

# Spring Newsletter 2021

## Heathcote Community



Te Tihi o Kahukura - Castle Rock  
Heathcote Valley

*Drawing by Paul Deans from Heathcote*

# Jocelyn de Kort

## Heathcote Community Facilitator

Kia Ora

Spring is on the way, which is full of new life with an extra buzz of colour and longer daylight hours.

It's almost six eventful months since I have been in this role. I've been super impressed with the friendliness, resourcefulness and kindness of our community not to say that I am also aware it's been complex and at times difficult, either alone, or juggling many roles with work and family life in general, especially during Covid19 lockdown times.

Thankfully here in the South Island, Covid19 has diminished in levels which is a blessing and gives us that extra freedom to go out and about wearing a mask when required and always remembering to use the contact tracing app.

I would like to suggest that we spare a thought for the people of Auckland as they continue to be holding the fort in a higher lockdown level to keep the rest of New Zealand safe from the spread of Covid 19 and the Delta variant.

Back on the home front here in Heathcote, it's an absolute privilege to be part of the local community.

My neighbours and family have been amazing with their time, help and support over the lock down period and weeks prior, when I was incapacitated



due to an unexpected injury, requiring surgery with over 100 stitches to my knee.

A big thank you to you all for patiently supporting me. Gina for walking my dog daily, Veronica for providing food, collecting firewood, lighting the fire, vacuuming, de-mossing my brick paths ( so that I wouldn't slip. ) Jackie for bringing flowers and treats, sharing a wine and chatting. Emily for keeping me company in hospital, bringing cake and sushi, cooking yummy food, driving me around and picking up the completed Autumn/Winter newsletter from the printers and taking them out into the community to be delivered. Sam for getting a room ready for my recovery and re-arranging the grandkids rooms for my post-surgery holiday. Jak for bringing mandarins (my absolute favourite,) flowers and comparing war wounds. It seems like mine was the grandest and to Barrie for lending me his automatic car so that I could be mobile and independent.

During uncertain times, it's our family, neighbours and communities we need to be looking out for, as well as drawing support from.

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Enjoy the read.

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**Nicholas McCauley**

Heathcote School  
Student Liaison

Hello everyone, so many things have happened since I last wrote. I am writing this during the lockdown and am grateful to live in such a beautiful valley.

Learning during lockdown is tough at times but it still works. I don't really know how the other classes are doing it but I can tell you what it's like for me and my class. We get sent what we need to do via Google Slides or presentations and get given a list of things that we need to do by the end of the day. I would like to say a big thanks to our teachers for keeping our learning going.

Lockdown is annoying for most classes because lots of fun activities have been cancelled. The year 5-6 team missed a trip to the museum on Friday 20th of August, and the year 7-8 team were going to have their school camp at Arthurs Pass on Tuesday the 31st August.

The school building project has been delayed and we are hoping that our school hall will be finished in time for our drama production.

On a more positive note, the school band had their annual weekend band camp at the Craycroft Girl Guides Centre a couple of weeks ago. It was really fun and we practiced our instruments a lot. We watched a movie and had pizza for dinner. On Sunday morning we held a concert for all the band members' parents and siblings.

Thank you for reading this article and I look forward to seeing you in our beautiful valley.

## HVS Connect

There are a wide range of benefits for our tamariki when parents can be involved and contribute to the life of the school. Building upon effective partnerships and systems from previous years, the "Parent Rep" system at Heathcote Valley School has evolved into **HVS Connect**. We have enjoyed a very successful 2021 so far, including Whole School Playdates under the Oak Tree, Games Nights, Matariki evening, after school Gardening Bees and lots more to come!



The purpose of HVS Connect is to help children enjoy their time at school, help connect whānau, new families and support those in need, help with fundraising, connect with the wider community and to learn new things ourselves.

With just one meeting per term and no year-long commitment required, HVS Connect offers flexibility and creativity to parents and staff. Communication to whānau is through the fortnightly school newsletters and the Hero app, as well as notices around the school with details of upcoming events.

We love to see new faces at our meetings so please come along to the next one at 7pm on Thursday 21 October. Term 4 is looking to be the most exciting of all with lots of fun events in the pipeline already!

With uncertainty around COVID earlier in 2021, we had to make the difficult decision not to hold our school Gala this year. Watch this space for possible future events.

Katie Ridley  
HVS Connect

# Food Forest News

Lately, we have been expanding the food forest to include two more mulched areas, with seven in total. Mulch is used as it's the fastest way to create a forest floor environment, and the new plots are ready to fill with trees and other plants. Think of us when you are thinning out your garden, or have any excess seeds/seedlings - we may be able to put them to good use!

At present we are applying to the Christchurch City Council to fund an extension to our watering taps, and for further trees. We hope to get this completed by summer 2022.

A huge thanks to the team at Edible Canterbury who gifted us five heritage apple trees. We had a great time planting them, and learning planting tips from our tree expert, John Marsh. There's loads to learn about caring for trees, and we're lucky to get hands-on teaching and experience. As a group, we span the generations, and have a committed core group who attend regularly. A huge welcome to the new faces who have joined us recently. The children have a blast, free-ranging all over the reserve, making clubs and huts, gathering sticks and climbing trees. We have even been treated to live performances!



Join us at Birdsey Reserve every fortnight fortnightly on a Wednesday at 3:30pm. Go on our emailing list for regular emails by contacting [ameliaknightbare@gmail.com](mailto:ameliaknightbare@gmail.com)

## Interesting Insect Found in the Valley

*By Nicholas McCauley  
Student from Heathcote School*

A few days ago we found a Harlequin Ladybird in our driveway. These are a pest that have spread from Auckland and are the world's most invasive ladybird species. The Ministry for Primary Industries and scientists (including my uncle) are trying to track its spread. It is slightly larger than a normal native ladybird and has different spots. It eats native ladybirds and other insects. If you see a native or Harlequin Ladybird, could you please enter it on the iNaturalist ladybird watch page (<https://inaturalist.org/projects/nz-ladybird-watch>) . That way we can track the Harlequin Ladybirds



Lava of the Harlequin Ladybird



Adult Harlequin Ladybird

# Heathcote Valley Community Fruit Harvesting Update



Our first summer of harvesting was full on but great! We both enjoyed meeting you all, and donating fresh fruit to the Aranui food bank. We delivered close to two large boxes of fruit each week from Heathcote Valley fruit trees, and two lots of groceries following our jam fundraisers. Times are exceptionally hard for many Christchurch residents, and your donations go directly to helping those in need.

We hope to meet more of you this year. Keep us in mind when you hit a glut of fruit. We are happy to harvest it, or to deliver it for you.

Please 'like' our Facebook page 'Heathcote Valley Community Fruit Harvesting' to keep up-to-date.

Amelia and Paula



## About us

We are now harvesting in Heathcote Valley!

Do you have excess fruit?

Is it making a mess and going to waste!?

Do you want to pass it on to people in need?

