.gen.nz. The deadline for the next issue is Friday the 18th of October

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Chair Chat

Oh my! A chair chat and the designer is waiting for this. Ummm. There is a lot to talk about and too much of this is having

negative effects on our lives. Flooding, insurance, housing and local safety. Transport, our land and anger.


But can anyone say his or her life is boring? That thought just makes me giggle! 'Simple' is not a word I would use to describe our lives either.

People I know living in Christchurch are excelling themselves in this complicated city we live in. They are taking on change, risk and roles that are outside their pre quake comfort zones. Extending themselves, for their families and their hometown, Christchurch. Good on you everyone.

And as it is AGM time again I want to thank all the wonderful people I have met in my role as Chairperson of the St Albans Residents Association over the past 3 years. Thank you all, for 'going the extra mile,' for Christchurch, for St Albans and for me.

A big thank you to the volunteers of SARA. The management committee, the Inclusive Community team, the StAN team, the St Albans website and Facebook team and the Strategy group. Each one of you has put yourselves out for the betterment of the whole community and together we have managed to make a difference.

To Z Energy, Vodafone, COGS and the Human Rights Commission thanks for your ongoing support and mentoring of the St Albans Residents Association.



Emma Twaddell
Chair of the St Albans
Residents' Association

5 Reasons to love living in St Albans this Spring:

1. Flower Bazaar down Innes Road was voted The Best Florist in Canterbury in the More FM Be The Best Awards
2. Quiz night at Bailies every second Tuesday- a chance to get out of the house and test your knowledge. Next quiz night is the 17th September
3. The amazing cakes in any shape or form made by the ladies at Sugar Cake Baby located at the Cranford St/Westminster St intersection. Drop in on a Saturday and take a peek
4. Get fit for summer in St Albans Park, Abberley Park or Malvern Park or join in a fun exercise such as Zumba or yoga
5. Edgware Road - it's getting there!

By A. Resident

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Letters to the Editor

Dear StAN,

Just to let you know we think the news and the layout are looking fabulous. The paper is reflecting the sense of our community.

*Odette Gallagher,
Education Manager,*

St Albans Community Preschool

Dear StAN,

Thanks St Albans News for the article from Reetah re EQC repairs. Very informative.

Kate Shanks, Southshore.

Dear StAN,

Like many other people in this suburb I feel that use of the name Edgeware instead of St Albans, the golden suburb as I have heard it called, is clearly wrong. This confusion is well illustrated by the letter from Charles Poynton on page 3 of the newsletter from July 2013. My answer is that the word Edgeware should be restricted to Edgeware Village in the heart of St Albans and Edgeware Road that runs right through it from Springfield Road to Hills Road. Officialdom seems to be the main culprit, judging by the Edgeware-addressed mail that I receive in Packe Street. The boundaries of St Albans are partly less easy to define, although at least Bealey Avenue to the south, Papanui Road to the west

and Hills Road to the east are clearly demarcated. The northern boundary is not so straightforward and thus more difficult to spell out so I shall simply rest my case here.

Kind regards, Bill Sykes

Dear StAN,

Hi there, I would like to make a suggestion for the St Albans News. I suggest that the Community Board members are asked to submit their thoughts on a topic of interest to the residents of St Albans. This only needs to be a couple of paragraphs so won't take too much of their time, and could be done on a regular basis in each edition of the St Albans news. Residents could offer topics that are important to them. This would connect the board members with the community. I'm sure the editors could come up with a name for the regular slot? I would like to put forward the first topic; it would be their thoughts on the proposed four laning of Cranford Street. I believe that this is an election issue and as residents we need to hear from our elected representatives on their thoughts.

*Kind Regards,
Clinton Minchington*

EDITORS NOTE:

From the Shirley/Papanui

Community Board Meeting, June 19th 2013

***NORTHERN ARTERIAL
INFORMATION REQUEST***

The Board received correspondence from Emma Twaddell, Chairperson, St Albans Residents Association requesting information regarding the process taken for the Northern Arterial Plan and consultation. Specifically, how the preferred route was selected.

The Board decided to request that staff inform the Board of answers to Emma Twaddell's question on the process taken for the Northern Arterial Plan and consultation and how the preferred route was selected.

***CRANFORD STREET FOUR
LANING AND REZONING***

The Board considered there was a need to rezone the land to Business/Commercial either side of Cranford Street from the northern end of the rural section of the street to Bealey Avenue, due to the proposed four laning of part of Cranford Street. The Board believed this would encourage the development of appropriate commercial premises.

