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### St Albans Residents' Association AGM September 2006: Community Facilitator's Report

St Albans has once again benefited from a successful and beneficial year of activities and events at the St Albans Community Resource Centre. St Albans residents are lucky to have such a committed and skilled number of representatives on the St Albans Residents' Association (SARA) Committee to work together for the best interests of St Albans as a whole. St Albans would be immeasurably poorer without their voluntary effort and commitment to oversee such a detailed and complex project involving many diverse issues.

It is perhaps an opportune time to remind ourselves of the historical context of how this residents association started and continued.

It began with the hard work put in by local residents to stop a motorway from

dividing the St Albans community; this included then Councilor Garry Moore and the late resident Muriel Soanes. Although some people would have wished for the motorway to have been built so that the increasing traffic from the north could have a speedy passage into town, there is no doubt that an expressway like Brougham Street would have had a detrimental effect on our suburb. With the passage of time, alternative solutions like designated bus lanes, possible express bus routes from Rangiora with park & ride areas, the potential of light rail, and if all else fails, the more attractively designed roads like Fendalton, must surely all be better alternatives to what might have been.

With the eventual lifting of the designation in 1996, local residents looked at the way St Albans had been excluded

from many years of council funding waiting for the motorway to be built. As a result of this lack of funding, St Albans had become a derelict, transient suburb. It was with this in mind that local residents applied to Council for funding to reestablish some soul into the suburb.

So, from being a reactive association to issues, SARA became a pro-active association involved in community development, looking at not just retaining amenities and facilities, but, if possible, enhancing and improving on them. With the original vision of local residents and the continued strong leadership of Chairpersons such as Tony Guilliland and Maggy Tai Rakena, SARA has extended its original parameters and flourished. It wouldn't be amiss to say, that for a Residents Association this has been an unusual focus and even Council staff has acknowledged at times that St Albans sets a few precedents.

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**Pauline Cotter (right) with 1st Prize Winner from Edgeware Pool Raffle.**  
**Winners:** 1st place: Margaret Aulavemai (centre, pictured with daughter on left),  
2nd: P. Johnston, 3rd: Karen Skelton and 4th place: Ann O'Connor.  
Congratulations to all who supported the fundraiser! Over 1300 tickets sold!

### Public Meeting Edgeware Pool

Where to from here?

**Tuesday 28 November at 7.30 pm**

St Albans Community Resource -  
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**All welcome**

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Dear STANN,

I was delighted to read in last months STANN the safe "resettlement" of Mother Duck and her ducklings, as I had encountered them and their rescuers earlier on their journey. Well done!!

Yes I can confirm that wild life is alive and well in St Albans. For a second year I have had a duck nest in my moderately sized back yard. Last year the nest was up in my pergola then this year under a clump of Acanthus Mollis. Ten ducklings hatched last year and twelve this.

On both occasions Mother Duck and her ducklings have enjoyed a rest in the sun and a drink and a swim in a low terracotta bird-bath in my garden.

Then mid afternoon, Mother Duck and ducklings set off in the direction of our local waterway - turning left at the end of my drive - away from Edgeware Pool!

The nest left under the Acanthus is a delight - a snug circle of soft fluffy feathers, provided by Mother Duck herself I presume?

Signed

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It has been a wonderful journey and it is great to see the community spirit reflected in the fight to save the local outdoor Edgware pool. I am frequently told that there seems to be a community spirit in St Albans that is lacking in other suburbs. I don't doubt that having a facility like the Resource Centre and a group of people striving to achieve the best for the suburb has been a strong component nourishing that spirit. I would like to think that having a local newspaper like Stann has had its own measure of input into the mix.

The Council continues to support this facility with high maintenance grants. Not only was the outside building painted last year, but this year the inside was totally redecorated. We hope some of you were able to use the recently finished carpark as only the landscaping awaits to be done.

The many and varied activities continue to be offered at the SACRC. One only needs to look at the weekly board or monthly calendar to note the diversity of groups using the building. A Falls Prevention course offering Tai Chi and funding to start activities for a leisure group are new initiatives targeting older residents, while a 'baby fit' exercise course targets new mothers.

With the advent of a grant for a better piano, we hope to be able to offer some high quality concerts and events for local, regular entertainment.

The **Neighbour Net Computer Room** continues to thrive and grow under the loyal guidance from volunteers offering low cost computing access to locals. A steady supply of donated computers continues to be recycled to beginners in the world of computing. As these novices update their computers the recycled ones come back to be redistributed once again.

The evolution of the web page continues with the recent addition of Stann on line in pdf form and a photo gallery of St Albans images – we encourage your perusal, participation and comments.

### SARA

Ongoing issues for St Albans are increasing traffic through Cranford St, Springfield Rd and Courtenay St. As developments increase along Belfast and Pegasus Bay, this will increase even more and St Albans needs to strategise and make submissions on the most acceptable measure of coping with this increase in traffic.