At present we are donating fruit and jam to the Aranui foodbank.

Driven by volunteers, community fruit harvesting was developed by a group in Auckland and has been taken up by other towns and cities in New Zealand. The goal is to pick unwanted fruit from backyards and orchards around New Zealand to share with those in need. Check out [pickfruit.co.nz](http://pickfruit.co.nz) for more information on community harvesting.

If you are interested in having your excess fruit picked by us or collected from your gate, then please get in touch. We are also happy to pass on any other food donations you may want to give to those in need – we'll be really excited to hear from you!

Get in touch with us at [pickfruitheathcote@gmail.com](mailto:pickfruitheathcote@gmail.com) or message us.

Want to help us?

- Can you make jam with donated fruit? Everything you need can be delivered to your home.
- Would you like to help us collect fruit in the summer months?
- We need donations of jam jars and sugar.

# Heathcote Valley Adventures with Nature

## Green Projects Spring 2021 Update

### Introduction



It was a warm winter's afternoon as at least 30 planters...maybe 40 of them, from six years old to going on eighty scattered across the hillside digging industriously and planting native kowhai, five finger, kanuka, totara, ngaio, karamu and more. Dogs barked, bellbirds sang, children ran about with great chatter and old folk thought they were still young.... and called for more plants. "This is just wonderful" one planter observed at the display of a community coming together to get the job done.

There was sufficient rain over a couple of weeks at the end of May and early June to soften up the dusty earth and make the digging easier, so June, July and August saw many of these gatherings around the valleys, hills and river.... in both drizzly rain and glorious sunshine.

So many people turned out for these events it seems there is a real thirst for more activities of the kind. In Avoca Valley, there were people from all over the city turning up...over 60 on one occasion.

Could this really be the new national winter sport? One Avoca resident, Jennifer Rochfort, outstanding in her field wielding a spade, was overheard claiming that the Avoca Valley planters were "simply the best". If this isn't a challenge to the other valley and river teams, I don't know what is!

The real winners will be those who get involved in the ongoing weeding and watering over spring, summer and autumn to ensure the plants all survive through to next winter. So there is still much to do if you want to join in with any of the groups below.

Planting season will almost be over when this issue is published, with perhaps a few plants still to go in in the Ferrymead Saltmarsh where a damper growing environment allows planting over a longer season.

To keep up with the demand, plants have now been ordered for planting in the 2022 season and an itinerary of events will be published in April next year.

### **Bridle Path Track, by Tamsin Page**

The Bridle Path planting project is a new, community-led (council supported) project initiated this year. We're aiming to plant the triangle of bare land adjacent to the lower section of the Bridle Path track, on the eastern side (on your left as you walk up), below the big rock-catch fence, with native trees. This will take a number of years to complete, however Christchurch City Council provided around 300 native plants for us to plant this winter, as well as rabbit guards and weed matting.

The incredibly dry autumn this year delayed planting by some weeks, however the rain finally arrived and cold, grey, drizzly conditions heralded

our first planting day. Fortunately, Heathcote folk are made of hardy, waterproof stuff, and we had a great turn-out of enthusiastic and very efficient tree planters. 300 plants in the ground just like that – Boom! No need for a second planting day. Thank you, you awesome people!



Also, thanks to the team from Red Tree Environmental Solutions Ltd (Andrew Cummins, Alanah Cummins, Phoebe Utteridge) for their help on the day, as well as their ‘sponsorship’ of some of our plantings with microbiological soil additives that may enhance plant establishment.

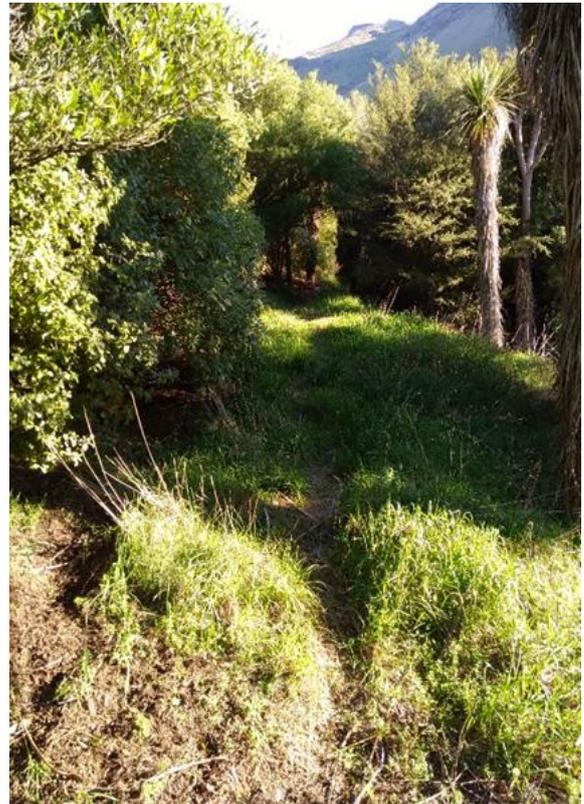


This site is incredibly dry in the summer (and autumn) months. We anticipate needing to help the plants along a bit with some watering during dry periods. Big thanks to Calum Templeton, for sourcing and installing a 200L bin up on site, which we will be able to fill from a nearby CCC water source, to use as a reservoir for watering. There is also likely to be a spring “flush” of weeds, which will need to be cleared from around the trees to reduce competition. We will look to have some weeding/mulching, and possibly watering, sessions from early spring, and we’ll notify these via local info sources, as well as via the contact details we collected at the planting day. We would really like people to commit to ongoing input to the revegetation of this site – this means getting involved with maintenance (watering, weeding) several times a year, as well as the annual planting.

Please get in touch with Tamsin Page: [tamsin.page@gmail.com](mailto:tamsin.page@gmail.com) or 0276423555 if you would like to be involved with this project.

### **Birdsey Reserve, by John Marsh**

There has been a lot of activity in Birdsey Reserve this planting season. It is a special space right in the heart of our community and is the focus of a range of activities.



*Existing track in Birdsey Reserve*

*The School Planters.* In July Liz Calvert, Senior Team Leader at Heathcote Valley School brought her young students up to the reserve again (this is the third year) for an afternoon of planting. They were infilling amongst the now established trees with the aim of eventually forming a complete tree canopy that will suppress the grass growth and allow native seed to start germinating of its own accord. Eventually a renewed podocarp broadleaf forest will emerge. There are signs of fresh seedlings already appearing in parts of the reserve.

*The Guide Planters.* In late August a group of Girl Guides that meet weekly in Heathcote also started a native planting project in a different part of the reserve. Like the school students, it is their

intention to nurture these plants as part of a learning process about ecology and caring for the environment over the next few years. The school plantings and guide plantings will all join up one day to form a continual bush corridor.