The Board decided to request that staff provide guidance to the Board on the process available to it to advocate for a zoning change.

Ray White

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Community drives inclusion for all people

By Ruth Jones

I have been extraordinarily lucky to work recently with the St Albans Residents Association (SARA) and the St Albans Community. I met Emma through the CERA Community Forum and have known Hine for many years.

About 15 years ago my sister Claire, her husband, Paul, and their children lived in Forfar St and the kids went to St Albans Primary School Te Tikanga Rua Reo. Therefore the area was familiar to me but I didn't quite get the enormity of what the suburb has achieved until after the earthquakes.

St Albans is a vibrant, hard-working suburb and the Residents Association has been a leading community group for many years. St Albans is vocal, stropky and has survived. It seemed the perfect suburb to facilitate a project that intentionally set out to include people with disabilities and their families into the local community.

The Human Rights Commission sponsored the project until June this year. Project goals were set and a steering group formed. Despite the weariness of everyone involved it is a dynamic group that has achieved much.

Achievements have been both tangible and unexpected. These include examples of leadership and the community itself being more receptive to diverse peoples.

ACCESS

Access issues, both good and not so good, have been raised and publicised by the group. There will now be an on-going relationship with the only active Barrier Free Auditor in Christchurch, BJ Clark.

For example, the rebuilt SuperValue supermarket has been commended for its simple but accessible design and build. SARA has been supportive of this business, as it has been with many others, who are working to become more accessible. The Steering Group did have concerns, however, about the corner of Cranford Street and Westminster Street. Alongside the new business and retail complex is an extremely high and dangerous kerb cut. We believe that this was "deemed" necessary to prevent future flooding. Concern was certainly expressed to CERA and the Christchurch City Council about the lack of consultation and the resulting curb that is not only a hazard for people with disabilities but for lots of community members. While planters have been put in place a more permanent and thoughtful solution still needs to be found.

Why building accessible structures and spaces is so important is outlined in a short video clip produced by the CDHB. All the information in the video clip originates from St Albans, describes local access concerns, and now this video will become the template for other communities across Christchurch.

Another project likely to succeed is a forthcoming children's book about Cranford Street, its history and its people. SARA has been involved with all lobbying related to Cranford Street. There have been battles along the way and the good fight continues. This children's book will illustrate the adventures of Cranford Street, historically and now. Making Cranford Street accessible to all people is a top priority for the Steering Group.

This very newsletter can now be read by people who are blind or visually impaired. The Steering Group is working with the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind to ensure that all community members can access the newsletter, using a variety of formats.

Malvern Park is heading for a facelift over the next few years and will include a walking track and exercise equipment for people to use. Discussions have started with the Council to make this accessible for all residents.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Hine led a community discussion in mid-May. She led this discussion promoting the inclusion for all people and invited people to talk about why this is so important and how this can be achieved. This conversation provided a unique opportunity for the community to talk about issues for some of its residents. Paul Gibson, the Disability Rights Commissioner, attended this Forum and indicated how forward-thinking St Albans was. "Nothing About Us, Without Us" was the theme of the night.

THE STRATEGIC PLAN

St Albans has been working on its priorities and actions over the last year. The areas that you as a community want focus on are: Built, Services, Recreation and Strategic.

Rather than having an additional theme that focussed on inclusion of disabled people the community made it really clear that they wanted all 20 actions to be inclusive. The strategic plan is based on the Newlands Model and SARA again is to be commended for its vision.

As we were working on specific issues to help disabled people I became much more aware of the community as a whole. It is strong but tired, disillusioned but keeps on including people like us because they see no other way.

Inclusion of disabled people is important to the whole community. The St Albans community also needs to be included in the life of the city. It has been my privilege to be a part of the community for a short time and know that all people will benefit from the unique mana that St Albans possesses.



Wolfman

Hello Gang. Things appear to have taken a turn for the worse. Just when we thought 'Moorhouse' ruled the boy band roost, along come the Crusaders' 'C-City Brothers'. Yikes! Did anyone catch the six hour Glastonbury bonanza on Sky a few weeks back? What a festival, what a line-up, Mumford & Sons tore the place up. Something a little different this month, I hope you like it...

What's Hot?



I recently came across a local St Albans band who has written a song about Christchurch. It's called 'Our Town'. Check out the lyrics:

Found myself on the sidewalk, nowhere really to go.
I've been wandering for ages, up what looks like Colombo.
Breathing in the dust, that's engulfing all of us.
Where have all the birds gone. I can't see the sun today's gone wrong.

