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Transformational Land Use in the Red Zones: The Consultative Group

By Chrissie Williams



I feel privileged to be appointed as the Independent Chair of the consultative group for transitional/transformational uses of the red zones. There

was a rigorous selection process prior to my appointment by the Council.

For the last eight years I have been working as a strategic advisor in public sector organisations (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Environment Canterbury, Regenerate Christchurch and Christchurch City Council) advising on recovery and regeneration projects. Before that I had been a City Councillor and Community Board member for what was then Pegasus Ward. I've also been on the boards of public companies and community organisations such as the Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust.

I'm interested in all the red zone areas, and recognise they have similarities and differences, opportunities and constraints. The red-zoned land is important to the people who lived there, to the people who still live there and to the neighbouring communities, and transitional projects have great potential to help build strong connections with those living nearby.

In July this year the ownership of the red-zoned land in Brooklands, Southshore, South New Brighton, and the Port Hills will transfer from the Crown to the City Council. The land in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor will take longer to transfer as there are so many titles, though LINZ are trying to streamline the process.

The consultative group has two main roles – one is to consider applications for licenses or leases (for up to five years) for red zone land. We will make recommendations to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and/



or CCC who make the final decision. The group will have to work well together, and make sure their decisions consider the interests of all the relevant communities, recognising that LINZ and Council have to comply with their roles and responsibilities.

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Richmond Red Zone Update

Recent announcements show there's a lot happening locally:

- Banks Avenue School is commencing work on their playground project, Adventure Ave.
- The Eden Project have secured a 2-year lease to see if their Avonside project is viable.
- Avebury House is facilitating the Art & Heritage trails throughout the corridor.
- Council has announced 3 footbridges are to be built, starting early next year, and including a Medway replacement! Dallington is getting the first of the landings, and walking and cycle tracks will begin to take shape.
- Council is also working on the infrastructure side of things, planning flood management and placement of stopbanks.

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The group's other role is to allocate funding to transitional projects from a fund set up by the Council – a total of \$280,000 over two years. For funding applications over \$20,000 the Council's Sustainability and Community Resilience Committee will make the decision, with the consultative group making a recommendation.



The group comprises five members from the relevant Community Boards, two members representing Ngai Tūāhuriri and Ngāti Wheke, and five community members. Of the five community members three will have an interest in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, then one other community member, and one youth member. The chair position has an \$8000 honorarium, and community members will receive a meeting fee.

The community members were chosen from an application process and will be announced in early March. By April the group should be ready to consider project submissions. Check <https://newsline.ccc.govt.nz> for updates.

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Tuesday, 24 March 2020 at 7:00 p.m. FREE ENTRY

Local garden guru Mary Tingey will be with us to share her thoughts on ecological literacy. In a hands-on presentation Mary will encourage us to use our senses to understand the blue/green planet we inhabit.

For those who would then like to continue the learning journey, Mary will share the secrets of setting up the perfect vegetable garden during four one-hour follow-up sessions which will include 'Seeds and Seasons'; 'Soil and Creating Fertility'; 'Observation and Experimentation'; and 'Working with Plants'. Mary will have a sign-up sheet on the night and if you can't make

it along on March 24th, get in touch with Avebury for details on booking the after-course.

You can book your place via the facebook event, or call Avebury House on 381 6615.

Supported by ACE Aotearoa and the Year of Life Long Learning.



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April's Free Lecture: On Tuesday **April 21st @7pm** Averil Stevenson from Eco Central is coming to talk rubbish! And more importantly, what we do with it. This will be an entertaining and interactive 45 minute talk on everything you need to know about your household waste. Save the date!

New To Avebury - Writing Your History

Your written memories become a part of your family's history. Have you ever wished that you had asked your grandparents more about what they did in their childhoods? Do you want to tell your family's quake story? Or note down special memories?

You may think your stories are ordinary, or not of interest to anyone. However, the details of our lives might be fascinating to people in years to come.

If you would like to join a group for ideas and support writing your own stories come along to the inaugural meeting with Lois Daly at Avebury House, on **Wednesday March 11th, from 10am til 11.30am.**

If you would like to use a particular writing pad or diary, or a laptop, please bring that along. Otherwise there will be lined paper and pens to use.

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The Northern Motorway:

Split community meets to discuss where to from here

By Mark Wilson

The downstream effects on St Albans from the new Northern Motorway coming down Cranford Street will affect the surrounding streets from Hills Rd over to Rutland Street and Springfield Rd. They will be considerable and permanent.

On 19 Feb, the St Albans Residents' Association held a public meeting to work out where to from here. Do we just accept our fate, or continue to push for the community over commuting traffic? The meeting was held at short notice but was very well attended with around 50 people present including 5/6 of the community board.

