








Capturing the mauri

‘Everyone who has history in our city has a piece of muka that needs to be woven into the taura. Your story is our story!’



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People and Stories



Addington Brass Band

Brass bands were founded in Addington in the 19th century and persisted, with interrup...



Addington Camp

A temporary military training ground situated at Addington's race course du...



Alice Parkinson

In 1915, the case of waitress Alice Parkinson became a nation-wide cause celebre,...



Dame Georgina Kingi

Dame Georgina is the principal of St Joseph's Maori Girl's College in Napier.



Addington Heritage



Welcome

Find out more about Addington's heritage while walking the suburb.

You can explore places and the artefacts and stories connected to them.

The self-guided tours suggest groups of heritage places that can be explored on short walks.

Begin

Walks

Go on a self-guided walk

7 Cornelius O'Connor Reserve

In the early years of Addington, Irish immigrants Cornelius and Bridget O'Connor settled in what became Harman St. Their property remained in the O'Connor family for around 120 years until sold to the Christchurch City Council in 1988 for housing and a park. The park was initially named Harman Reserve, but was renamed in 1998 to commemorate its former owner. Manuka Cottage, which is based in the reserve, is a community development initiative. The new purpose-built centre for the programme opened in 2020.

➡ Continue along Harman St to Selwyn St. On the north east corner is the former 'Washington Oddfellows Lodge

8 'Washington' Oddfellows Lodge

Another of Addington's lodges was the 'Washington' Oddfellows' Lodge, founded as the 'Loyal Addington' Lodge in 1878. The 'Washington' name was adopted in 1886 to honour the lodge's American constitution. The first lodge hall opened on this site in 1888. Although the lodge no longer meets, the Oddfellows Café commemorates the former use of the site.

➡ Cross Selwyn St to the Disraeli Reserve



Washington Lodge members in regalia (Oddfellows Café)

9 Disraeli Reserve

Disraeli St is named after leading 19th century British politician and writer Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881). The massive 2007 sculptural group by Ian Lamont is entitled 'Sybil', referencing an eponymous 1845 novel by Disraeli which deals with social and economic disparity in contemporary England. In an echo of the prophetic Sybils of classical mythology, the character of Sybil reveals the true nature of the world.

➡ Turn right and walk south down Selwyn St to Addington Cemetery

10 Addington Cemetery

Concern about the control of Christchurch's burial grounds by the city's Anglican majority led the congregation of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church to establish this public non denominational cemetery in 1858. Many prominent non conformists are buried here, including suffragist Kate Sheppard.

➡ Across the road from the cemetery are a group of cottages

11 Cottages

Typical of early Addington, these dwellings were built in the late 1870s and early 1880s for the workforce which manned the new industries (such as the railway workshops and flour mills) becoming established here at this time.

➡ Enter the cemetery and follow the main path until you reach the back. Before you cross the bridge, turn south and take the right of way to Fairfield Ave. Continue on the right of way (crossing Burke St) until you reach Ruskin St.

12 Ruskin Reserve

John Ruskin (1819-1900), the leading art theorist and critic of his day, was a particular authority on Gothic architecture. The statue of Ruskin was made by Christchurch sculptor Chris Reddington in 2006.

➡ Turn right and walk west on Ruskin St, passing Kipling St on your left. At the end of Kipling Street is the Kipling Reserve

13 Kipling Reserve

Indian-born author Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) is considered by some as an embodiment of the jingoistic imperialism of late Victorian and Edwardian Britain. Nonetheless the popularity of many of his writings – The Jungle Book has endured. The statue of a seated Kipling was also made by Chris Reddington and installed in 2005.

➡ The Intersection is Everybody's Butchery

14 Everybody's Butchery

The oldest surviving butcher's shop in Christchurch, Return to Ruskin St and continue to Selwyn St. Just north of Everybody's was started by William Woods in 1906. It remains a popular local institution.

➡ Cross over Selwyn St and follow Ward St back to Church Square

Addington Heritage Walk

Culture and Community



Welcome to Addington

One of Christchurch's older and more interesting suburbs.



Salvation Army buildings in 1950 (V.C. Browne & Son capture)

Founded in the 1860s by politician Henry Sewell, its location at the confluence of important road and rail links saw it selected as the site of many of the city's major institutions, industries and facilities. A large and vibrant working class community soon grew up to provide the requisite work force.

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Mariata Couch



There is a special rock at Rāpaki that we knew as crab rock, and we





