



# Community Magazine

Summer 2023



*Coffee cart baristas at Heathcote Valley School wish their customers a 'Merry Little Coffee'.*

## A Summer Message from our Community Coordinator

### 2023 and it's Christmas again!

How on earth did Christmas come around so fast? I have a couple of theories. But then I'm a thinker, so of course I'd have some theories on this. Either way Christmas has its own time zone and has arrived in all its wonderful summer glory.



Jocelyn de Kort

The grand kids are happy and hanging out every morning to discover Elfy's surprises from an evening of mischief and antics, preparing for Santa's Christmas arrival with his nine reindeer delivering gifts to all. Apparently Elfy is the modern day playful helper to Santa and the reindeer, which I actually saw for real, roaming the street of villages bordering forest in the north of Sweden recently. Such is life when you get to be a Granny.

Mind you I did see a little note somewhere recently that Rudolf the red nosed reindeer mentioned to Santa, that the reindeer team wanted to work from home this year. Seriously ..... What is the world coming to!

Thirty odd years ago when my children were little, we used to get together for a community family gathering from around 4.30pm to 6.30pm at the Heathcote Valley Inn, on the last Friday of each month. I clearly remember one particular Friday evening in December. It was a lovely balmy evening, music playing, parents partaking in a chilled wine or beer and the children playing games on Flavel Street, running in and out of the Valley Inn to get a small bag of chips or checking out the wishing well. Suddenly and unexpectedly the ground under our feet shook. Earthquakes were really uncommon in those days

around here. The children came frantically running back to their parents, wide eyed and questioning what had happened. Thankfully a creative quick thinking local dad suggested that Santa and his reindeer had landed in the Valley in preparation for delivering his parcels on Christmas Eve.

It was pure magic. The children were so excited and in awe, and the parents had a little longer to enjoy the special evening together a few days before Christmas.

This year in the valley we had another wonderful Christmas Market held in the school grounds. Thank you to all the participants and creative organisers.

There have been Christmas trees for sale at our local St Marys Church. If you check out the Heathcote St Marys Anglican church you will see the Christmas service calendar of events, including a special family service for children to listen to the Christmas story.

Remember to touch base with neighbours and friends especially if they are on their own.

Be kind

Hari Kirihimete ... Happy Christmas

Jocelyn



# HEATHCOTE

COMMUNITY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Ngā mihi nui koutou  
Heathcote whānau.  
(Greetings to the big wide  
family of Heathcote  
Community)



Sooze Harris  
Co-chair HVCA

What do you love about this  
time of the year?

I love seeing the natural  
environment of our Valleys come alive with new  
growth. I love seeing the outrageous flowers of  
the Ti Kouka (Cabbage trees), new fruiting buds  
on apple trees, lawns that start begging to be  
mown regularly, and the elderflowers  
everywhere tempting us into making syrup. I also  
love seeing more kids walking, biking, and  
scooting round the Valleys, and seeing more  
adults get outside to walk, run, bike around the  
streets and tracks of our amazing  
landscape. There is so much to be grateful for in  
living here.

I also love seeing the new growth within our  
HVCA committee as we have had a changing of  
the guard. Last newsletter we said goodbye to 2  
of our committee members. This time we  
welcome our 2 new (or should I say returning)  
committee members. We're absolutely stoked to  
have Jackie Foulkes and Barrie Woods join us for  
the 2023/24 term.

Most of you will know Jackie Foulkes who worked  
in our Valleys as the Community Connector for

more than 7 years. She left her position as  
Community Connector 32 months ago and has  
now returned to give her input as a committee  
member. We're absolutely stoked to have her,  
as she brings a huge knowledge of the Valley,  
and in particular knowledge of how to support  
communities to connect, engage, and be active  
players in their local community. Awesome to  
have you Jackie!!

We're also pretty stoked that Jackie used her  
first time in the Committee to support our  
community by donating an AED through her role  
in Hone Hato / St Johns. We have been looking  
into funding for this over the last 6 months but  
have now been given this one. So grateful. We  
plan to have this AED at the entrance of the  
community centre with 24hr/7 days a week  
access so you are all able to access this if you  
were ever to need it. Watch our community  
gmail and facebook posts for details re access  
soon.

Barrie Woods may be lesser known by many of  
you, however he was an instrumental player in  
the years after the Earthquakes where the  
Heathcote Village Project (HVP) was very  
active. Barrie was involved in the development  
of the Kaupapa (practice) of Heathcote Valley  
Project. Two particular important roles he  
played was setting up and managing our Google  
group (which has more than 500 members), as  
well as working in the team that took the



community vision work from our Epicentre event and turned it into our beautiful vision document. So fabulous to have you back working with us Barrie. You bring huge knowledge and wisdom.