We'll stand our ground. Time can't be unwound.
We've got a clean slate, a vibe to re-create, rebuild Our Town.

Its two years on now. Just look how far we've come.
Welcome back to Christchurch. Why not join us, come join the fun.
A twist of fate has brought us to this point. But we're still here.
One at a time, step forward for your shot of courage. Wipe away that tear.

We'll stand our ground. Time can't be unwound.
We've got a clean slate, a vibe to re-create, rebuild Our Town.
There's pride at stake, to rehabilitate, let's celebrate, rebuild Our Town

What Rocks?

Last issue I included a piece about international rock god Dave Grohl. Did you know we have our very own rock god here in little ol' Christchurch? His name is Aaron Tokona.

Front-man for iconic 90's group Weta and their sublime album Geographica, Aaron is now the driving force behind two Kiwi bands, both of which are on the rise. Cairo Knife Fight is a blow-your-head-off rock two-piece that has shared the stage with Foo Fighters and Them Crooked Vultures among others. And then there's the dub, reggae, funk-infused AHoriBuzz who are constantly popping up around town with an album ready to drop.

Aaron Tokona is a regular on the NZ summer festival circuit. He had a headline spot at the prestigious SxSW festival in Texas and toured with Fly My Pretties and, more recently, The Adults. If this isn't the hardest working musician in the country I don't know who is.



Often referred to as NZ's most outstanding guitarist, in his latest incarnations Aaron's talents are front and centre for all to see (and he's all ours). Check out the video for his latest track 'Sugar' with a little help from NZ's sweet soul sister Hollie Smith: www.hauraki.co.nz/video/ahoribuzz-sugar

Aaron Tokona. Catch him everywhere. The guy's a machine!

Until next time, let the music in and rock a little harder...

Wolfman

What's Cool After School?

It was only a matter of time before One Direction got a mention here. Playing the CBS Arena on October 10th (to which, sadly, I don't have a ticket) these guys just keep getting bigger and bigger worldwide since finishing third on the X-Factor UK back in 2010. In order of hotness One Direction are Liam Payne, Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson. Check out their 'Best Song Ever' video @ www.onedirectionmusic.com. It's the best! I'll leave you with my top five One Direction songs. Bye.... Tweenwolf

1. Best Song Ever
2. Magic
3. Moments
4. One Thing
5. Kiss You

What Next?

Some gigs happening around town over the coming weeks. Try and catch some tunes at the Arts Festival throughout September.

- Calexico – Festival Club – Saturday 14th September
- Stan Walker – Air Force Museum – Thursday 19th September
- Fly My Pretties – Festival Club – Monday 23rd September
- Katchafire – CPSA – Friday 27th September
- McGlashan & Dobbyn – Cardboard Cathedral – Thursday 3rd October
- One Direction – CBS Arena – Thursday 10th October
- Topp Twins – CBS Arena – Saturday 2nd November
- Leonard Cohen – CBS Arena – Saturday 14th December

Mayoral Candidates

Being the mayor is a big job and very much a full-time one. It entails a huge risk for successful candidates as they put their own careers or businesses on hold and, in effect, agree to be employed by a hugely diverse range of new 'employers'.

The mayor needs to make decisions for our wide community, and bring together a huge number of conflicting views around the council table. When necessary, he or she needs to show leadership and make decisions on matters where entrenched views don't present an easy way forward.

The mayor has the duty to ensure the transparent workings of the complex body, the Christchurch City Council and its corporate holdings. He or she needs to be well informed on all economic bases and is also expected to advocate on behalf of the community.

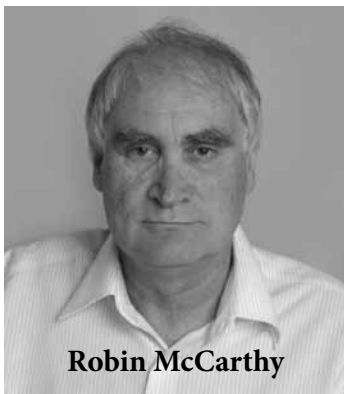
The mayor presides over council meetings and needs to provide leadership and feedback to other elected members,

and ensure that there is a smooth interface between them and management staff, who are employed by the mayor and councillors.

Both the in-house and more public roles require a high degree of statesmanship and charisma, and a vision of what the city should look like in the future.