The project has been delivered in 3 distinct stages - not as an overall package of work.

1. Northern Arterial Extension (NArT)
2. Cranford St Upgrade (CSU)
3. Downstream Effects Management Plan (DEMP).

The NArT and CSU (Innes Rd North) required resource consent and were subject to local, regional and central government laws and regulations. However the CCC and NZTA decided the DEMP – the direct impacts on the community – did not warrant the same level of scrutiny. The motorway traffic would use the existing Cranford St corridor from Innes Rd south. This meant no requirement by Council to purchase property, no resource consents, and a 'sweat the asset' attitude. Only through community pressure was an additional clause added: **'for a period of 10 years after opening, CCC must monitor the downstream effects of traffic from the NArT on residential areas (not arterial roads). Mitigation is required if an increase of 30% traffic attributable to the NArT occurs.'**

The plan lacks any restriction on the amount of traffic allowed to travel down St Albans' local arterial roads. Consequently the expectation is of an almost 100% increase in traffic volumes within 5 years of the NArT opening.

Mitigation for residential areas has focused on keeping traffic on arterials and deterring rat runners commuting through local streets with various measures.

These include turning restrictions, speed restrictions, and traffic 'calming'. These restrictions also impact residents trying to access or exit their local streets. But mitigation

doesn't address the cause of the problem, by definition it merely looks at limiting the damage.

The community wants a traffic demand management (TDM) solution to the NArT problem, such as public transport (PT) and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) priority measures to reduce single occupancy traffic. This TDM stance has won some concessions from CCC who will dedicate any additional lanes on Cranford St to HOV and PT only, leaving one northbound and one southbound lane unrestricted on St Alban's arterials. Another win was making ECan and the Waimakariri District Council (WDC) bring forward and expand the express bus service utilising the NArT route, with park and ride facilities at Rangiora and Kaiapoi.



There is still much the community can fight for and influence, even though contractors are now digging up the roads and the large scale CCC engagements are over. We are motivated and will be making noise.

Themes that came through strongly from the meeting:

Public transport must improve, we want one authority in charge. Public transport must be run as a service not an out-dated business model.

The road widening and turning restrictions are to the detriment of all local residents. Entering and exiting properties will be dangerous, and the ability to access residential streets is severely compromised with multiple blocks needing to be travelled to get home.

Pedestrian and cyclist safety has also been compromised with the focus on getting as many cars to flow down the corridors, essentially Cranford St has been given to the cars, we don't accept that, and will continue to fight it.

A follow up meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th March 7pm St Albans Tennis Club. The meeting will focus on an action plan. Contact the St Albans Residents' Association on 021 317 584 for more info.



Delta Happenings

Job Opening

Due to an internal promotion, Delta Community Support Trust are looking for a Part Time Administrator (15 hours per wk). For more information, please look up the role on www.seek.co.nz (under Christchurch roles with the keyword 'Delta'); or phone us on **389 0212**; or email us at admin@deltatrust.org.nz for a copy of the Position Description. The deadline for applications is **Friday, 13th March**.



Lighting the Way

Thanks to a generous donation, a beautiful stained glass window has been installed in the Chapel of Delta Community Baptist Church.

Expert glaziers, Stewart Stained Glass created and installed the window which represents Delta's Pictorial Creed, showing different aspects of a caring community. The words "Love, Joy, Peace Hope" encircle the cross.

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Mind Yer Language: It's a Celebration!

By Tanya Didham



The word 'gala' was first used in the sense of 'festive occasion' in the late 1700s, but its roots go back to clothing, specifically fine Arabic robes, known as *khil'a*. Middle Eastern leaders were bestowing these 'Robes of Honour' on special subjects since biblical times. By the time the French turned it into 'gala' in the 1600s, the clothing had become more of a costume for humour or satire. Then within 150 years or so, 'gala' became something more recognisable to us: a showcase of finery – no doubt including one's snazziest clothes.

A 'festival' on the other hand was a designated day to feast, often a religious holiday or such like a harvest festival. A 'carnival' was even more specific. It began life as a community feast related to the religious observance of Lent in Latin-speaking countries. 'Carne' + 'vale' translates literally to: 'Meat, farewell!' A common practise for Lent was to give up red meat. Shrove Tuesday is the same calendar date as Mardi Gras or 'Fat Tuesday' – a feast before the fasting of Lent.

Sidenote: the word 'Lent' (short for Lenten), shares an ancestor with 'lengthen'. Because in the northern hemisphere it was the time of lengthening days; Winter turning into Spring.

Carnival was a time to eat lots of meat, fat and/or pancakes, before your six weeks' penance/sacrifice. Which ended at Easter! *Side Sidenote:* Shrove isn't ye olde word for pancake. It comes from a root meaning 'to absolve'. European churchgoers preferred thoughtful navel-gazing to gorging on fatty foods!

