

## Our Very Own Hero - CHRISTOPH HENSCH

It is with great pride that I bring you the story of our very own Community Centre Manager's recent recognition on the world stage.

Christoph Hensch, who commenced his role as the St Albans Community Centre Manager in January 2007, recently received notice from the International Headquarters of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent that he is to be awarded their highest distinction. He is to be awarded



Christoph Hensch

the Henri Dunant Medal in Geneva on the 23rd of November this year.

These medals are bestowed very sparingly, with only about four awarded worldwide every two years. The award was established in 1965, and is intended to recognize and reward outstanding services and acts of great devotion to the cause of the Red Cross and Red Crescent by its members. The recognized services are expected to be of international significance. The criteria for the award includes: the risks run, arduous conditions endangering life, health and personal freedom.

As an employee of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Christoph was subject to a life changing

and harrowing experience some ten years ago in Chechnya. In the course of his duties as a Red Cross worker, he was

based in a field hospital in Chechnya in southern Russia. The highly charged political situation led to a deliberate attack on the foreign workers in the hospital. Many of the other expatriate workers in Christoph's sleeping quarters were murdered, including a New Zealand nurse, Sheryl Thayer. Christoph was also shot and left for dead as the gunmen moved on to find other foreign staff. Luckily they

were stopped at that point, and thwarted from furthering their rampage. Six Red Cross staff were, however, already dead. Christoph was airlifted back to his native Switzerland to embark on a long journey of recovery.

Christoph had already undertaken a number of missions for the International Committee of the Red Cross—including in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Croatia, Somalia and Russia prior to this attack—and bravely returned for another mission in Iran some time after his horrifying ordeal. I am guessing the more sedate pace of life in New Zealand is a huge contrast for Christoph and his young family.

We at the Community Centre, are

immensely proud of Christoph's significant achievement, and are delighted by the somewhat belated recognition by the international Red Cross and Red Crescent movement. This medal no doubt also comes with much sadness, as Christoph is reminded of his lost colleagues.



Christoph Hensch, St Albans hero, we salute you and your colleagues and your collective sacrifice to humanitarian service.

**Maggy Tai  
Rakena  
Co-Chair for  
SARA**

For a fuller description of the event that led to this award please check out this address: <http://www.icrc.org/web/eng/siteeng0.nsf/html/57JNJ3>

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## Chair Chat

July already, and I am sure many of you are struggling with the cold weather like I am! However, some heart-warming events of late have helped pass the wintry days. A wonderful mid-winter meal was provided last week for all the Community Centre volunteers. The range of tasks carried out by the many willing volunteers is pivotal to the success of our projects. We acknowledge and thank you all for your community-spirited efforts. We also thank the CCC for the grant that enabled this event.



At the Centre we are gearing up for the forthcoming Local Body Elections, and have set it as a Centre mission to greatly improve on the traditionally low voter turnout in our ward. We would like to challenge all eligible voters to treat their democratic right as the privilege it is, and to get out and VOTE!

An interesting piece of work Christoph and I have recently been involved in on the St Albans Residents' Association's (SARA's) behalf, is the consultation process with the CCC regarding their protocols for dealing with Residents' Associations. This thoughtful process ably led by James Ryan should result in a useful document with guidelines for both CCC and Residents' Associations about how to work together for the good of each community.

I have been pleased to read in the papers about the CCC's growing concerns around the appropriateness of some of the L3 developments in our area. SARA has long campaigned for a well thought out approach to the higher density housing permitted under L3 zoning. Our sense that there has been no overall cohesive approach appears to be concerning CCC also. St Albans is an inner city suburb, and therefore can expect a reasonable increase in housing density... however, the present haphazard approach has resulted in some large unattractive blobs with no thought for congruence with the local environment, or outdoor space for the inhabitants. We welcome the CCC's interest in problem solving this issue.

SARA recently completed its financial year, and will be scheduling a date for its AGM on Tuesday. Please consider becoming involved in our vibrant organization. We would welcome your enquiry.

Well I think that is my potted version of life at SARA over recent months.