While the mayor shares many of the same roles and responsibilities as his fellow councillors, his or her role as a team leader and figurehead for our city cannot be underestimated. The mayor's personal leadership style sets the tone for the rest of his team, and to a certain extent determines the attitude the media will take in reporting and commenting on the doings of our council.

This is a job that requires a very impressive CV, the calm exterior of a diplomat and a passion for public service. Perhaps all this could be put in a nutshell by saying that our mayor needs to be a good politician and at the same time an honest citizen. ☘



Robin McCarthy

Standing for the Mayoralty, I express my policies for the whole of the City which will also benefit St Albans at the local level.

Three urgent matters are; resolution of the councils insurance claims, appointment of a new permanent CEO and greater transparency. In respect to the latter, departmental managers will attend council committee meetings so as they can be questioned and held accountable on how they arrive at recommendations. This will assist the CEO in their role, as they cannot be expected to know everything. It is simply too big for them. I want to see council proceedings posted live on the internet.

I support the sale of some council assets with the view to shrinking the size of the council to concentrate on core activities such as parks, recreation/amateur sports grounds and transport infrastructure. The councils vast property portfolio leads to "public excluded" meetings due to commercial conflicts of interest.



Lianne Dalziell

What I really want to do for St Albans is what I want to do for the whole city.

During Share an Idea we said we wanted a clean, green, safe and smart city. But how do we achieve this if communities are left out of the loop?

There are significant challenges facing St Albans - traffic and flooding to name two. The 'business as usual' consultation process doesn't encourage meaningful input from communities. We've got to do better than that.

I will propose increased delegations to Community Boards so they can work collaboratively with their communities on the issues that matter to them. This will mean local voices are heard and genuinely help set the Council agenda. That's the best way to rebuild trust and to rebuild our city.

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Brad Maxwell

Both my sons attended St Albans Primary School, a great school in the heart of a great neighbourhood. A neighbourhood that has suffered much over the last 3 years.

It's great to see the new shops already built and being built throughout St Albans, but I am sad at the state of some of the housing that is scattered throughout St Albans, the broken homes that are left empty and unsecured, that could become targets for all sorts of bad elements, these need to be resolved somehow sooner rather than later.

The needs of the community are always changing and as an elected member of council I would personally ensure that your voice is heard by strengthening the role of the community board I would like to see two members of the community board take a special interest in St Albans and become your direct pathway to council, St Albans forms a very large part of the Shirley /Papanui Ward.



Kyle Chapman

One of the keys to community is tradition and heritage.

I believe in bringing our community together, bringing back the things that bond us. By working together we can achieve anything. We must reject the greedy and the selfish. There must be a bond of unity.

I push for community patrols and resisting the current system that ignores us. I'm the best protest vote in town.

I am well known because I am active. I would continue this and always be a voice for the people. Housing and security need to be addressed along with cutting down on Bureaucracy in the council.



Victor Cattermole

One of my commitments is to listen to the voice of the village and take action accordingly. I have spent time in St Albans talking to several people in the community and it is clear that Edgeware Village, the hub of the community, needs urgent attention. It needs some revitalisation and it needs support to encourage back the businesses and facilities that the community desires.

Several parts of St Albans are known to be on poor dank soils. At this time when EQC and Insurance Companies are repairing homes, it is of utmost importance to me to ensure that homes are repaired properly in areas such as St Albans where known land issues exist. The utilities and infrastructure through Edgeware Road are underway but the progress is far too slow and a far greater commitment is required to achieve the goal of returning services back to normal.

Edgeware and St Albans could be one of the critical village communities that make up our city.

Brad Maxwell is standing for Mayor and Councilor

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The Councillors

The new Local Government Act of 2002 and the progress made in the field of technology, has meant that the job description of City Councillor has changed radically. In the past, we elected our Council and left them to get on with it.

In contrast, councillors now govern under a constant media spotlight—and whereas in the past it was assumed that councils had access to superior knowledge and expertise, the Internet has made it possible for everyone to access the same information, which means that councillors now need to govern in close partnership with other organisations and with the public. In addition, there is the

expectation that councillors will be readily accessible to the public at all times.

Far greater consultation in planning and decision-making is expected and councils must plan strategically rather than allow development to happen in an ad hoc manner.

The issues facing the new council couldn't be more complex or have more far-reaching consequences. While keeping in mind the views of their constituents, councillors must process scientific evidence and other professional advice, be aware of the financial implications of any proposal, preserve heritage values and balance the urban and rural economies under the Council's jurisdiction. ☞



Ali Jones

We need leadership and a fresh new energy in our city councillors.