The *Boxthorn Team*. Invasive weed control is another role we can get involved in around our community. There are dense thickets of boxthorn and bone seed, prolific invaders from South Africa, in Birdsey Reserve. As its name suggests there are a lot of thorns on these plants. A rugged, determined and downright attractive group have formed a Boxthorn Team who meet every second Wednesday afternoon with pruning saws and other technological aids. They are gradually but systematically cutting out the weed species and extending the walking track as they go.

Invitations to join the team are to be found fortnightly on the Heathcote Village Community e notices.



*Boxthorn clearing and track development in Birdsey Reserve*

*The CCC Management Plan*. The City Council is currently reviewing the management plan for Birdsey Reserve, and a meeting with parks planners and interested community groups/ individuals was held in autumn this year. We hope that CCC planners will soon reveal their proposals

~~Morgans Valley Reserve, by Rachel Wells~~  
Before lockdown this 2500m2 reserve was a forgotten, untamed gully at the top of Morgans Valley residential area. With more people on foot out exploring, a track was formed through the reserve which led to the idea to get a community planting group going to regenerate the land. We instantly had the CCC on board and a generous donation of plants from the #Tui Corridor project (sponsored by Christchurch Foundation and Meridian Energy). 350 native trees were planned to be planted before the end of August and hopefully, will be in the ground once Covid restrictions allow. Just a start.

The plan is to eventually have a loop track around the reserve with a seat with great views at the top. Quite a steep hike but worth the effort! Come and see for yourself how this project is going and lend a helping hand if you want. To find this hidden gem, go all the way up Morgans Valley Road and as you loop around at the top, look for the wooden steps at the start of the access laneway on the left. The reserve is foot access only.



*Morgans Valley Reserve. The "before" image, with Mt Cavendish above.*

Big thanks to all those so far who have given their time to make this happen, especially John Marsh whose guidance is invaluable and to Myles Mackintosh and trappers for their part in the ecological regeneration of Morgans Valley.

Rachel Wells  
rachel.wells.nz@gmail.com

### **Duncan Park, by John Marsh**

With the eventual arrival of rain at the end of May, we could finally take stock of what had survived the prolonged autumn drought. It was surprising what did survive really, though there were a lot of trees that needed replacing. The range of species that can tolerate the type of summer weather we are now experiencing appears to be getting more limited so species selection is critical.

An early winter field trip with CCC ranger managing Port Hills revegetation projects, Di Carter, and botanist from the CCC biodiversity team, Nick Head illustrated the need to try and mimic natural plant progression systems. By first establishing hardy kanuka bush which after maybe 10 years will have established a full canopy. This then creates the microclimate for seedlings of five finger, broadleaf and karamu and others to arrive of their own accord, as long as there is a seed source nearby.

At Duncan Park we are planting in and around gorse, which theoretically takes the place of kanuka in this progression. There is no original seed source here though, so we are also planting the next group of plants in that succession.

By the end of August we had completed planting our quota of 1200 trees supplied through Heidi the local CCC parks ranger. These were planted through the gorse on both the Horotane and Avoca sides of the spur.

We also extended the planting along the Avoca Stream boundary in the park, as our last eighteen months weed control activities had proved reasonably effective. Matai, totara, fivefinger, broadleaf as well as harakeke and rushes were planted. We plan on engaging with the Avoca Valley residents to extend our weed management further south along the stream in the spring, in preparation for further planting there in 2022.

Meanwhile we will be continuing our weeding and mulching of new plantings through spring, summer and autumn.

Many thanks for the different corporate groups that have joined our Friday afternoon or weekend planting sessions as well as the local regulars.

Please contact John at 0274 310 182 if you would like to join in with any of this activity.

### **Ferrymead Heathcote Saltmarsh, by Rachel Barker**

If you travel the Tunnel Road from Ferry Road to Lyttelton, you may have spotted some new planting on your left near some tall old pine trees, and a walking track nearby. This is the Ferrymead Heathcote Saltmarsh that is being restored.

You'll see a newly formed pond and land surface scraped back in preparation for restoration. This scrape was formed by Christchurch City Council (CCC) to allow the high tide from the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River to gently inundate with salt water, to help re-establish saltmarsh.



*Young helpers included Rafi from Ecuador*

A group of us from Heathcote Valley and beyond are supporting Andrew Crossland from CCC with additional saltmarsh planting. This has been done around the margins of the pond, and shrubs have been planted on a raised bank nearby. We started planting in April this year and have had regular helpers on site. It's also been fun meeting new people from further afield.



*Liam with his Mum, Veronika*

We've had a few pesky problems. Some of the shrubs (and even the saltmarsh plants) were rudely shaved by rabbits and hares. Adding insult to injury, the hares seem to delight in stripping right up the bark, nipping leaves, only to scatter them on the ground surrounding the newly naked plant. Hopefully the cardboard 'Ecoguard' protectors are sturdy enough to keep out both rabbits and hares in future.



*Holly (right) came with her family also from Heathcote Valley. What style on that spade!*

Thank you to everybody who has helped out. We're keen to have a few more people planting again soon.

### **Predator Trapping in Heathcote, by Myles MacIntosh**

Predator Free Port Hills is making great progress in Heathcote Valley, with 58 households registered in the area on the PFPH website. 95 traps have been deployed, and 271 predators have been caught. This also includes Horotane and Avoca Valleys. Predator Free Port Hills is a backyard trapping initiative launched by the Summit Road Society, with the ultimate goal of having a trap in one of every five households across the Port Hills and Lyttelton Harbour suburbs by 2024.

It is very important that you only set up a trap on your own land, or on land where you have the land owners permission. A few traps have been observed on Christchurch City Council reserve land, please do not place traps on CCC or other public land without permission. It is really important that we are following best practice and doing everything we can to keep people and non-target animals safe, including pets. The CCC is currently conducting a trial of volunteer trapping in selected parks and reserves, including Birdsey Reserve in Heathcote. If this is successful, it is hoped that the protocols developed in the trial can be used as a model for trapping on other CCC land. Until then, please contact Myles Mackintosh if you have any questions or concerns.

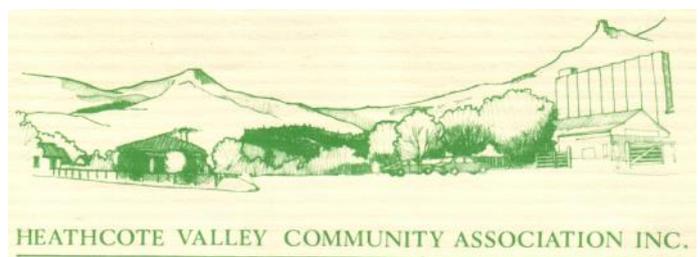
If you would like to join these efforts to protect our precious habitats and wildlife, register on the PFPH website:

(<https://www.predatorfreeporthills.org.nz/>), or

contact Myles Mackintosh at:

heathcote@predatorfreeporthills.org.nz

or phone 0211280113



**Linda Woods Reserve, Avoca Valley, by Marie Gray, Summit Road Society**

*The restoration of Avoca Valley Stream*

We were delighted that our Jobs for Nature funding application has been approved. We now have funding to plant 45,000 plants over the next three years. We are partnering with Wai-ora Forest Landscapes to deliver this project. Wai-ora staff will install the fencing, grow the seedlings in their nursery, and undertake planting and maintenance over the next three years. We will continue with volunteer planting in more accessible areas. This funding will bring forward our work in Avoca Valley by decades.