Warm regards

**Maggy Tai Rakena – Co-Chair  
of the St Albans Residents'  
Association**

## Community Centre Activities

### Term 3 Courses and activities:

- Dance Fitness, Monday and Thursday (365 6585)
- Hatha Yoga, Tuesday (980 8760)
- Laughter Club, Sunday (021 998 109)
- Meditation Talks, Wednesday (027 545 4823)
- Tai Chi, Monday & Thursday (366 5472)
- Wu Tao Dance, Tuesday (354 9328)
- Youth Café, Thursday (379 6305)
- Art Society, Monday (385 3123)
- St Albans Choir, Monday (379 9188)
- Pilates, Friday (941 8083)

### Monthly group meetings include:

- Friends of Edgeware, 1st Tuesday, (980 5584)
- Linux Users Group, 2nd Tuesday, (981 5469)
- SANDS, 1st Monday, (323 9850)

### New courses:

- Computer Course: Come to a course tailor made to suit your needs. Small class of six (379 6305)
- Learner Driver License Course: Starting soon – with a qualified instructor (379 6305)

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### St Albans Residents' Association Meetings

The next meetings are on 21 August, 18 September with the AGM being on 27 September, 7pm at the St Albans Community Centre, 1047 Colombo St, St Albans.

Any member of the public is welcome to attend any of the Residents' Association meetings if they wish. They are open to the public from 8 pm. Any member of the public is also welcome to add any items to the agenda as long as any documentary material is given before the Friday prior to the meeting. Documents may be dropped off at the St Albans Community Centre or phone 379 6305 between 10 am – 5 pm.

## Events Calender

- 21 Aug St Albans Residents Association meeting (379 6305)
- 22 Aug Golden Spoils, 10.30am (355 6522)
- 28 Aug NZ-Japan Society meeting (379 6305)
- 29 Aug Golden Meal, St Albans Baptist Church (355 6522)
- 6 Sep Candidates evening with Mayoral, Council and Community Board candidates (374 2465)
- 12 Sep Candidates evening with ECan and DHB candidates (374 2465)
- 18 Sep St Albans Residents Association meeting (379 6305)
- 27 Sep St Albans Residents Association AGM (379 6305)

## Before and After - St Albans Landmark felled



When one couldn't see the sunset anymore because of a new multi-story development nearby, people used to look up to the reflections of the last rays of sunshine in the needles of a 27 metre tall and 80 year old giant *Pinus radiata* tree. This landmark tree, which could be seen from several streets away, towering above the houses, finally yielded to progress in the morning hours of 12th July. Deemed to be unsafe, after parts of its root system was removed when a neighbouring section was overbuilt, the tree became a victim of L3 development in the area, leaving the Packe Street Garden lacking one of its distinctive features.

*Christoph Hensch*

## Protecting Trees

With the recent removal of a tree in Packe Street, and the number of trees that are being removed due to the infill housing around St Albans, I thought that it was important that you knew about the process of protecting trees.

Members of the public or property owners, regularly alert Council Officers to particular trees. Once this occurs, an arborist or tree officer from the Council will go out and assess a tree against the "assessment system for listing protected trees" this can be obtained from the Council. Should the tree meet the minimum of 30 points then the tree will be added to the listed proposed protected trees. There are currently in excess of 900 trees on this list. Trees that are currently on the proposed protected tree list are not provided with the protection provided by the Plan and therefore may be pruned or removed.

It is important to note that the identification and protection of a tree as a heritage—or notable—tree, does not provide absolute protection to a tree. As a property owner you may still apply for resource consent to have a tree removed.

In order for the tree to be added to the City Plan, and therefore be given the statutory protection of the Plan, a plan change must be undertaken. During the plan change process, all those people that may be affected by the proposed protection will have the opportunity to make a submission on the proposal. Council will then make a decision on whether to include the proposed trees in the Plan.

Council Officers are currently undertaking a review of all the tree protection provisions provided by the Plan. Once the discussion paper is complete it will go out to public consultation.

If in the meantime you want someone to come to your group to talk about this issue, Jane Anderson (941-8164) from the Council Plan Team is more than happy to assist.

I hope this has helped you to understand the process a little bit more, and for you to continue to be active in voicing your concerns over the trees in your community.

*Megan Evans*



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## Can ECan affect you? Yes it can!



Strangely, it's a fact of life that sometimes the truth doesn't tell the whole story. Take the name Environment Canterbury, for example. It is, at the same time, both absolutely accurate and completely misleading. ECan's function is to look after the environment in Canterbury, but for those of us who live in the city there is the myth that its only concern is with rural areas.

Nothing could be further from the truth. An ever-increasing number of its constituents are urban, and it's time for us to realize that Christchurch is part of Canterbury, and that decisions made on our behalf—both within the city limits and throughout the region—will have far-reaching and long-term effects.