With more than 16 years in business and a passion for getting things done, I will bring an intelligent, positive vibrancy to council. I'm working with Rebuild Christchurch and the Canterbury Insurance Advocacy Service - people are the recovery of this city.

Strong communities make a strong city. We must consider different and innovative ways of doing things. Just because "it's always been that way" or "that's the way we've always done it", doesn't mean there isn't a better way.

The health and well-being of our communities is directly linked with the health and well-being of our people. Our communities recover - we recover. You have told me very clearly that the most important issues in Shirley/Papanui are Community, Education, Business and Health. Now let's talk about how we can get things done, not why we can't.



Aaron Keown

St Albans is a special part of our ward with a treasured history and our most diverse community and we need to celebrate and enhance this. Last summer I was part of the team who built the community herb garden at the community centre on Colombo St and I intend to keep building on this community garden into the future. Working on the garden we had a lot of local residents come and join in but the real success was how many people have been harvesting the herbs.

St Albans is also a key part of the new cycleway network and my intention is to make this the most successful part of the entire network whilst enhancing connectivity of the community along the way. This will make cycling to schools, parks, shopping centres and the city safer than ever before. I have a commitment to make St Albans a better place to live and that is my promise to you.



John Stringer

I will provide a Councillor who LIVES in St Albans (Rutland St) where I raised my kids. That'll give St Albans a strong voice in the City!

We all know the Council is broken, and needs fixing, riven with an inability to work together, and failing us on the basics. If a building's basic structure fails, we pull it down and start again. So let's have CHANGE on COUNCIL, wipe away some of the current leadership and put in people who can move things forward by working together.

I would address as part of Town Planning and the District Plan Review, the growing congestion problems on Papanui Rd resulting from the Northlands Mall expansion. I would address the rent gouging that takes advantage of local people trapped by earthquake issues.

I was appalled at the 1902 then 1896 St Albans Methodist Churches being demolished (Rugby Street/Papanui Road). Both could have been saved with more creative leadership from local councillors committed to local heritage.



Jonathan Corfe

Why has Edgeware Rd been closed in one form or another since September 2010? It's barely a mile long. I want to concentrate SCIRT's efforts in St Albans to get in and out in a reasonable time: we're tired of road cones and lumpy footpaths.

I'd like to develop the community facilities to include a community constable's office, a library check in console and drop box. What happened to the public toilets?

I want to develop St Albans' relationship with the central city – it's the first village going out of town and as is special, but parts of the city need to stay there – the prostitutes.

I want to alleviate the pressure on Sherborne/Cranford St during peak hours by developing a Christchurch suburban rail link to Rangiora and Rolleston. I also want traffic lights at the top of Colombo St – I've seen too many near misses.

St Albans/Edgeware is a special village needing someone in council's affection: it has mine.



Ngaire Button

I have faithfully and consistently advocated for the needs of the St Albans community as an elected representative for 9 years. I am a member of St Albans Baptist church and the Neighborhood Trust and have supported the many programs run in St Albans by these organisations.

The Edgeware Master plan design and confirmation was a significant step in the St Albans road to recovery and over the next three years I will continue my support for this development by advocating for the necessary funding and resources at council level. Once this is built, I truly believe St Albans will be one of the most vibrant suburbs within our city.

The completion of the cycle ways is another issue I will continue to support in order to provide safe active transport options for all.

My ultimate desire is to invest my experience and energy in representing the community of St Albans for the next three years.



Pauline Cotter

Kia ora,

Having served six years on the Shirley-Papanui Community Board, I believe I have the experience to be one of your new city Councillors. I am a resident of St Albans and have always been proud of the strong community spirit we have. If elected I will continue to support Community Projects such as the EVG, SAPP, SARA, the Edgeware Business group. I am passionate about cycle ways and pleased that they are included in the Master plan.

I will work to regain Community Management of the Transitional Centre, as it used to be; I believe we need a meeting place and a drop in centre more than ever. I will work hard to ensure that residents in council social housing units feel safe. I am concerned the 4 laning of Cranford St is not an innovative way forward. We need a new city wide transport plan and I believe Council must investigate park and ride solutions.



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Community Board Candidates

Community boards consist of five elected board members as well as the ward councillors.

The community board's role is to listen to resident's aspirations, needs and priorities and act as an advocate for the interest of the community. They are a vital stepping-stone between the community and council, enabling any individual to take part in the political process.