We kicked off our volunteer planting with a school event in late May. School children planted 120 trees in the lower slopes of the valley. We then held three public planting days, each more popular than the last. At our last public planting day, over 60 people turned up to lend a hand! In total volunteers planted 2,600 trees. Wai-ora staff are planting a further 9,000 trees and plants this winter along the stream and will ramp up operations over the next two.



*Russell Odering transports plants*

Our sincere thanks go to John Marsh who has been instrumental in pulling together the restoration plan and co-ordinating the volunteer planting days. And thank you to our neighbour Russell Odering who went above and beyond to support our volunteer planting project. In addition to providing access, he set up a water supply and used his tractor to transport plants and other



*Some of the new streamside plantings in lower Avoca Valley*

supplies up the hill. We couldn't have done it without you Russell!

By restoring the bush to the Avoca Valley catchment, we will create habitat and ecological corridors for native fauna, improve freshwater values, reduce erosion and sediment run-off, restore mahinga kai, provide recreational benefits for the community, and support carbon sequestration. The valley will be covenanted with the QEII National Trust and protected in perpetuity.

## Snap Send Solve

Snap Send Solve is a smartphone app to help make reporting issues to Council easy.

You can continue to report issues online or by phoning the Council on 03 941 8999, or one of the service centres.



# What's on at Your Community Centre



I'm writing this on our first day in Covid alert level four and, while I was really disappointed not to be able to see all the fabulous folk at our community morning tea this morning, I am very very grateful to be living in Heathcote Valley right now! Not only do we live in a community that is rich with natural assets and some great outdoor spaces, but we also have a wealth of awesome people and a great sense of community connection. I'm sure this will once again help us get through another challenging time. Even if we are out of lockdown by the time you read this (and hopefully we are!) please keep a caring eye out for anyone who is struggling.

I was very excited to see blossom on my walk this morning as well as some gorgeous wee Plover chicks - Spring is nearly upon us! Spring is a great time to focus on making sure your body and mind are healthy and we have some excellent wellness classes running at the community centre. We also offer some great opportunities just to connect with others in the community and we would love to see you at Craft Group on Monday or the Community Morning Tea on Wednesday. Always lots of friendly and welcoming faces and a hot cuppa waiting for you.

As well as our weekly classes and groups we also host a number of interesting workshops including

floristry, quilting, workshops for girls, and making your own plant powered products. Keep an eye out on Facebook, our website, your local noticeboards and the e-mails from Jocelyn for information on these.

The community centre is also a lovely venue for your own celebrations and events. It is frequently booked for birthday parties, baby showers and family get-togethers. If you are interested in using the community centre please feel free to e-mail me (Jen) [hvcc.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:hvcc.bookings@gmail.com). It always pays to book well ahead.

*Jen Saunders, Community Coordinator*

## Our schedule includes:

### Craft Group

Mondays 10am-12pm: Enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing with a wonderful group of ladies each Monday. \$3 per session and morning tea and great company provided.

### Community Morning Tea

Wednesdays 10am – 12pm: Come and join us for a cuppa, some home baking and plenty of good company. Everyone is welcome, come alone or bring a friend. No charge.



### Tradie Yoga

Mondays 6pm-7pm: Keep your body and mind healthy with this great yoga class designed for tradespeople (and anyone else interested!). Contact Michele ([mlaingphysio@gmail.com](mailto:mlaingphysio@gmail.com))

### **Hatha Yoga Balance**

Tuesdays 9.15am – 10.45am: This is a yoga class that everyone can practice at their level. It is suitable for beginners and for experienced practitioners, for those who practice from a chair or from the ground.

Contact Atmavidya ([atmavidya@atmavidya.co.nz](mailto:atmavidya@atmavidya.co.nz))

### **Santosha Yoga with Breeze**

Tuesdays 6pm – 7.30pm: Small group yoga designed for all ages and stages. Connect with your body, de-stress and get stronger and more flexible.

Contact Breeze ([yogawithbreeze@gmail.com](mailto:yogawithbreeze@gmail.com))

### **Yoga with Lucy**

Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm AND now also Fridays 9.15am – 10.15am: These classes are suitable for all levels of experience, and a wide range of ages. The focus is on linking the breath with our practise, flowing and stretching through a mostly simple range of asana (poses) the outcome of which brings you into a good alignment with your centre.

Contact Lucy ([lucydolankang@gmail.com](mailto:lucydolankang@gmail.com))

### **Movement Rewired with Nicky**

Fridays 11am – 12.30pm: These are gentle floor-based lessons that will help you to improve your overall well-being. They utilise gentle movement, mindfulness and breathing approaches which are suitable for all age groups and all levels.

Contact Nicky ([nickywoodwardnz@gmail.com](mailto:nickywoodwardnz@gmail.com))

### **Puppy Training with Sit Happens**

Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings: We are very lucky to have Sit Happens and their puppy classes at the Heathcote Valley Community Centre. The Sit Happens team are passionate about puppies so if you are looking for a pawesome puppy class, head over to <https://www.sithappens.co.nz/puppy-classes>

## **Our Local Councillor**

### **Sara Templeton**

‘Kia ora koutou.



As I walked to the dairy for The Press during the latest Level 4 lockdown, I passed many people out for walks in their bubbles. Once again we’ve come together (apart) as a community to support each other and I was so proud to be part of our wonderful Valley. People have been making good use of the Heathcote Valley Community Facebook page to share information and let other residents know about giveaways etc and I was stoked to still be able to get a delivery of Upshot coffee to make my Zoom meetings fly by. Please support our local businesses as we move down the levels – it’s a tough time for them and the transition between levels is not easy.

Please ask for help if you need it – text 1737 to get a call from an trained counsellor. Young people can contact Youthline, 0800 376 633 or by free texting 234. Lockdowns of any level can be a lonely time for many people, so please take the time to check in on people you know.

As always, if you have any Council issues, please get in touch. [sara.templeton@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:sara.templeton@ccc.govt.nz) and follow my Facebook page for local information and updates [www.facebook.com/saratempletonchch](https://www.facebook.com/saratempletonchch)

Ngā mihi,  
Sara.

**Christchurch**  
City Council 

We would like to extend our thanks to the Christchurch City Council for their financial support. This has helped us continue to support Heathcote, strengthen our relationships, remain a strong connected and engaged community.