You may not want to read on. In fact, you'd probably rather eat a bowl of cold porridge, but everyone knows that porridge is good for you and gives you lots of energy. Maybe this article will give you the energy to start thinking about some of the issues facing us!

So, why is it so important? What does ECan actually do?

Here, taken from ECan's own website is a summary of its portfolios:

- \* Protect existing good air quality and improve poor air quality
- \* Protect water quality and quantity
- \* Plan a safe, efficient and cost effective regional land transport system
- \* Plan, fund and co-ordinate a public transport system which is accessible and affordable
- \* Promote efficient energy use
- \* Protect the region's coastal environment and ensure safe use of harbours
- \* Control animal and plant pests

- \* Safeguard landscape, ecology and heritage values
- \* Prepare communities for civil defence emergencies
- \* Reduce the effects on the environment of the disposal of waste

Let's look at just three of these areas and see how they can affect us in St Albans.

Firstly, air quality. This is an issue very close to home for several reasons. In St Albans, we have many older homes with inefficient and polluting heating methods. Winter smog has been an ongoing problem for many years. With a large number of vulnerable elderly and very young residents, who are often in a low income bracket, this is a complex problem where long-term benefits and short-term pain have to be balanced. Hopefully, most people are aware of the Clean Heat Project which is run by ECan, which has already been of huge benefit to St Albans' residents. And did you know that one of ECan's pollution monitoring stations is in the heart of St Albans, in Coles Place?

Secondly, there is the issue of increasing congestion and the need for fast, efficient public transport. Whilst the Christchurch City Council deals with the day-to-day running of the buses, it is ECan that must consider issues like timetables, frequency and routes, and find long-term solutions for traffic problems that protect and enhance the environment. Most of this decision-making affects us very directly. For example, the "bus borders" trial in Hills Road is something that is very local and which most people will have an opinion on.

Thirdly, there is the BIG issue that we must all have heard about, and that is water. Here is an example of something so complex—and yet so vital to our future—that it cannot be ignored. We take for granted that we can turn on a tap and drink the best water in the world. ECan is now responsible

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for making decisions about water use that will affect us for hundreds of years into the future. It is an issue that seems to be rural, but which has an equally huge impact on Christchurch residents.

How can we become better informed and have our say on issues like these?

\* Use the submissions process. Upcoming hearings are well-advertised. You can look at the public notices column in The Press, look on the ECan website at [www.ECan.govt.nz](http://www.ECan.govt.nz) or visit the ECan offices at 58 Kilmore St, where you can also see an informative display of their latest projects. Your submission can be in writing, either on your own behalf, or as a member of a group, or you can 'speak to your submission.' (You need to arrange this in advance.)

\* Attend ECan open meetings as an observer. You can't speak, but your presence makes your representatives aware that you care. At the moment, hardly anyone attends these public meetings. Imagine if concerned citizens suddenly started to attend en masse! Again, meeting agendas are freely available.

\* Attend the informative workshops arranged by ECan staff. Some of these are designed to explain the increasingly complex, often scientific reasoning behind the decisions under consideration.

\* Subscribe to Regional Fast Facts, a concise email newsletter that gives potted summaries of what's happening each month.

\* Contact your Ward Representative. The Chch North Ward has two representatives, whose phone numbers and contact details are publicly available. It is incredibly easy to just pick up the phone and talk over the issues. In fact, NZ is one of the few countries in the world where public figures are not actively shielded from the public! We are very lucky to have such willingness to receive our input, but at the moment we don't use it enough.

\* Last but not least: Vote in the upcoming Local Body Elections! When it comes to National Elections we have a wonderful attitude, with 84% of eligible voters doing their duty. But when it comes to Local Elections, we have an appalling track record, with a turnout of just 45% nationwide. Things are even worse in our own ward, with a miserable

38.6% of us bothering to vote in the last ECan Election. Why the terrible disinterest? There is probably no single answer, but it is an attitude that needs to change.

Why is it so important to vote?

\* Many people believe that there are no fourteen people in the country at the moment who are more important than our ECan councillors, since at no time in our history have we been faced with such big issues in our region, and if mistakes are made, we will have to live with them for a very long time. Past ECan councillors have often lacked a track record of hands-on involvement in Local Government and experience in grass roots community organizations. These days, we need people who are truly connected to the communities they represent. Furthermore, a high degree of scientific 'literacy' is required as the decision-making becomes more and more complex. The less we can understand the issues ourselves, the more important it is to be able to put our trust in the knowledge and integrity of Local Government officials.