Even though it is considered to be a part-time job only, they will be taking on a significant role. A role that looks likely to have more delegated to them in the new term. The Community Board needs to recognise the communities in their ward that have a distinct character, like St Albans, and ensure they are provided with the opportunity for a voice in local council decision-making.

Community boards allocate funding which is intended to support community-focused organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing in the Christchurch City area.

Pauline Cotter, Aaron Keown, Jonathan Corfe and John Stringer are standing for Councilor and Community Board. Robbie Naysmith, Gemma Maslin and Damian Neale did not supply a profile ⌘



Barbara Watson

A wide range of issues affect families across our ward and St Albans clearly illustrates this, with diverse need within this single suburb. Across the ward I will listen to and advocate for residents and grassroots organisations and work to build greater connections across the community.

I believe that healthy families build strong communities and that together we are able to achieve more. Healthy families need to have basic issues addressed; adequate housing, opportunities to develop positive life skills and safe neighbourhoods. They need community facilities that provide connection points with each other and must be empowered with input into decisions that impact them. They need positive, collaborative, leadership that serves their community first.

These are areas that I will advocate for and support, applying my business skills, a heart for this community and ability to get people working together. I will listen open-mindedly, think independently and work collaboratively to find solutions that fit this community.



Catherine Moen

I am standing as an independent candidate for the Community Board. This is the first time I have involved myself in local government. I see a need for an independent to advocate for the interests of the community. As the mother of a young family I know the importance of local community facilities. It is crucial that St Albans has a community centre that is a vibrant and accessible resource for everyone.

I support a close working relationship between the Police, the Community Board, and local community organisations. Organised and effective communication between these groups will benefit the safety of everyone. I will bring a common-sense approach to my role. I have worked in the financial and legal sectors and can offer this experience to the Shirley Papanui Community Board. Everyone should have the opportunity to directly impact the future of Christchurch. This is my opportunity to advocate for people wanting to have their say in that future.



Daniel Wright

Our city needs leaders that understand our neighbourhood issues. As a St Albans resident I believe I can advocate well for all residents of our community. I am a long-term thinker and have courage to make big decisions and work collaboratively. I understand our community and am not afraid to stand up for what is right.

Key issues that I would like to look at within St Albans:

- Better Public Safety including a liquor policy ban around some of our key streets and facilities. Addressing speed and traffic flow in regard to the safety for road users and pedestrians.
- Better engagement and consultation with residents by council via regular information being distributed in an accessible way for all residents.
- More community spaces and better utilisation of existing facilities, these facilities are the key for our community to engage with each other.

Vote Wright to have a safer community—Vote Wright for an engaged community—Vote Wright for community spaces.



I have lived in the Shirley/Papanui Ward for 27 years with my husband. I've been actively involved in my community, being Secretary/Treasurer/Vice-President of many voluntary organisations. I also serve as a JP. Being elected to the Community Board would give me a chance to reflect the hopes and desires of the groups I have worked for in our area. I've also had 35 years' administrative experience in local and central government, including 12.5 years working in the Mayor's Office in the Christchurch City Council.

If elected to the Board I will be tapping into my networks amongst grass roots Champions in our suburbs and will combine this with an intimate knowledge of how things can be made to work in Local Government.

All I promise you the voters, is honesty, integrity and connections. Let us rebuild our Community together. I won't let you down.



I have major concerns with existing council divisions which has clearly had a negative effect on morale in St. Albans. I will be ensuring our Community Board investigate why sections of our ward feel let down and isolated. I will ask for full recognition of lost facilities, especially those urgently required by the St. Albans communities. Through public discussion, we must set realistic targets to reinstate vital services at permanent locations. Time scales may not always be suitable but I would prefer people be kept informed rather than kept in the dark. With inevitable increase of population, buildings, business and the construction of the Christchurch Northern Arterial, a structured and measured plan must be implemented that considers traffic levels, parking and environmental effects to our area of the city. This grass roots level work must be transparent and honest, with leadership and a two way communications path. I will always be available to the St. Albans communities for open discussion.



St Albans is a distinct community within the wider board area. The unity of St Albans is threatened by increased traffic flows north. If elected I will advocate transport options that will keep St Albans as one.

Like all communities St Albans needs amenities and facilities. Some of these are needed within St Albans while others can be outside, however they need to be easily accessible by people in St Albans.

I will work with schools, community groups, sports clubs and individuals to get the community amenities best suited for St Albans so that people who want and need these can get there easily.