# News from the Church of St Mary

## A special remembrance Celebration



Fr Mark Sullivan, Vicar

On Sunday 14 August, the Church of St Mary celebrated its Patronal Festival. 161 years ago in 1860, the Church was dedicated to St Mary, the Mother of Jesus. By the time of its dedication, the church had been

supporting early settlers arriving from Lyttelton

over the Bridle Path as they rested in Heathcote before their trip to the new Settlement of Christchurch. Many settlers left their family in Heathcote making several trips across the hills to Lyttelton to collect all their belongings. Hospitality would have been provided by the people of this growing parish community of St Mary.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, a church was consecrated when it was fully paid for. In 1857, just 3 years before consecration of our church, the constitution of the Anglican Church of New Zealand had been signed. This makes the Church of St Mary one of the oldest in New Zealand.

This year, we decided to reenact certain events of that day in 1860, complete with period liturgical robes, acolytes (candle bearers) a crucifer (cross bearer) processions, incense and a formal liturgy. The readings used in the service were those used 161 years ago. It was a celebration with all the pomp and circumstance that might be expected of a major liturgical feast.

Earlier this year as part of our long term strategy, the Parish disposed of some vacant land adjacent the Church of St Mary. While some may question the reasons why we might sell land, the chance of investing in an opportunity to secure the life of the parish and furthering the ongoing mission of the Church is essential.

Our parish income is derived from a variety of sources. These include parishioner donations, property rental, interest on investments, fundraising initiatives and other donations that assist in running the parish and maintaining our plant. This income allows us to continue our work with over 25 community and international aid agencies that we support financially. Major parish benefactors are the City Mission, Aranui Foodbank and half-way establishments. We also have made emergency donations to local schools, neighbours and Valley residents in need, and special grants to those in difficult circumstances. For 2,000 years, the Christian Church has often been a back-stop for those in need. If we are to be a 'Mission Church', we must never allow our greed and perceived security to lessen our effectiveness as an aid organisation in the local community.

I cannot speak for those early architects of the parish in Heathcote, but one thing is sure: it was their intention to organise a faith community in the Valley to provide Christian ministry for the foreseeable future. Due to the constant care of those that have followed for more than four generations, the Church of St Mary stands to represent the lives, hopes, dreams and aspirations of thousands of Anglicans that have called this Heathcote Valley Church their home.

We follow in their footsteps. Patronal services, such as the one we celebrated on August 14, acknowledge not only our continuing mission, but pay tribute to all those who have served the Church of Jesus Christ in the Heathcote for 161 years. As the Vicar of the parish, it is my duty to ensure that we follow in the traditions of those early church builders. Our efforts today will ensure that in another 161 years, people like you and me, might meet and give thanks to God for the opportunities provided by the work of this generation. Just as we acknowledge the work of those early pioneers that not only shaped Heathcote, but the burgeoning city in which we live, we celebrate their ministries, aspirations and *Hopes* for the Church and for the world.

Please accept our Spring Blessings.

Father Mark Sullivan, Vicar.

[vicar@heathcote-mtpleasant.org.nz](mailto:vicar@heathcote-mtpleasant.org.nz)

## Neighbourhood Groups at St Mary's Village Hall Martindales Road



### Otautahi Aikido

Details of Otautahi Aikido and the children's and other classes are on their web pages:

[www.aikido.gen.nz](http://www.aikido.gen.nz)

Contact: Liam O'Donoghue, 021 727 690.

### The Heathcote Valley Wool Craft Group

*Thursdays, 9:15 to 11:45am*

This group of enthusiasts meets weekly to spin, knit and create with wool. Anyone is welcome to join.

Contact Felicity Backhouse at

[thebackhouses@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:thebackhouses@slingshot.co.nz)

or Ph 384 1755

### Twinkle Tots

*Friday mornings from 10.30 to 11.10am during school term times.*

Twinkle Tots is a song and dance activity for pre-school children up to four years of age accompanied by a parent or care-giver. It is followed by a relaxed morning tea/coffee/water and a nibble. It is operated by the parish.

Contact: Suzanne Stewart, phone 027 285 1843

### Sumner Guides

*Mondays during school terms, 6:30-8.00pm*

Contact Jane Walders: [Rapaki.District@gmail.com](mailto:Rapaki.District@gmail.com)

### Brownies

*Tuesdays during Terms, 6.00-7:30pm*

For 7 to 9½ year olds, Brownies is all about fun.

Contact Jane Walders: [Rapaki.District@gmail.com](mailto:Rapaki.District@gmail.com)

## News From Heathcote Valley Library

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### Some of our newest adult titles

Bublitz, Jacqueline	Before You Knew My Name
Kelly, Cathy	Other Women
Roberts, Nora	Bay of Sighs
Riley, Lucinda	The Missing Sister
Roberts, Nora	Hideaway
Hashimi, Nadia	Sparks Like Stars
Burke, James Lee	The New Iberia Blues
Macfie, Rebecca	Helen Kelly, Her Life
Grisham, John	Sooley
Buchanan, Greg	Sixteen Horses
Robertson, Catherine	Spellbound
Nable, Matt	Still
Smith, Wilbur	Legacy of War
Sittenfeld, Curtis	Rodham
Nell, Joanna	The Great Escape From Woodlands Nursing Home
Fallon, Jane	Worst Idea Ever
Feeham, Christine	Murder At Sunrise Lake
Moyes, Jojo	The Last Letter From Your Lover

### Library Opening Hours

Monday	2:00pm to 4:00pm
Tuesday	2:00pm to 4:00pm
Wednesday	11:00am to 12:00pm
Thursday	2:00pm to 4:00pm
Friday	2:00pm to 6:00pm
Saturday	10:30am to 12:00pm

**Please scan the barcode for contact tracing or fill out the contact tracing sheet when coming to the library. There is also hand sanitiser for your use.**

# News from the Heathcote Cricket Club



The new cricket season is almost upon us, and as always, we are looking forward to it with eager anticipation. The valley will once again reverberate to the sound of leather on willow.

Opening day was held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September and our Patron, Dave Collier, officially opened the season.

Although opening day has passed, late registrations are always welcomed if you would like to play. Please contact either David Stack or Matt House, whose details are below.

For the adult grades, the season proper will begin as usual on the first Saturday in October, which this year is October 2nd. The Junior grades will start on October 23rd. The Friday night 'have a go' sessions for the younger juniors will also commence on a date to be confirmed in October.

For adult enquiries, please contact our Club Captain, David Stack [david@stackelectrical.co.nz](mailto:david@stackelectrical.co.nz) 027 414 7659

For junior enquiries, please contact our Junior Club Captain, Matt House [mhouse@mgmarketing.co.nz](mailto:mhouse@mgmarketing.co.nz) 022 043 1142

Ken Lomax. President

# News from the Heathcote Community Sports Club

The Heathcote Community Sports Club offers a range of activities including outdoor Lawn Bowling which is planned to commence for the season in early November, Indoor Bowls which is played on a Tuesday evening 7pm to 9:00pm and Petanque which is played every Sunday morning, 10am to midday, subject to the weather.