\* There are some problems which need to be tackled with extreme urgency, such as the rapid deterioration of NZ's clean, green image. It is important that we show our support for councillors who are willing to speak out and who are willing to look at the big picture. ECan is so vital precisely because of its role in determining a strategy for our long-term future.

\* Self-interest. Good decision-making means more efficiency, which in the end means lower rates.

\* Voting shows that we are interested in the consultation process, that we believe in it, and most importantly that we value the workings of democracy. Becoming involved at a personal level honours and supports the efforts of those who govern on our behalf, and ensures that the submissions process does not become a 'placebo', but instead is a kind of life support system for our ideals.

Ok. So you ate the cold porridge. Now it's time to get started on your 'exercise' programme.

Get out there and exercise your right to vote, exercise your voice and your pen. We are always told that the more you exercise, the more motivated you become. Try it. It could be true!

*Maxine Feutz*



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## Draft concept plans for the Pool

These are the draft concept plans that were lodged with Council for resource consent for a new Community Pavilion and Pool facility on the old Edgeware Pool site. They were handed over to 'Friends of Edgeware' members, Val, Paul, Aynsley and Pauline, who were delighted with this first draft. There is plenty of room for change to the plans, and the group is always open to ideas. Please remember to check out the website at [www.stalbans-pavilionandpool.org.nz](http://www.stalbans-pavilionandpool.org.nz) and make a donation, or just keep yourself informed with the progress to date.



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## The Maternity and Baby Warehouse 148 Edgeware Rd (Madras corner).



Roughly 80 years old, it's a tidy little place. Obviously built for commerce, it's a standard design for that time. A mix of old and new. A peaked roof, wooden ornamental scrolls, and sash frames (out of sight) foot it with painted cladding and a modern show window (one night a rubber face peering out scared me half to death).

It used to be the grocers. A long line of them. A retired cartage contractor called Paterson in 1965. Before that, a Desmond Keith Burgess and a Dot Clark (who may have preferred Dorothy). Then, in 1980, Stephanie Dyers' amazing florist shop. Remember the orchids? The wide black and white striped awnings? The drip down your neck on a wet day?

Now it's a sort of Home Office for motherhood. Packed with expanding pants and tent dresses and a million things for baby and

beyond, it's a testament to Denise Mackie's ability to organize. She outfits and counsels and humours (and, incidentally, drives limos and trams when she's not in the shop). She mops the floor when kids wet, and scolds them when they rearrange the window dressing. Then she produces Honey, her five year old King Charles poodle called a cavoodle from what looks like a box full of soft toys.

Denise bought the shop in 1996. It's covered in interesting signs and some very comic representations of babies in various stages of ambulation. There are street front displays and an attached furniture store. Some native trees and a large pine. It is zoned residential and, according to Denise, council regulations stipulate that it can only be replaced with another shop if it burns down. If she simply sells up, it will surely become a high rise.

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## Tips for staying warm and well in winter

The ability to keep warm in your home during the winter is an essential part of maintaining good health and comfort. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a living room should be maintained at a temperature of 18deg.C to 21deg.C. Cooler temperatures and dampness in a house can compromise a person's ability to stay well and to recover from illness. Older people, young children, and people with chronic illness or disability can be especially affected by the cold.

Christchurch has a legacy of old, cold, poorly-insulated houses. St Albans is one of the older suburbs in Christchurch, and some of the housing stock in this area will make up part of this legacy. People living in houses like this often struggle to keep warm and pay their power bills in the winter. But there are lots of things you can do to save energy and keep warm during these months.

\* If your power bills are high, heat the room you use the most between 18deg.C to 21deg.C, rather than your whole house. Heat your bedroom at least half an hour before you go to bed to about 16deg.C.

\* Try to use the right size of heater for the room it is heating. Ideally the heater would have a thermostat, which would maintain an ideal temperature without wasting electricity.

\* If the heater you are using does not have a thermostat, it can be a good idea to keep a thermometer in the rooms you are heating. This will help you make sure that you are keeping your room at a healthy temperature, and at the same time avoid overheating, and spending unnecessary money on heating costs.

\* A damp house is much more expensive to heat. Minimise dampness in your house by keeping your house ventilated. You can do this by opening a few windows a little throughout the whole house for a couple of hours a day, two or three times a week.