The Orion site is still lying fallow, but we believe a resource

consent for building application is close. SARA will closely monitor the nuisance value that long-term development of this site will have on the neighbouring community.

Thanks to some very strong local community action groups, the Edgware pool fight is not yet over. Despite Council declaring the pool closed and past its use by date, the community has fought a strong rear guard action. In fact, tomorrow morning, a delegation from this community is presenting a business proposal to take on the running of the pool by the community. We hope that the group of Councilors will listen to the proposal with an open mind and be willing to change their decision in the face of such strong community action.

The Youth Holiday programmes continue to be well patronized and we have started a new initiative of a youth café on a Thursday evening. This is in its initial stages but shows promise of being a success.

We organized a successful women's retreat in March, which we are repeating again in November. If there should be a need for a men's retreat – we're happy to help organise that too!

However, SARA's interests are not just focused on St Albans alone. Any issue that has city-wide implications can be of interest to St Albans residents.

Early membership of The Water Rights Trust, Water Wisdom, and Sustainable Otautahi Christchurch allow SARA to contribute to the important issues of water preservation and sustainability as a whole.

To this end SARA continues to make submissions to Annual Plans, LTCCP, Bus Reviews and zoning issues like the New Brighton Density Study.

Within the present climate of ever tightening budgets and decreasing funding pools, the community sector is not an easy environment to work in. It is essential therefore to be part of the many and varied community sector support networks – so SARA continues to liaise with city wide groups such as Council of Social Services, Healthy Christchurch, Christchurch Combined Residents Association, Community Voluntary Sector forum meetings with MP's, Volunteering Canterbury, Community Development Networks and many more.

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# The Treaty of Waitangi

Mairehe Louise Tankersley

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## Introduction

The Treaty of Waitangi is the founding document for relationships between Maori and the Crown in Aotearoa/New Zealand. In more recent years, discussion and debate about the Treaty and its relevance to modern society has been both vigorous and contentious.

This series of articles will explore some of the issues surrounding the Treaty, taking an Article-based approach to working with the Treaty.

### What is the Treaty of Waitangi?

The Treaty is seen by Maori as a covenantal agreement between the Crown and Maori; a covenant that is spiritually binding as much as it is contractually binding, and one which cannot be broken. The covenant recognised that there were people who lived in Aotearoa/New Zealand prior to colonisation; people who settled here and developed hugely diverse and complex cultural, spiritual, social and economic value systems and ways of living in this country well before European contact.

The Treaty allowed for the establishment of government, i.e. it allowed the government to formulate and establish laws for this country. In return for that privilege, there was a guarantee by the Crown to actively ensure the protection of anything that Maori considered to be 'taonga' (treasures). It also extended to Maori full rights of British citizens.

Therefore, it is the Treaty of Waitangi that is the founding document for relationships between Maori and the Crown in Aotearoa/New Zealand. Maori see the Treaty as the founding document for the relationships that occur between the Crown (and its representatives) and Maori in this country.

In more recent years,

discussion and debate about the Treaty and its relevance to modern society has been both vigorous and contentious. What, then, is the relevance of the Treaty to communities?

What, then, did the parties get out of the Treaty? The following diagram (bottom-right) gives an indication of the provisions made under the terms of the Treaty. Sometimes people get confused about what is actually contained in the Articles of the Treaty, and what each Article provides for. An easy way to remember this is to think: What did the Treaty provide for:

- a. The Crown (Article 1)
- b. Maori (Article 2)
- c. Both parties (Article 3)

This is a nice easy way to remember the three Articles and what each of them refers to.

The Maori version of the Treaty was the one that most Maori signed, and it is the version used by the Waitangi Tribunal in its claim deliberations.

Under Article 1, The Crown was provided with the right to govern. The word that is used in the Treaty is 'Kawanatanga', or 'Governance' (in the Maori version of the Treaty). Through this, the Crown were given the right to govern, to set up a government, and to establish laws, rules and procedures for how we operate as a society.

Under Article 2 Maori retained the right to tino

## PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY FOR THE PARTIES

ARTICLE	GAVE TO	MAORI TERM	ENGLISH TERM
Article I	Crown	Kawanatanga	Governance
Article II	Maori	Tino Rangatiratanga	Sovereignty
Article III	All	Oritetanga	Equality

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It is important to remember here that Maori already had tino rangatiratanga in this country, and at the time of the signing of the Treaty it certainly wasn't in any danger – Maori outnumbered non-Maori 35 to 1 (70,000 Maori to 2,000 non-Maori). Maori were still very dominant in society in terms of their culture, customs and language, which were still completely intact.

Under Article 3, we see what both parties got out of the agreement, and that was equal rights as citizens of this country.

#### Modern Relevance of a Document over 150 Years Old

The Treaty is over 150 years old; so why is it still relevant today? My answer to that is to ask the following question: how old is the Magna Carta - the basis of our current government system? It was signed in 1215 A.D., yet is still relevant to our society today –and people have the audacity to say that a Treaty that's only 150 years old is obsolete?