Our new committee has met to look ahead to the coming year and establish priorities. Our overall vision continues to be the same as previous.

**Our vision is to promote the individual and collective wellbeing of the people of Heathcote Valley, and to build resilience in the face of challenges.**

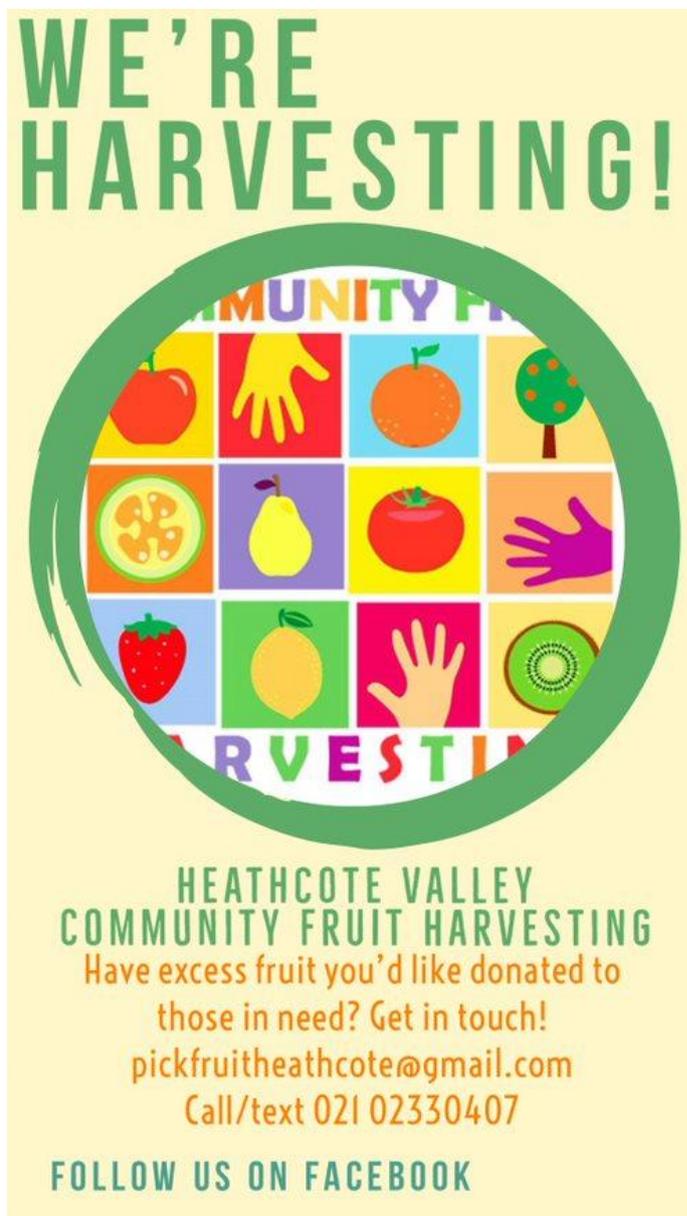
**The HVCA does this by facilitating opportunities for all those living in Heathcote to be an engaged, connected, and empowered community with a strong sense of belonging.**

Focuses for the coming year include:

- Continuing our bicultural journey as a committee but also in the wider community
- Exploring how to support a more genuine Youth Voice in all our mahi (work)
- Working on how we tell our story with one of the primary outcomes being that we can communicate more clearly with our funders in order to support increasing the roles we already have in the Valley including a Youth Worker and increasing our community connector hours to support more community initiatives.
- Establishing a calendar of regular community collaboration events where we can gather around issues that affect all of us, learn, and brainstorm together ways we can take action.
- Progressing opportunities to take action in response to climate changes through such things as eco-pledging.

Ngā mihi,

Sooze Harris and Hannah Watkinson  
(Co-Chairs on behalf of HVCA committee)



**WE'RE HARVESTING!**

**COMMUNITY FRUIT HARVESTING**

**HEATHCOTE VALLEY COMMUNITY FRUIT HARVESTING**  
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**pick up 5**

Pick up 5 pieces of litter from spaces that matter to you

He rau ringa e oti ai - many hands make light work

This campaign is brought to you by the Mother of All Clean-Ups Committee and the Community Waterways Partnership



# Te Tihi o Kahukura

## Heathcote Valley School

Hello Heathcote,

I hope you've had a safe winter and are enjoying the recent hot weather. Here is some of the recent stuff we've been doing at HVS.

