

News in brief



Talks continue on sport centre

Mediation will continue in a bid to find a solution so construction of the Graham Condon Recreation and Sport Centre in Papanui can start. Christchurch City Council staff and Foodstuffs SI Ltd met last week in a pre-Environment Court hearing to discuss the project.

The owner/operator of the Pak'n Save supermarket at Northlands opposite the site of the planned centre has lodged an appeal with the court against the resource consent for the centre's car parking.

The Environment Court cannot hear the issue until the second half of the year and in the next two months it has scheduled mediation to try to get the matter resolved.

"There is very strong community support for the new complex and the council will continue to do all it reasonably can to ensure that the \$13 million project proceeds," council's recreation and sport manager John Filsell said. Work was planned to have started last year.

Children's day

A children's day will be held at The Groyne in Johns Rd on Sunday (March 7) from 11am to 4pm. The range of entertainment includes performing arts, boat rides, sports and this year the event will have a teddy bears' picnic.

Also on Sunday, Roydvale School will have a family fair at 117 Roydvale Ave, Burnside, from 11am to 3pm.

Boat sheds recognition

The Antigua Boat Sheds in Cambridge Terrace have been given category 1 historic place recognition by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. "The registration reflects the high regard locals and tourists have had for the boat sheds for more than 125 years," historic places trust heritage advisor Robyn Burgess said.

Tips for parents

Ian Grant of Parents Inc will present an evening of hot tips for parents seminar at Burnside High School's Aurora Centre on March 10 starting at 7.30pm. Television personality Jason Gunn will be guest MC. For further information phone 323 7196

Help for Tonga



Students at a high school in Tonga will be better able to study when this large donation of revision guidebooks reaches their classrooms thanks to the generosity of some Christchurch people.

Packing up the books for the trip are Alex Rochfort, of St Barnabas Church in Fendalton, left, and Jo Day, of Really Useful Resources, a West Melton company that publishes them.

The books cover a range of subjects from NCEA level 1 to 3 and are being sent to St Andrew's High School in Tongatapu.

Alex visited the school last year, as part of a youth exchange programme organised by the St Barnabas church. "The school needs so many things - pencils, books, sports equipment. I wanted to do something when I got back to New Zealand and the school will be blown away by the number of books that have been donated," she said.

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