If I become a Community Board member I intend to advocate for the St Albans community and to provide helpful information for residents, delivered in a timely and understandable manner. I will encourage the Board to adopt transparent processes, supporting collaborative and informed decision making. I believe our decisions made during the next three years will strongly define our future as a Ward and a City.

As a resident, parent and Civil Engineer I am interested in all the issues that pertain to St Albans, particularly the Flooding and Stormwater situation in the Flockton Basin and all its consequences for local residents; what earthquake recovery means for the area and the TC3 designation applied to local properties; the loss of, and the planning for new, public facilities readily accessible to St Albans; the impact of the Northern Arterial road link cutting across St Albans; and recognising the sense of community embodied within facilities such as the St Albans Community Centre.



Mike Davidson

It is time for the community we live in to direct our own future. My name is Mike Davidson and I want to represent you on the community board. I have lived in St Albans for 20 years and have seen many changes, not all of these changes have been for the benefit of us. It is important we elect board members that want your voice to be heard.

I pledge that if elected to the community board I will listen to you and advocate for you. We all live in this beautiful suburb, and it is important that we do our part to keep it this way. There are many issues affecting us at the moment and you need advocates that listen to you. Do we want our suburb divided by a major four lane road? What is being done for the properties identified as TC3 and ones affected by the flood plain?

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Emma Norrish
(Independent)

I have an excellent knowledge of St Albans - its people, its needs and its amazing potential.

I know that rejuvenating the suburb's various public spaces, parks and streetscapes will give residents amenities which they are proud to utilise. We need to make community centres and other resources more accessible in order to strengthen the community. By improving roads, cycleways and public transport we can alleviate traffic congestion on the major arterial routes through the suburb. With the right Community Board members we can get residents, businesses and community groups working together to achieve these goals and making the most of the unique opportunity that now confronts St Albans.

I will bring a fresh, new voice to the Community Board. I understand the need for open and honest communication with those in the community, and I am passionate about ensuring this is a safe and inspiring place to live, work and raise families.

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By Doug Lamb

In mid June the St Albans Community Choir held their annual Barn Dance at St Paul’s Church in Papanui. Once again it was well attended, the dancing being led by caller, Bill Baratempa. The music was provided by Heather Gladstone and friends, with performances from several accordions, a flute, violin, doodle sack, trombone, trumpet, tuba, guitar and percussion instruments.

After an hour the dancers were able to take a well-earned break while the choir performed three numbers, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Touch The Wind and Star of Mykonos. In the latter, choir members started a Greek dance that ended with everyone joining in. The afternoon was rounded off with a supper in the early evening.

“The barn dance has become an established part of the neighbourhood entertainment calendar. It’s always great

fun and it’s fantastic to see so many families coming along, with young and old all joining in the dancing,” said Heather Mitchell-Gladstone, the choir conductor.

In its 15 years, the choir has grown to 45 members and has a wide age range with equal numbers of men and women members. If anyone is interested in joining the choir they can contact Doug on 021 103 8334 or Heather on 021 644 092. Rehearsals are on a Monday evening at St Paul’s Church in Papanui.

The choir’s next performance will be with the Canterbury Accordion Association Grand Concert at The Lincoln Events Centre, Meijer Drive, Lincoln on Sunday, 29th September 2013 at 2:00pm. Door sales only from 1:00pm - Admission: \$15 Adults, \$5 Children. ☚

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The 7th Christchurch Vegetarian Expo will take place on Sunday 15th September 2013, at the Horticultural Hall opposite the hospital, in Hagley Park. There will be stalls, shopping, workshops, cookery demonstrations (also suitable for gluten free), a kids zone and bouncy castle, veg sausage sizzle, DJ and string quartet music, and lots of great veg food. Go to www.vegetarianexpo.org.nz for programmes and more details. All welcome. Entry \$5; children 12 and under free.

Mairehau Primary School Spring Gala

Come and join in the fun of the fair!

Sat 14 Sep, 11:00am – 3:00pm

Volunteer @ Your Place. The St Albans event will be hosted by the St Albans Baptist Church in McFaddens Road on Tuesday 17 September. The event runs from 1-6pm. This is a great opportunity to find out about the services in the community. Free sausage sizzle from 4.30pm. For more information contact outreach@volcan.org.nz

St Albans Community BBQ

Sunday 22nd September @ 11am-2pm. Edgeware Croquet Club, beside the Bowling Club on Forfar Street. Come along and meet other people who like to live and play in a great community. A presentation on the history of St Albans will be held in the hall at 12.30pm and SARA's AGM will be at 2pm.