\* If you use an unflued gas heater, seriously consider replacing it with an electrical heater. An unflued gas heater will release up to half a litre of moisture into the air an hour! LPG is also no longer cheaper than electricity.

\* Ensure your house gets plenty of sunlight during the day. If necessary, ask a relative or your landlord to cut down any trees or bushes that are preventing the sun from shining into your house.

\* Make sure your curtains are lined. Keep them open during the day to let the sun in, and draw them in the late afternoon to keep the heat in.

\* Most power companies offer the option of making weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments at the same pre-determined amount throughout the year. This means you pay a little bit more for electricity in the summer, but you aren't hit by very high power bills during winter.

\* Use doorstops to prevent draughts. Community Energy Action sells doorstops for internal doors. Double stops cost \$10 and single stops cost \$5.

If a house is not energy efficient, maintaining a healthy indoor temperature is expensive and beyond the means of many people, especially if you are on a low income. Heat can be lost through ceilings, floors and draughty windows and doors. Many people also do not realize ceiling Batts™ or Insulfluff™ aged over 20 years can settle and thin, which significantly reduces their effectiveness. These may need to be 'topped up' with another layer of new Batts™ to reinstate good levels of insulation.

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We need to stop so-called 'Boy Racers'. All people that deliberately intimidate others on the road, deliberately disrupt people's sleep, and deliberately create danger on our streets need to be taken off the streets.

The problem is about the behaviour of all, not a selected group of people, specifically young people. We need to listen to the constructive majority and provide legitimate outlets for car culture. Suggestions such as 'park up' areas where people can admire each others' cars are constructive. The key is to better listen to the constructive majority rather than judge based on the deeply anti-social minority.

So, genuine listening and genuine enforcement is the approach I would take on this issue and, with genuine education, how I approach issues. We must enforce laws or get rid of them if we don't think they are important enough to enforce.

I favour shifting some of Council's enforcement resources from less important areas to 'boy racers'. Parking enforcement is too much about revenue generation and too little about ensuring everyone gets a fair go at the limited parking available.

We need to increase the respect for others' use of public spaces. Therefore I will focus on safer streets, graffiti, rubbish on the roads, and general driving behaviour.

### Hills Road Traffic Stops 100% wrong

Two 'traffic stops' have been built on Hills Road. Buses will stop in the middle of the road and prevent all traffic behind them moving. \$200,000 of our rates is going on this 'trial'.

The 'traffic stops' are meant to solve a problem of motorists not letting buses go first – back into traffic.

It will encourage traffic to move to Madras Street or other ways around the buses. Safety is compromised as cyclists come into conflict with passengers and even vehicle traffic on the Edward Ave intersection.

The Citywide Public Transport Priority Plan specifically excludes single lane roads, like Hills Road, as places where this engineering solution should be applied!

Even if the engineers are 100% right the solution is 100% wrong. Many people do let the bus go first, and according to Environment Canterbury we are getting better at it.

If the trial moves to city implementation then 20 'traffic stops' means approximately a 1% increase in rates if they were constructed in one year from the annual budget.

For this city-wide issue wouldn't a better idea be a city-wide education campaign respectfully reminding us that letting the bus go first helps everyone? It would be cheaper and more effective, appealing to our sense of fairness and self interest.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear STANN,

I have been meaning to write for some months to tell you that after having had STANN delivered through my letterbox since 1994 I suddenly stopped getting it early this year. When I asked your delivery agent why, I was told that they would not deliver it because I had a "No advertising Please!" sticker on my letter box.

Now first of all I don't consider STANN as "advertising" – do you?

Secondly, my particular sticker was designed by "Keep Christchurch Beautiful" (in consultation with various 'stakeholders') to ensure that people had a way of reducing the excessive amount of unsolicited advertising material clogging up their letter boxes (and littering our streets) while at the same time allowing householders to indicate what publications they wished to receive.

For many years this system has worked well for those of us who avoid ourselves of it. For example my sticker says:

"Please deliver only

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Political pamphlets"

I still get the Star and the political pamphlets but no STANN. STANN in hard copy is a very useful reference tool and I feel offended when it is referred to as mere "advertising" and therefore withheld!

Old-timers like me get an electronic copy and know to pick up the real thing at the Community Center but how do new residents get to know that STANN even exists if they miss out on its delivery? It should be remembered that our part of the city has a higher than average rate of tenancy and through intensification a high number of new residents – people who would benefit from the information that STANN provides so well.