The 'party' started around 1300, just as another word for 'part'; as in something that has been 'parted' or divided from the whole. A portion. It also had the meaning to share or distribute. Simultaneously it held the legal meaning of a person or group of people. The military soon adopted it for scouting parties and so on; then people began to form political parties. It's not until the 1700s that the party becomes a social gathering – a hunting party, a dinner party etc. However you couldn't 'throw a party' til the early 20th century. And there were no 'party poopers' til 1951!

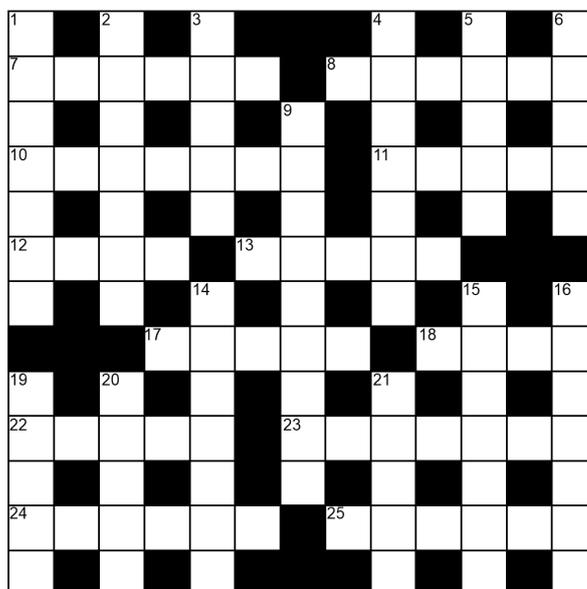
Puzzle Crossword

Across

- 7. Preserve information for future reference. (6)
- 8. Bring into existence. (6)
- 10. Cooking vessel. (7)
- 11. Subject. (5)
- 12. Charitable donation. (4)
- 13. Pursue. (5)
- 17. Conflict. (5)
- 18. Shark. (4)
- 22. Local body taxes. (5)
- 23. Male chicken. (7)
- 24. Evil. (6)
- 25. Marsh. (6)

Down

- 1. Flint glass. (7)
- 2. Shrieks. (7)
- 3. Involuntary muscle contraction. (5)
- 4. Dissent. (7)
- 5. Unclad. (5)
- 6. Discourage. (5)
- 9. Group of musicians. (9)
- 14. Wall-covering material. (7)
- 15. Incomplete. (7)
- 16. Visitor. (7)
- 19. Muscularity. (5)
- 20. Baton. (5)
- 21. Engine. (5)



Solution to February's cryptic crossword

Across: 1.Lament 4.Offend 9.Lampooner 10.Too 11.Tadpole 12.Trade 13.Radii 14.Leisure 16.Lineage 18.Sue 22.Unclean 23.Drama 24.Throw 25.Elected.

Down: 1,8.Military Intelligence 2.Nomad 3.Apologise 5.First Aid 6.Extra 7.Diocese 15.Upstart 17.Incur 19.Eland 20.Must 21.Idle

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Enquire via email: admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz or give us a call on **381 6615**.

Carboot Call Out!

Book a spot at the Avebury Gala Car Boot Sale. \$10 for a spot! Proceeds go to supporting the Richmond Community Garden.

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What's on in Richmond

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9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue.
Phone (03) 381-6615

The office is open every day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., except Fridays (close at 1 p.m.)

Monday

Chit chat Club: 10–10:30 a.m. The Chit Chat Club is for the older adults (55+) in our community to get together and have tea and a catch up.

Gentle Exercise: 10:30–11:30 a.m. Gentle exercise class with a tutor who guides you through an exercise routine designed to keep those muscles moving! \$5/session

Loopy Tunes: 11:30a.m. A pre-school music and movement group. Only during term time.

Richmond Community Garden: From 9:30 a.m. onwards. We welcome volunteers, be they seasoned gardeners or newbies, to help create a beautiful veggie garden for our community to enjoy! Also meets Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Yoga: 6–7 p.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session.

Tuesday

Yoga: 9:00–10:00 a.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session.

Wednesday

Men's Shed: 9:30a.m.–2:30p.m.
Hugs All Round Quilting Group: 1–3 p.m. We make quilts for children who need an extra hug. Join us to learn more about quilting; this includes machine and hand-sewing.

Shake and Relax: 6:30 p.m. Practice calming your body and mind in a supportive group. Check Facebook for details & dates.

Pilates: 6:45p.m., \$6. A basic pilates course run by Dee Owers.

Thursday

Men's Shed: 9:30a.m.–2:30p.m.
Pilates: 1p.m., \$6. A basic pilates course run by Dee Owers.