Over the past year the Club membership has grown well, and again it is great to see new members enjoying our sporting facilities, and at the same time meeting new local people. Quite a number of members live outside the Valley and are happy to travel over and join in. New members are always welcome to the Club.

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown the club's activities need to be put on hold and members are keen to return as soon as it is possible. Due to the uncertainty of when restrictions will be lifted, it is not possible to give specific dates just yet, but please keep at watch on the Google Groups messages and the Heathcote Valley Facebook page for details of when we will recommence.

Contact the chairman, Peter Murray: [heathcotecommunitysportclub@gmail.com](mailto:heathcotecommunitysportclub@gmail.com) or phone 021 167 1690



# Te Ara Ihutai – the Christchurch Coastal Pathway, update

By Tim Lindley

Life is full of surprises at the moment, and as it happens not all of them are bad.

At the end of our previous lockdown, the government announced funding for ‘shovel ready’ projects and invited organisations to apply. It so happened that I had written many applications for government funding in a previous role with a Crown Research Institute, so as treasurer of the Coastal Pathway Group I thought it was worth dusting off the old skills and giving it a go. We succeeded and secured funding to complete Te Ara Ihutai and close the gap between the Tram Stop shelter and Rapanui / Shag Rock.

‘Shovel ready’ meant the project will be ready for construction to begin within a year. In our case

- As the pathway extends beyond the CYC building and on to the rock wall area, it becomes pre-cast slabs cantilevered off a solid concrete base, with balustrades on the seaward side as it moves towards and beyond the CYC ‘rowing club’ estuary platform.
- More pedestrian crossing islands on the road and parking spaces beside that platform.
- Stopping places overlooking estuary between the CYC platform and Rapanui corner.
- The metal road barrier (which is of the type that crumples outward when hit) is replaced by a low solid wall with artwork on the wall and pathway surfaces.



there were slight delays through consenting requirements, and a huge amount of work has been done during the year to work out exactly the best ways to manage all the challenges this tricky project has. Physical construction work is expected to begin in October, so watch this space.

You can expect to see, starting from the Redcliffs end:

- A new seawall with a wide path brought up to the same level as the Peacocks Gallop section of the pathway (to allow for sea level rise).
- A new, wider bridge, and tidying of the historic gun site. The low rock wall remains in place.
- Changes in road layout around the CYC building to improve safety for people crossing the road and give enough space for the pathway.

Plans are in place to keep traffic moving and protect wildlife during the construction process.

It will time in well with completion of the Rapanui Cycleway through Charlesworth Reserve so it connects to the start of Te Ara Ihutai – the Christchurch Coastal Pathway.

The overall effect will be that this beautiful part of the estuary coastline will be much more accessible, safer to use for everybody, and Te Ara Ihutai – the Christchurch Coastal Pathway will become one of our city’s treasured assets enjoyed by many.

Building this section of the pathway was in CCC’s long term plan for 2026/27 and it’s a real bonus too to be able to take that off the books and get the job done earlier.

## Remix of Robert Browning's 'Thoughts From Abroad'



Oh! Being in Heathcote now that spring is here

And whoever wakes in Heathcote  
Sees some morning , unaware  
That the tangled boughs on the kowhai trees

Beam blossoms yellow to beckon bees

While tauhou tweets on the orchard bough

In Heathcote , now!

*Kaylene Worrall*



The riding school was founded over 35 years ago on the land that had previously been a dairy farm. It was a small start, around 5 ponies in the paddocks that were at the time off Cooks Lane. One of those first ponies was Highlight, who lived a very long and happy life at the riding school. Highlight Lane, off Truscotts Road, is named after him. As the riding school grew, it moved down to the Bridle Path Road site.



*Emma Arrandale*



There are currently about 40 horses and ponies at the riding school, some of which have been born here. Quiet and gentle ponies are very expensive, being able to breed and train on site helps with this, and enables the older horses or those who

aren't enjoying teaching children any more to be rehomed or retired.

Emma Arrandale is currently the manager of the riding school, a local, she started as a beginner aged 10. Emma is now teaching the children of people who learned to ride at Heathcote. The riding school is owned by the Kahukura Charitable Trust and as well as offering riding to children and adults who would never normally get the chance, money is donated each year by the Trust to local charities such as Women's Refuge, City Mission and Pet Shelter.

## Heathcote Valley Online

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and local events at :

[www.facebook.com/heathcotevillageproject/](http://www.facebook.com/heathcotevillageproject/)

# Heathcote Artist and Sculptor, Paul Deans, Makes an Interesting Prehistoric Discovery

The fossilised remains of a turtle that lived between 25 and 35 million years ago have been found inside a pillar from a historic Christchurch church.



*Canterbury Museum Senior Curator Paul Scofield, left, and sculptor Paul Deans examine the turtle fossils.*

Christchurch sculptor Paul Deans discovered the fossil embedded in the limestone core of a pillar from the Oxford Terrace Baptist Church, which was built between 1881 and 1882.

When the church was demolished in 2011 after the Canterbury earthquakes, its iconic pillars were hollowed out so they could be reinforced and reinstated as part of the new building. In 2020, Deans was gifted several sections of the pillars' extracted cores to use in his work. However, he soon noticed the fossil embedded in one of them and brought it to the Museum for identification.

Senior Curator Natural History Dr Paul Scofield identified the fossil as a currently unnamed ancient species of turtle – and noticed a connection to another specimen in the Museum collection.

In 1880, a similar turtle fossil was donated to the Museum by James Tait, a prominent Christchurch builder who worked on many of the city's stone buildings. Like the fossil discovered by Deans, it was embedded in Oamaru limestone that had been quarried for building masonry. After comparing the

fossils, Dr Scofield concluded that it's likely they were extracted from the same quarry, and may even be different parts of the same animal. Both fossils include pieces of plastron (the bottom half of a turtle's shell) and various other bones.

"Turtle fossils are really rare in New Zealand. No similar turtle fossils have been found in Oamaru in more than 150 years of quarrying there," Scofield says.

"The limestone these fossils are embedded in is very similar, which combined with the fact that they were both extracted around 1880 makes me think they're probably the same animal. We will need to do more research before we're able to say with any certainty.



*The Oxford Terrace Baptist Church, photographed in 1985 by Joan Woodward.*

"It's amazing that this new fossil was sitting inside a pillar for 130 years. It could have been lost forever, so we're very grateful to Paul Deans for spotting it, bringing it in and donating it to the Museum."

Oamaru limestone – and the fossils it contains – dates from the Oligocene period, when much of New Zealand was submerged beneath shallow, warm seas.

Note: The turtle fossils are not currently on display at the Museum.

## Glimpses of Heathcote from our locals



# HEATHCOTE & HILLS PHYSIO

## Get Back to your Best with Heathcote and Hills Physio

Hi! I'm Elaine Hughes and I'm a Heathcote local practicing Physiotherapy part time from home. I'm ACC registered and have been practicing for 18 years. My specialty is exercise rehabilitation. I treat using a combination of manual therapy, massage and exercise prescription. I enjoy getting you back to what you want to do whether it be going for a mountain bike ride, run in the hills, or playing with the grandkids!