In week 8 the student leaders are going to be hosting a food bank.

We're doing a food bank because we would like to help those less fortunate like homeless people, people who are less wealthy and elderly people living by themselves. We are looking for toiletries like toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, soap and shampoo and non-perishable foods like canned food, baked beans and soup. There will be a box in each classroom to collect the food. Please check the expiration date before donating and please donate kindly to help our wider community!

In week 5 the choir went to participate in the Christchurch schools music festival. The Christchurch schools music festival takes place over a week and is held at the town hall. Most of the school choirs in Christchurch participate in it so different school choirs are on each night. To spice things up there is also the representative concert band and orchestra to play backing to each song as well as individual pieces and there is the senior and junior representative choirs to add harmonies to the songs. The representative groups all require a tough addition to get into and we had four students in these groups this year. Zia K and Lauren M (me) got into the senior choir and Maia M (viola) and Franklin C (percussion) got into the orchestra.

Your child or grandchild might be in the kapa haka group at school and you may have had the chance to come along to the Aupaki cultural festival and watch



Lauren McCauley

them perform as a part of kapa haka as well as other schools in the Aupaki cluster. It was a great night and the kapa haka group performed so well on the stage at Te Aratai and we are all so excited for next years kapa haka group

In week 1 we had the year 4-8 athletics and we all did very well and (hopefully) had a good time. Year 5-8 students that came in 1st or second for an event got to go to Zones athletics to compete against other Aupaki schools and those in 1st or second at Zones moved on to Canterbury. Congratulations to Macy, Luke, Finn, Andy and Sienna who qualified for Canterbury for athletics.

We also had the junior athletics in week 5. It was really awesome to see the commitment and smiles from our young athletes and quite a few are looking like they will do well in the future. The day was great fun and I hope the parents enjoyed watching the young tamariki participate.

We are super excited to have the pool opening again! With all the hot weather in Christchurch the pool would be a great place to spend time and get your kids outside. Jump in and cool off on a hot afternoon or just relax on the benches. The pool is always fun!

Sadly we have the year 8s leaving us at HVS to move on to high school, so some chosen year 7 students have created the year 8 book and movie for them to carry good memories forward from the school. We also have the year 4-8 learning celebration where their time at HVS will be celebrated. Farewell and good luck year 8s.

I have really enjoyed being the community liaison this year but I am also happy to be passing the role on to another excellent student at HVS and if you see me out in the community don't be shy to stop and say hi to me. Have a great summer!

# New Community Defibrillator/AED

We are very excited to announce that we now have a defibrillator/AED installed in the Heathcote Valley Community Centre. This has been set up so that anyone can access it any time, any day (24/7).



*The new defibrillator/AED*

The AED is on a bracket just inside the main entrance to the centre, next to our fire extinguisher and a new first aid kit. If you need to use it, just ring 111. They will give you the code to the lockbox outside the door. The key inside the lockbox opens the main front door. We have tried to make it as quickly accessible and as 'fuss-free' as possible.

A massive thank you to the Hato Hone St John Christchurch Area Committee and Jackie Foulkes for providing us with this invaluable community asset. Thank you also to Dave Saunders and John Marks for installing the lockbox and AED bracket.



*John and Dave ready for action.*



*Members of the HVCA committee receive the new AED*

We will be running some training sessions in the use of an AED in conjunction with Hato Hone St John. However the AED is very easy to use and it will give you verbal instructions that you can follow in an emergency. So you don't need to be a trained operator!

## Thanks for Your Support

As the Christchurch City Council are no longer funding the printing of our quarterly newsletter, your annual \$15 donations are now even more important as they will assist us with future printing costs.

You will find details on how to donate on the back cover.

# Sara's Message

Kia ora Koutou,

After decades of advocacy from the local community we finally have a safe, separated shared path through to The Tannery and the central city! Opened in time for summer, Puari ki Kahukura, the Heathcote Expressway, is going to be a well-used and fantastic way for residents to get around and connects to the rest of the network of Major Cycle Routes – safe and sustainable all the way to the Central City, University of Canterbury, Rangiora or even Little River and loads of places in between.



*Sara Templeton*



*Pupils from Te Tihi o Kahukura Heathcote Valley School try out the cycleway*

One of the things I've loved the most about these openings is the number of people who have come up to me to tell me how much these new paths mean to them – for those in wheelchairs, mobility scooters or justifiably too nervous to be on the road with the large number of cars and large trucks on our roads.