Yoga: 6-7 p.m. \$6. Evening yoga. Join us for a good stretch!

Friday

Men's Shed: 9:30a.m.–2:30p.m.

Saturday

Yoga with Bella: 10:00–11:00 a.m., focus is on breathing, mindfulness and gentle movement. \$6/session.

NORTH AVON BAPTIST CHURCH

Delta House, North Avon Community Centre, 101 North Avon Road

Sunday Services: Every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. **All are welcome.**

DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST,

101 North Avon Road (Entrance off Petrie St)

Ph: (03) 389-0212
Free bread, Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., as available.

Advocacy: 9:30 a.m.–12 noon.

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Free, some criteria apply.

Footprints Café: Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.

Addington Net: Computer & tech help for all. 10 a.m.–12 noon.

Tuesday

Budget Advice: 9 a.m.–3 p.m. by appointment.

'New Beginnings' Course: 1p.m. to 3p.m. The course will focus on healthy living.

Wednesday

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL): During term time. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 noon. \$2 at C3 Church, 269 Hills Rd. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free, some criteria apply.

Footprints Café: Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.

Fruit & Veggie Co-op: \$12/\$6 a bag. Pay weekly in advance each Wednesday, great value.

Friday

Delta Inn: 2-course community meal. Every Friday 12 noon, \$3.

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–12 noon, & 1–2 p.m. Free, some criteria apply.

Shirley International Playgroup: During term time, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. at the Shirley Hub, 69B Briggs Road. For mums & under 5's from refugee & migrant backgrounds – playgroup & English class. \$2/session or \$10/term.

Gardening: 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Mary welcomes interested volunteers to help her in the Delta vegetable garden.

Impact Young Adults

Programme: Ages 18–36 with disabilities. 6pm – 10pm. Contact Natalie: Natalie@deltatrust.org.nz

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Parish Eucharist - 9.30 a.m.

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Holy Communion - 10 a.m.

Each Thursday

Morning Praise - 11 a.m.

3rd Sunday of each month

A time of prayer interlaced with songs of praise.

Activities Group is held every Thursday at 1 p.m.. Come along and knit, cross-stitch, do some form of craft, play a board game or just chat. Everyone is welcome.

Association of Anglican Women (AAW) meets every fourth Saturday of the month at 10.30 a.m. We start with a hot drink before listening to an interesting speaker or undertaking some activity together.

Exercise Class is held every Thursday at 11am. All abilities are catered for, sitting and standing. The class focusses on flexibility and fun. It takes 1 hour, cost is \$5.

Foot Clinic every six weeks. You start with a foot spa and cup of tea/coffee. Our registered nurse will clip nails and give any advice on the care of your feet. Then you have a foot massage. \$10.

Wednesday Cafe meets every second Wednesday of the month from 11.30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy friendly company, listen to a speaker or take part in a fun activity and join us for lunch. There is a small cost for lunch and raffle tickets are available.

Everyone is welcome to any or all of the sessions!! For any further information phone on **389 6948** or email: office@holytrinityavonside.nz

SHIRLEY RECREATIONAL WALKERS

Mondays & Thursdays:

Meet at Shirley Community Centre site, cnr Shirley Rd & Chancellor St, 9:30 a.m. Walks around Christchurch. All ages welcome. For more information and a copy of the programme, contact Sue **(03) 981-7071** or **027 775-4635.**

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The Shirley Library and Service Centre building will be closed from 23 March and is scheduled to re-open on 30 April.

Monday

Spark Jump: 10:00–11:00 a.m. Help for families to get online at home. Registration required.

Activity Zone: 3:45–4:45 p.m. For 6–10-year olds. No charge.

Tuesday

J.P. Clinic: 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Weekly. No charge.

Wā Kōrero: Storytimes: 10:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m. Recommended for over 2s.

Reading to Dogs: 3:30–4:30 p.m. For age five plus. No charge, but book in advance.

Wednesday

Scrabble Club: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. No obligation, just come along and join our friendly group. All materials are supplied. Free.

Dungeon Delvers: 4:00–5:30p.m. Tabletop roleplaying campaign for ages 12 to 18. Booking required. Fortnightly.

Thursday

Babytimes/Wā Pepi: for under two-year olds. 10:30–11 a.m. Weekly during term time.

Friday

Card Club: Just come along and join the fun. Free. No bookings required.

Saturday

Family History Help:

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A librarian and a member of the Canterbury Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be available to help with your family history questions. Free. No bookings required. First Saturdays of the month.

Super Saturday Storytimes: 2–7-year olds. 11–11:45 a.m. No charge.

Magic: the Gathering: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Play, swap cards or hang out. Snacks provided! Ages 8 - 18. Held on the first Saturday of each month. Free. No bookings required.