Here at Heathcote and Hills Physio we use the FMS Y Balance Test. The assessment is a great way to compare your left and right upper and lower limb flexibility and strength. You get numbers to compare the two sides of your body and you can measure progress over time when performing a strength or rehabilitation plan. "If you can't measure, you can't manage!".

If you have niggles that need some attention or are interested in the Y Balance Test, give me a call on 0211246137 or email

[elaine@heathcoteandhillsphysio.com](mailto:elaine@heathcoteandhillsphysio.com)

# Summer With Your Neighbours

We might be in lockdown now but if we do it right then we can look forward to lots of Summer fun!



Applications for funding for 'Summer With Your Neighbours' are now open. This great initiative from the Christchurch City Council encourages people to connect with others in their neighbourhood. You can apply for funds for all sorts of ideas from a bbq, a bouncy castle or a pot luck dinner, a street party or a block get-together.

You can hold your event at any time between **29 October 2021 to 31 March 2022**.

Applications for funding for Summer With Your Neighbours 2021 opened Friday 13 August and close Friday 10 September 2021 at 5pm. Late Applications are not accepted.

Please read the Summer With Your Neighbours guidelines before applying:  
<https://ccc.govt.nz/.../Summer-with-your-neighbours...>

To apply, please visit: <https://ccc.govt.nz/.../commu.../summer-with-your-neighbours>

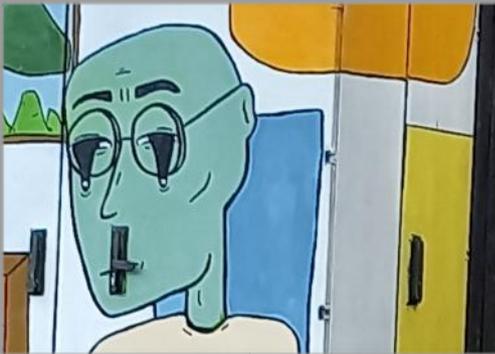


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## The Blue Room

Valley residents might have noticed some activity at Aromaunga Baxters Flowers in Bridle Path Road a few weeks ago. It was the installation of The Blue Room prefab from the Mount Pleasant Community Centre to its new home here. The new site was where the beautiful old, triple brick two storied shed (that was lost in the 2012 earthquake) used to stand. It had been our shop, propagation area, tool room, everything.

We'd been told the building was available. It had been the earthquake hub and home to many emotional events while the new community centre was being built. On viewing it we could see with it, history, high sides and good scale and positioning of the doors, it might fit in and give us some proper work space – it had a good feel immediately.



Tim from Laings (building movers) said it would be an easy job shifting it in, we were doubters. His enthusiasm kept us going. A low limb on a hundred year old elm tree that the building wouldn't slide under was a final hurdle overcome by Graeme, Pat, Jonno and two enormous Titan cranes passing it one to the other over the top in quite a dramatic manoeuvre.

I like it being 'The Blue Room', a bit weathered like the Baxter Boys, you can see through it and past it and the roof angles match. Not as grand as the new building we had designed by Philip Kennedy but not out of place, in fact very appropriate.

# Local Receives New Zealand Order of Merit

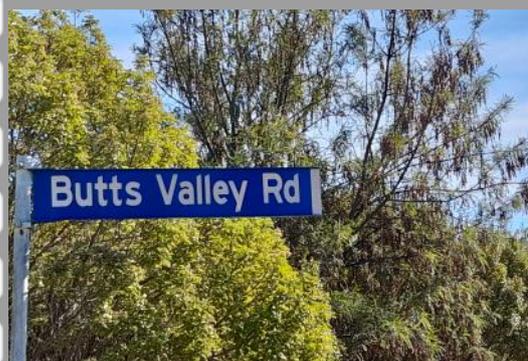
For services to the Deaf community and education

Ms Josje Lelijveld has been a strong advocate for New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) nationally and regionally. Ms Lelijveld has supported the New Zealand Sign Language Teachers Association (NZSLTA) with leadership, resource development, professional development, and mentoring. She was instrumental in the development of Level 2 of the NZSLTA teaching resource 'Teach Sign'. She has been NZSL senior tutor for the University of Canterbury postgraduate diploma Specialist Teaching programme.



Ms Lelijveld trained as one of the original evaluators and interviewers for the NZSL Proficiency Interview. She joined the NZSL Experts Advisory Group in 2013 and served on the NZSL Board from 2015 to 2018. She was Vice President of the Deaf Society of Canterbury from 2005 to 2015 and helped secure a new clubroom building for the Society after the Canterbury earthquakes. She relocated from Christchurch to support the Deaf community in Dunedin, where she established community classes and worked to strengthen the relationship between the Otago Association of Deaf Children and the Otago Deaf Society. She has served on several advisory groups and boards including the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Early Intervention programme and Christchurch City Council Disability Advisory Group. Mrs Lelijveld has also worked with van Asch Deaf Education Centre, Workbridge, Deaf Aotearoa, and New

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# FERRYMEAD Heritage park

Sitting on an historically significant site, Ferrymead Heritage Park represents the birthplace of Canterbury's heritage and is an integral part of the history of Christchurch and Canterbury. It is in Ferrymead where we welcomed European settlement dating from the arrival of the early colonists in the 1850's. It is the site of the first ferry services from Ferrymead to Christchurch in 1851 and the location of the opening of the Heathcote Bridge in 1864.

Significantly Ferrymead Park is the site of New Zealand's first public railway line opened in 1863 connecting Ferrymead to the City, which sits within Ferrymead Heritage Park today alongside the tram lines completed in 1882 running passengers from Ferrymead to the city.

Today we have Ferrymead Heritage Park, Canterbury's premier collection of heritage stories, artefacts, buildings and equipment covering a wide range of historical interest areas and activities.

Made up of 18 societies the collections include aeronautics, trains and trams, photographic equipment, post and telegraph communication systems, fire engines, model railway, printing technology, vintage radio, Edward activities and displays and rural machinery.

The Park has been in existence since the late 1960's and has become a well-known and well-visited feature of the regional landscape offering a unique opportunity for visitors to step back in time and immerse themselves in the 1920's Edward village and take part in varied activities. Ferrymead Park is also a unique backdrop and destination for family events such as school holidays, Extravaganza, Halloween, Easter, Toddler Thursday and a monthly night market. The destination that the public experiences as Ferrymead Heritage Park is made up of three distinct entities:

- Ferrymead Trust (the Trust) is the charitable trust with overall responsibility for the planning, capital development and oversight of the Park.
- The 18 independent societies are responsible for the conservation, enhancement, curation and presentation of their own artefacts and stories.
- Ferrymead Park Limited is a not-for-profit company, wholly owned by the Trust, with responsibility to 'market, maintain, operate, supervise and manage the property and the Park'.