In terms of the agreements that were made under the Treaty, only one side has been honoured. The British got to set up the Government and its laws under Article 1; however, the other side (Article 2), which talks about the benefits for Maori, hasn't been honoured yet. This is not something that just suddenly came up in the last 10 or 20 years; since Nga Tamatoa began protesting; since Ken Mair sparked an occupation at Pakaitore; or since Titewhai Harawira and Helen Clark had their standoff. The first protest about breaches of the Treaty occurred in 1841; one year after it was signed. A contingent of Maori travelled to England, and asked for an audience with the Queen. They wanted to let her know that the conditions of the Treaty that had been signed just one year earlier were already being breached; and they feared for their future. After they travelled 6 months to request an audience, she refused to see them, saying they should return to New Zealand to put their concerns to the Governor, whose job it was to deal with such issues.

So Maori have had grievances about the Treaty virtually since the day it was signed. I do believe that the situation was exacerbated by other events; for example, the Treaty was signed by 50 (odd) chiefs in February 1840, after which copies of the Treaty were sent around the rest of the country for signature by other chiefs. By the time the Treaty was signed

in the South Island in late 1840, Hobson had already declared sovereignty over the entire South Island in May of that year. So you can see that, within a couple of months of the signing, Hobson was already carrying out some things that weren't within the brief of the Treaty; in fact, they were in direct breach of its provisions.

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However, Alison's diligent work achieved fantastic grants towards wages, a new piano and a new photocopier, while Belinda Carter, NNet volunteer, helped with grants for 3 new computers, ergonomic chairs and new XP software for the Neighbour Net. The donations of a digital camera by Fuse Partnerships Ltd and a tennis table for the youth café by long established local firm Hardie & Thomson set the seal on a very successful year.

I would like to thank the local funding providers such as - Christchurch City Council with its Social Initiatives Fund, The Canterbury Community Trust, COGS, Community Development Scheme, Shirley-Papanui Community Board, Lotteries, Hagley Community College, Lion Foundation, Southern Trust, Canterbury Foundation, Pub Charity and others. Without their combined support we would not be able to provide the diverse activities or enjoy the improved facilities and assets for the community.

My thanks especially to the SARA management committee for their unstinting support, Alison Elmes, an invaluable asset to the Centre, Li Yan for meticulously keeping and preparing SARA's finances and the many volunteers who help make the Centre and Neighbour Net, the vibrant community facility it is.

However, as outgoing committee member Ben Harris has stated at several meetings - to attain true long-term independence –we need a million dollars as capital to sustain long term interest. We welcome donations and offers of door knocking to achieve this long-term goal!

Douceline Wardle

Community Facilitator for St Albans

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By Bruce Davey

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## The Savage Club

The Savage club was founded originally in London England in 1857, and in fact still survives there although, unlike the local branch is more like a London Gentlemen's club. It was founded in London by men who were authors, journalists and artists of all sorts (stage and fine). At the inception they had trouble finding a name, and it has been suggested that as they were letting their 'hair down' and playing up a little, that the members reminded some one present, of a dissolute actor of notoriety, named John Savage, and so that was decided upon, 'The Savage Club'.

Here in Christchurch, we were not the first Savage Club in New Zealand, but we were founded in 1893, by a band of serious gentlemen, at least in public life they were serious. The founder was a local solicitor of note Mr H Wynn Williams, and others who joined at the time were also gentlemen of note in the young city of Christchurch. The legal and medical fraternity were well represented, E Jennings, E W Roper, T W Stringer, Sir George Clifford, the Earl of Ranfurly, Lord Plunkett, O T J Alpers, and many other notable citizens got together to enjoy themselves, away from the public gaze, and where they could let their otherwise unknown talents be shared.

The Club grew, and eventually had a waiting list of men wishing to join. Note it was 'Men' who were on the waiting list, no ladies were permitted membership then – they are now! In the 1920's, such were the size of the Savage Clubs, and the waiting lists throughout NZ, that another

organisation was formed, and were known as the Orphans Clubs. Today the Savage Clubs and Orphans Clubs are amalgamated under the banner of the Kindred Clubs of NZ. Throughout the country there are twenty odd clubs of both names, all similar and with one object - to entertain and make music.

Here in Christchurch our club meets to put on a concert once a month, from March to October. During the year we may travel away on 'Raids' where we will put on the evening programme for one of the other dozen clubs in the South Island. They in turn will 'raid' us once every few years and entertain our members. In past years we met each fortnight, and during the year would put on public concerts in one of the large City venues. However nowadays as we get older and perhaps wiser, we no longer do public performances, restricting ourselves to our monthly Club nights. There is a wealth of talent out there, and we welcome anyone willing to share with us their ability to entertain, be it singing or playing in a musical group. Short humorous sketches are usually part of the programme and the ability to be a clown is also welcomed. Anyone willing to join us is welcome, although we won't be restarting now until march of next year.

Anyone interested should phone our secretary, Allan Smith on 322 8782, or our programme organiser, Maureen Watkins 384 4949.

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