*The ribbon is cut!*

The opening itself was well attended and was only a day after the opening of the Christchurch Coastal Pathway – so get out and enjoy them both! And as you do, please remember your shared path etiquette - to keep left, keep dogs on leads and close to you, cyclists slow down around and give way to pedestrians, use your bell to let pedestrians know you're coming. And remember that the younger members of our community are still learning and can be unpredictable – so be alert and give them space.



Around 13% of adults in Ōtautahi don't have a driver's license and 7% of homes don't have access to a car – so providing safe and accessible transportation choices is really important for them.

Have a great summer.

Ngā Mihi,

*Sara*

Sara Templeton  
Councillor for Heathcote

# Vanessa Weenink

*New MP for Banks Peninsula*

I'm so honoured to have been elected as the new Member of Parliament for the Banks Peninsula electorate.



*Vanessa Weenink MP*

Banks Peninsula is a varied electorate- covering the Port hills, Sumner through to Woolston, St Martins, Somerfield, Halswell and of course whole Peninsula itself. We have people from all walks of life and thriving industries and businesses. We also have the best of the environmental features of our city.

My aim as an MP is to be open, accessible and connected in the community. I will come to all the events I get invited to - where there is no clash and I'm going to try to get to most schools a couple of times a year as well. You'll see me at markets, and I will have regular 'drop-in sessions' that I will advertise through social media and the Star.

I'm going through the process of setting up an office and hiring staff. In the meantime, please contact me through email: [Vanessa.Weenink@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Vanessa.Weenink@parliament.govt.nz) if you have an urgent matter I can help with. My facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/VanessaWeeninkBanksPeninsula/> is another place to find out upcoming events.

I'm looking forward to a great summer, and hope to meet lots of you out and about.

Vanessa Weenink

## Festive Letterboxes



Let's embrace the Christmas season with some fun, colour & community spirit!

The Great Heathcote Valley Letterbox Challenge will be running this December. Decorate your letterbox in any Christmas style – be it bold, pretty, traditional, glittery or crazy, let your imagination run wild. Share your pictures on our Facebook page (Heathcote Valley Community) or e-mail them to Jen ([hvcc.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:hvcc.bookings@gmail.com)).



**Spread the cheer & make it a Merry Heathcote Christmas!**

# What's on at Your Community Centre?



The Heathcote Valley Community Centre is positively humming in the lead-up to Christmas with back-to-back community groups, classes, workshops and private functions.

Craft group, community morning tea, te reo classes & the library book club are all going strong and we are so lucky to have such an amazing spot to get-together with friends. Our sliding doors open to the deck and domain and the view of the hills is unbeatable.

We've had some fabulous workshops running recently including quilt-making with the very talented Kirsten Featherstone, and a new and very highly rated Peri-menopause Workshop lead by Alice Tabak, also known for her Workshops for Girls. And, on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, Anna from Honey and Moss is offering her popular Festive Wreath Workshop.

Throw in our amazing array of wellness classes and there is plenty of activities for you to choose from to help you stay mentally and physically connected and healthy.

I love driving past the centre and seeing all the happy private celebrations taking place too – baby gender reveals, birthday parties with bouncy castles and treasure hunts, Christmas functions and high teas. Don't forget that our community centre is available for private hire if you have

something to celebrate or need a versatile space to meet in 2024. Please feel free to e-mail me (Jen) any time with enquiries – [hvcc.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:hvcc.bookings@gmail.com).

Next year is looking like another bumper year with many of our favourite groups continuing on in the centre. Our website will be updated as tutors and groups confirm their classes and workshops but our regular schedule is as follows -

## **Craft Group**

Mondays 10am-12pm: Enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing with a wonderful group of people each Monday. \$3 per session and morning tea and great company provided. Please contact Wendy ([chamberskw26@gmail.com](mailto:chamberskw26@gmail.com)) with any questions

## **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))

## **Te Reo Classes**

Tuesdays 3.30pm – 5pm. Contact Ali Bare for more information and an up-to-date schedule ([alison.bare@gmail.com](mailto:alison.bare@gmail.com))

## **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))

## **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.

Contact Jen ([hvcc.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:hvcc.bookings@gmail.com))

### **Yoga for Teens**

Wednesdays 5pm – 5.45pm: This nurturing class will support both the mental and physical well-being of teens, building self-awareness, autonomy and confidence.