Today the Park boasts several national and internationally significant collections including:

- The largest collection of working fire engines in the southern hemisphere.
- A walk-through Edwardian Village made up of original and replica cottages, businesses and a railway station.
- New Zealand's finest collection of steam, diesel and electric locomotives, rolling stock, signalling equipment and buildings.
- An impressive aeronautical collection including a wooden fighter plane, an ex-operation deep freeze aircraft and several helicopters.
- A post and telegraph collection that includes a working exchange and a large collection of historical communication exhibits.
- Rural History houses a collection of rural farm equipment, mills, machinery and tractors, some over 100 years old with metal wheels before the invention of rubber tyres.
- The site of New Zealand's first railway line.
- A fleet of restored heritage steam, horse-drawn and electric trams recovered from throughout the South Island, and a small fleet of heritage omnibuses and a working trolley bus line.
- A collection of rare and antique printing equipment still being used to pass on printing and bookbinding skills.
- A collection of antique and vintage camera and photographic equipment.
- Ferrymead Radio is the only station in Christchurch to play vinyl LPs and 45s, along with 78 rpm recordings and CDs from the 1940's to the 1990's.

### **Illuminate 21st 26th September**

Join us for Christchurch's Newest Light & Sound Show. Experience more than just lights at Illuminate Light & Sound Show.

5:45pm-9:00pm each running night. Come & enjoy a sensory display of interactive lights and sounds. A great night out for all of the family! Alongside the light & sound displays there will be;

- Food & Coffee provided by well-known, Christchurch-local vendors.
- Inflatables & Amusements including our famous inflatables!
- & so much more!!

Watch Ferrymead Heritage Park come to life at night with beautiful lights that will astound & amaze. We can't wait to see you there!!

\*Please be aware that this event WILL have flashing lights and strobe lighting. Please bare this in mind if you or your family have epilepsy or any other light sensitive medical conditions.

### **School Holiday Programme 2nd October - 17th October**

Drop in activities which include hands on technology, exploration and communication) Free with paying entry.

### **Heritage Week 9th - 25th October**

Get set to view some of Christchurch's treasures captured on film when you join us at Ferrymead for Heritage Week. Never before seen photos of Christchurch and it's people brought to you by the Museum of photography at Ferrymead. Normal admission rates)

### **Extravaganza 24th October**

Bouncy castles, petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, trams, trains and so much more. A great family day out.)



### **Halloween 31st October**

With much excitement, Ferrymead Heritage Park once again brings you our fun filled annual Halloween Family Trick or Treat event from 3.30pm - 8.30pm, Sat 31st October.

A popular evening of entertainment for the whole family to celebrate all things Halloween within a safe environment, appropriate for all ages. Experience all the weird and wonderful Halloween activities, explore the Park and bring your treat bag to collect your Halloween treats from the Lollie Stations situated throughout the whole Park. One stop admission ticket price includes lollie station treats, unlimited train and tram rides, face painting, bouncy castles and children's entertainment. (Excludes petting zoo/ pony rides).

Food vendors will be on site for alternative food options



## Just Do It!

### *Share ideas and make them happen*

It's been inspiring meeting with familiar locals and new faces around the peninsular sharing familiar and new ideas for our community. Some of the ideas and concepts are listed below.

- To have a community barn dance
- Weekly board games or cards
- Create a Heathcote Community recipe book
- Te Rao Maori cultural and language classes
- Community Choir and music groups
- Annual community festival day in the domain, church or Birdsey Reserve
- Community painting and arts group
- Photography group.
- Civil Defence coordinator to plan for emergency response in the community
- Welcome pack for new Heathcote residents
- Sewing group
- Parents and or elders support group
- Community buddy support group
- Climate change support group for all ages
- Local community market.
- Local Co-Op outlet.

The concept is to join with one, two or more likeminded people and together mull over and brainstorm your ideas to create a bit of a plan. It's that simple. And it's fun.

**If you need some support on how to move forward and make these ideas happen, contact Jocelyn:**

[heathcotevalleyproject@gmail.com](mailto:heathcotevalleyproject@gmail.com)

Together we can pull resources together with the aim to make your ideas for our community a reality.

## Te Tihi o Kahukura—Castle Rock

*Painting by Paul Deans*



## Stay Connected With Regular Weekly Local Events

The Heathcote Village Community Google Group is an email mailing list that distributes messages about events and activities of interest in the wider Heathcote Valley area.

At this time the group has over 500 members receiving inspiring and motivating communications.

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HEATHCOTE VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

## Heathcote Valley Community Association Meetings

The Heathcote Valley Community Association meets on the last Wednesday of the month at the Heathcote Community Centre at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear about what is happening in our community. Our next meetings will be 29th September, 27th October and 24th November 2021.

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GONDOLA  
TRAINS  
FLOWERS  
CAFES  
DAIRY

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2671269/>

## SUPPORT \*LOCAL\* BUSINESS

Kia Ora wonderful Heathcote folk. COVID-19 has had an impact on us all, no less on the small

businesses and craftspeople in our community.

A Facebook page has been set up where we can promote and learn about our local businesses (locally owned or local by location).

SupportLocal—  
Heathcote Valley is a place where you can showcase your business or craft to your community. Let's support local and help each other, especially in this challenging time!



## In Case of Emergency ... Local Defibrillators



Although we hope you never need one—it's good to know there are some about.

- Lyttelton Road Tunnel Control Room  
10 Bridle Path Rd. Access 24/7
- At the top of the Gondola
- The Valley Inn—open every day 10am to 11pm
- See <https://aedlocations.co.nz> for more locations around Christchurch.

## Support Your Community Association

Currently the Heathcote Valley Community Association (HVCA) depends on grants and residents' donations to fund its activities, including the creation and distribution of our printed newsletters, support of community events and the maintenance of community facilities such as the community centre and noticeboards. We would love it if you could show your support and ensure our work continues by making a donation to the association. Any financial support is welcome however our suggested donation is \$15 per household per year.

You can donate by cash or direct credit. We will not send a receipt unless you specifically request one.

### Cash:

Post or drop off your donation to Lindsay Gordon, Treasurer, Heathcote Valley Community Association, Villa 50, Maltworks Villas, 60 Port Hills Road, Heathcote Valley, Christchurch 8022. Please remember to include your details (name and address) in the envelope.

### Internet Banking:

The Heathcote Valley Community Association's bank account number is: 03-1369-0182187-00

Please use the following codes:

Particulars: Donation

Code: Your family name

Reference: Your address

Queries: [Heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com](mailto:Heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com)

## Soft Plastic Recycling

Do you know you can recycle soft plastics again?

Soft plastic refers to grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, wrappers off products such as biscuits, chips or anything you buy that has a plastic sheath.

Soft plastics CAN be recycled. Clean and gather your bags and wrappers and take them to your nearest participating store.

The closest stores to Heathcote are:

The Warehouse Eastgate

New World Woolston

New World St Martins

The Warehouse South City

The Warehouse Barrington