In the interest of sustainability, democracy and community development I think that SARA should take this matter up with the delivery agent and if necessary change agents. STANN is not a "circular" or "junk mail" and it is certainly not "advertising".

Yours faithfully,  
Peggy Kelly

Dear STANN

I'm sure I'm not the first to contact you about the lines you quote in the July Newsletter "A Virtual Memorial for St. Albans" (page 9).

They are from Lawrence Binyon's poem "For the Fallen"  
It ends with this verse:

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain."

Regards,  
Carola Morton

This is the reply from NZ Post Communications Advisor (Letterbox Channel is our current distributor):

"Our policy is not to deliver unaddressed mail to letterboxes that indicate they do not wish to receive unaddressed mail, advertising or circulars. If the resident wishes to receive unaddressed mail, circulars or advertising we would advise she take the sign off her letterbox".

Dear Readers,

*We, at the Community Centre, have been struggling to find the right mode of distribution for the STANN newsletter. As a result of a flood of mass-distributed printed advertising, the distribution industry came together to establish a code of conduct and to protect those people who do not want to receive any junk mail. So far so good. However, this resulted in a rather difficult position for our newsletter, and this 'all or nothing' approach doesn't leave the consumer with much choice, either.*

*A neighbourhood and community newsletter, such as STANN, which is largely produced by volunteers and distributed for free to about 5000 households in the area, is left with a situation where a potentially large number of households cannot receive it. To remedy the situation, STANN needs to either be mailed in an addressed envelope, or it needs to set up its own distribution system, both at a cost.*

*In the meantime the commercial distributors are unwilling to even consider discussing any alternative solutions, sticking to an inflexible approach as to what constitutes junk mail ("unaddressed mail, advertising or circulars"). Until we find an appropriate solution to deliver STANN to your home, even though you have elected not to receive any advertising, you are only left with either picking your copy up from the Community Centre or some other outlets, such as the post office, or to receive STANN by email. If you would like to receive an electronic copy, please let us know by emailing: [stann@stalbens.gen.nz](mailto:stann@stalbens.gen.nz).*

*The Editor*

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**STANN ten years ago - comment on old news**

The old St Albans Post Office,  
Edgeware Road

It must have been winter in August 1997 as there didn't seem to be too much

happening. The old Edgeware Post Office had well and truly gone with the arrival of the Edgeware Doctors (now called "ProMed"). It's quite handy having the doctor and the chemist within spitting distance of each other. The BP Service Station had put it's large LPG tank underground - out of sight... nice one guys. And in an interesting note, there is lots of underground water in St Albans as discovered by BP when digging the hole for the tank.. Apparently all the locals, way back when, had artesian bores and sometimes windmills to pump the purest fresh water from a few metres down. I remember

those days - crisp, clear, cold clean fresh water... ahhhh !

I happened to be looking at the advertisements in STANN - just curiosity, you know - and realised that there are two businesses that have been advertising with us in every issue for the past ten years. They are John Radley Mechanical and the St Albans Veterinary Clinic. Those people deserve all the business you can give them. And, don't forget to support all the other advertisers in this issue as well - without them, you would not be reading this.

And that's the way I see it.

*Dafyd*

**Hajimemashe'te!**

That is a greeting Japanese people use on meeting for the first time, and the New Zealand-Japan Society of Canterbury would like to say hajimemashe'te to readers of STANN and to the community of which St Albans Community Centre is such a vital focal point. From August we will be holding our meetings here.

Our Society was formed in the mid-1950s by a group of Cantabrians (one a former naval officer who had fought against the Japanese in World War 2), who felt it was important to promote understanding and goodwill between the peoples of New Zealand/Aotearoa and Japan. In the much changed world of today, that remains a central aim of the Society. Our members are mostly Kiwis, but include some Japanese residents of Christchurch, and we are linked by a shared interest in Japan and its culture. We publish a regular newsletter containing news about Japan and items related to Japanese language, culture and history.

Our first meeting at the St Albans Community Centre, on Tuesday 28th August at 7.30pm, will be something of a "housewarming" event, and anyone who would like to come will be most welcome. The main feature of the programme will be a "show and tell" session in which members show some Japan-related object they own and talk about what it is, how they came to own it etc. We extend a warm welcome to visitors who would like to come.

*Peter Tuffley*

*Secretary/Newsletter Editor, NZ-Japan Society of Canterbury*

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