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

### **Yoga with Lucy**

Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm AND 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))

### **Heathcote Valley Community Association Meetings**

Usually held on the last Thursday of each month from 6.30pm. If you would like to hear about what is happening in our community, then come along to one of our meetings held at the Heathcote Valley Community Centre.

The Committee meets at 6.30pm to address Association business, and from 8pm we discuss wider community ideas, issues and actions.

Everyone is welcome to attend from either 6.30pm or 8pm. We ask that if you have something you'd like to specifically speak about from 8pm, that you email Jen [hvcc.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:hvcc.bookings@gmail.com) or Jos [heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com](mailto:heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com) prior to ensure we can reserve a speaking slot.

### **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 / Dog Training with Sit Happens**

Friday evenings and Saturday mornings by appointment: The Sit Happens team are passionate about dogs so if you are looking for some awesome and effective training strategies then head over to <https://www.sithappens.co.nz/> or contact Vicki ([admin@sithappens.co.nz](mailto:admin@sithappens.co.nz))

### **Peri-Menopause Workshop**

Thursday 22 February 2024, 7pm: A 2.5 hour interactive information evening to help you prepare for or to better manage peri-menopause. Spaces limited to 12 people. \$45p/p includes workshop, take home resources and refreshments.

## **Twinkle Tots**

Twinkle Tots meet each Friday morning, during school term.

Song and dance activity for pre-school children, up to 4 years.

St Mary's Anglican Church Hall, Corner of Martindales Road and Truscotts Road.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

We meet 10.30am to 11.15am and then have a relaxed break for morning tea/coffee or water and something to eat – children can play safely.

Free to all, regardless of faith or creed. Gold coin donation.

**Our breakup is on Friday 8 December and we start again, in the new year, on Friday 9 February 2024.**

For more information contact:  
Suzanne Stewart 027 285 1843





HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY  
SPORTS CLUB INC



With a cloudless sky and no wind, the Valley turned on a perfect day on 12<sup>th</sup> November for the Heathcote Community Sports Club Open Day. We were pleased to welcome visitors from Mt Pleasant and Lyttelton, as well as Heathcote locals. It was a busy day with people enjoying bowls and petanque competitions, as well as playing games. Table tennis was also popular. Thanks are due to our enthusiastic members for making it a special day for newcomers and for putting on the barbecue lunch.



The Club Open Day is an annual event, but visitors are welcome at any time that the grounds are open. We are a friendly, non-competitive sports club (although we all like to win now and again), with the focus being on having fun, keeping active, and making friends, so in addition to sport we also have regular social events. And, our clubrooms are now available for hire.

Because we are not affiliated to any national organisations, our annual membership fees are extremely reasonable at just \$70 for full membership (October to September). Alternatively, non-regulars can Pay'n'Play for just \$5 per session, all equipment supplied.



Our current sports are Lawn Bowls (summer), Indoor Bowls (winter), Petanque and Table Tennis. Each sport has at least two sessions per week. We are also open to suggestions of other sports and activities that we might offer given sufficient support and enthusiasm.

The Heathcote Bowling Club was first established in October 1922 and has been going continuously since then, albeit under different names. We intend to thrive and grow the club for many years into the future.

If you are interested in knowing more, see the notices around the Valley for playing times, email us at [heathcotecommunitysportclub@gmail.com](mailto:heathcotecommunitysportclub@gmail.com) or telephone the Club Secretary on 021 521 707.

## New Magazine Format

With a view to reducing printing costs, we have moved to an A5 format for the printed version of the magazine. This does mean using a smaller font size to fit everything in. The A5 size is easier to deliver, so there are some upsides. We welcome your feedback on the new format. Email:

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

# Heathcote Community Garden Update

*By John Marks*

Since my spring newsletter inclusion, the garden at the Heathcote Valley School has come along in leaps and bounds. All the raised beds are in their final positions, and most are producing crops.

In the community section near the swimming pool, four of the six beds are being looked after by the volunteers and the other two are being used by pupils from the school while the other area is being upgraded. We are still developing the "Classroom Beds" in the other location. This is partially complete and will be fully operational before the next term in the new year. One of the relocated beds has some class projects under way. The concrete tubs have been moved and positioned for better access and filled with good quality soil ready for planting. The strawberry bed has been relocated for better access.



Other significant developments have been the planting of new fruit trees [courtesy of the "Trees for Schools" program] and have been planted by the pupils under the watchful eye of Rachel Oliver who is also teaching the students how to manage these new trees and also the existing fruit trees on the site.