St Albans Residents Association (SARA) Inc AGM. Sunday 22nd September @ 2pm.

Edgeware Croquet Club, beside the Bowling Club on Forfar Street. This organisation requires the involvement of its local residents right now. We are looking for creative people who want to be involved in the development of the St Albans Strategy or one of the projects. See www.stalbans.gen.nz for more details. We would also like to be joined by those who have the skills to govern this wonderful 'earthquaked' proactive community organisation, especially those with experience in strategic planning, marketing and evaluation. An experienced accounts person would help the team also. Contact SARA@stalbands.gen.nz for more information

Meet the local Council Candidates. 23rd September @ 7pm. Bailies Bar in Edgeware Village.

St Albans Catholic School Gala. Friday November 8th @ 5pm. Rutland St.

FESTA returns to Christchurch. Labour Weekend: 25-28 October 2013.

The annual Festival of Transitional Architecture returns to temporarily transform the city's urban environment. This is a free, public event that engages with the city of Christchurch by exploring urban regeneration through

large scale collaborative projects and urban interventions. It is the first and only festival of its kind in the world.

Kidsfirst Kindergarten Sunbeam Market Day. Fundraising for landscaping is underway again! Stall bookings are now being taken for Market Day on Saturday November 23. This is a great opportunity to showcase your crafting talents or to clear out unwanted belongings before Christmas. Stalls cost \$15 for a half-trestle or \$25 for a full trestle table. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Liz on 021 0437383 or 3558142.

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@stalbands.gen.nz

St Albans Newsletter formats

To ensure that our newsletter is available to all people in our local community who are print disabled or would like it in another form we are looking at how this might be achieved. Suggested options are audio disc copy, phone recording, large print or different emailed format. At this stage we would like to know the number of people who would find that these options enabled them to read our newsletter and, ultimately, become more involved in their community. Please let us know at SARA@stalbands.gen.nz

Girl Guides are now at Oxford Terrace Baptist Church, Madras Street on Thursday nights, Girls age 9 to 13 will find a warm welcome, camping, cooking, crafts, fun and new friends. You don't have to have been a brownie. Contact Deidre - 027 321 3763 or Barbara: barbara.dixon123@gmail.com

The St Albans Uniting Parish (in Aldred Church, on the corner of Nancy Avenue and Knowles Street), on the first Friday of each month @ 7.30pm, have an event we call "Community Comment."

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St Albans Community Notice Boards are situated in Edgeware Village and Abberley Park. A key for these notice boards is now kept at Bailies. Please ask behind the bar. The notice boards are for all to advertise local events and activities to the community.

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

Mairehau Library: Kensington Ave – Open 2-4pm Mon-Fri & Sat 10am-2pm.

St Albans Community Preschool has returned home to the corner of Thames and Westminster Streets. Our small community preschool has been providing an early childhood education service to the St Albans community and beyond for over twenty years. Our hours are 8.00am – 3.45pm Monday to Friday and we offer the 20 ECE hours. For more information contact Carol 355-9396

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From men's hair products to a new couch

St Albans Community Preschool has come up with a great new idea for fundraising in the community. It is a Barter Ladder. It started with a donation of Schwarzkopf hair products for men for a Father's Day Raffle prize. We had just had a Mid-Winter Christmas raffle and wanted to come up with something unique to get us to the goal of a new couch for the reading corner in the preschool. After a lot of brainstorming, the Barter Ladder idea, where you swap something you have for the previous item on the ladder, was born.

Odette Gallagher, the education manager, really wanted to take the Schwarzkopf hair products home and so she decided that she would donate her foot spa for the donated items. This sounded good to us and we started wondering what a person in need of foot pampering would want to swap for the spa and so, the ladder started.

Our goal for the top rung of the ladder is a new couch for our reading area. If you have something you would like to barter, no matter how big or small, to help us reach our goal, please ring St Albans Community Preschool on 03 355 9396 or email stalbanscommunitypreschool@yahoo.co.nz ☘



Question Mark

Answer

No one came forth with an answer to our question on where the worms have gone and the only recorded information we could find was "However, small site-specific changes were observed, such as increases in relative abundance of snails in some control sites, and decreases in worms at a site affected by sand/silt inputs."

This was from the Ecological Effects of the Christchurch February Earthquake on our City Rivers Summary and Management Recommendations August 2011.

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