There has been positive interest in the "goings on" at the garden with visits while I am on site. This is where the garden needs your help. Community Gardens such as this one, need several volunteers to help with on going duties such as planting, weeding and [especially in Summer] a watering roster.

Up until now, the garden has been managed by three permanent volunteers and sadly, one is leaving the valley and will not be part of our garden soon. We need your help.

Becoming a garden volunteer has many benefits. Growing and harvesting your own fresh vegetables to save on supermarket prices, being part of a community group and creating new friends, learning and sharing gardening expertise, taking part in the wider garden community through the Canterbury Community Gardens Association that we are members of.

Please consider taking up the challenge and join us. Visit the garden on a regular "working bee day" every Thursday at 3pm or contact the coordinator, John, at [john.marks47@outlook.com](mailto:john.marks47@outlook.com) or phone 027 -229-0847 for other times.

Merry Christmas to all from Jan, Kate and John.

FB. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1220815585088673>





# SPRING IN THE FOOD FOREST



# Your Community Association Needs Your Support

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 and operation of community facilities such as the community centre and noticeboards.

Please consider showing your support and ensuring 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. It would be greatly appreciated if your donations for this year were received by 31<sup>st</sup> December.

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

## Do you have a story to tell?

Articles are invited for the next issue of the Heathcote community magazine, which will be the spring edition.

We are looking for stories about happenings, people, environment, or local history. Poems and photographs are welcome. In fact anything with a local connection and that you think your neighbours will enjoy, but please, no politics or contentious issues—there are other forums for that. Please note the editor decides what gets published and some articles may not be suitable. Please ask if you would like more info.

Deadline for articles is **Sunday 12 November**.

Enquiries and contributions should be sent to: [heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com](mailto:heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com)

**Cash:** Post or drop off your donation to: Jan Marks, Treasurer, Heathcote Valley Community Association, Villa 61, 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

## Heathcote Valley Bumper Stickers



Limited first run now available!

We were very lucky to have Jimirah Baliza ([www.jimirahstudio.com](http://www.jimirahstudio.com)) on our committee until recently and she kindly donated her time and skill and did an incredible job designing some new Heathcote Valley branding. As part of her project she has designed some awesome Heathcote Valley bumper stickers and you could be one of the first to get your hands on one! Just donate to the community association (details above) then pop me an e-mail and I'll organize a sticker for you, cheers, Jen ([hvcc.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:hvcc.bookings@gmail.com))

# Heathcote Cricket Club

In the heart of the cricket season, Heathcote Cricket Club is basking in the glow of great performances from both its junior and senior teams. As we approach the midpoint, here's a snapshot of the club's achievements and highlights:



## Championship Side's Historic Run

All eyes are on the Championship side as they prepare for their first final this week. The anticipation is building, and the entire club stands united in support.

## Stars Shine Bright

Individual brilliance has been the theme of the season. Premier player and coach, Tyler Lortan, showcased his prowess with a remarkable 160 in a two-day match. Joining the ranks of excellence, Marsyle Scott, Ben Meek, Alan Benny, Dan Stanley, and James Hamilton have all delivered captivating performances.

## Resilience Amid Weather Challenges

Unfazed by weather challenges, our players have demonstrated resilience, turning adversities into opportunities for growth and camaraderie.

## Junior Delight at Hagley Oval

This week, our junior teams are set to grace the hallowed turf at Hagley Oval. The excitement is contagious, marking a significant milestone for these budding talents.

## Club Events Draw Enthusiasm

Off the field, club events have garnered enthusiastic participation, creating a vibrant community. As the teams secure solid positions in

their respective competitions, the anticipation for a well-deserved break during the upcoming festive season is palpable.

## Looking Ahead

As we step into the second half of the season, Heathcote Cricket Club is poised for continued success. It's not just about the game; it's about the collective spirit that defines our cricketing family.

For all your adult cricket queries, feel free to reach out to our dynamic Club Captain, Shaun Berryman, at [shaunberryman33@gmail.com](mailto:shaunberryman33@gmail.com) or on 027 296 6985.

For everything related to our junior leagues, our new Junior Club Captain, Rhys Watson-Webb, is your go-to guy at [rcww01@gmail.com](mailto:rcww01@gmail.com) or on 027 654 3028.

Our website [www.heathcotecricket.co.nz](http://www.heathcotecricket.co.nz).

Let's make this season one for the books, and together, let's celebrate the spirit of cricket!

David Stack – Committee member

## Library Opening Hours Over Holiday Season

Monday 18th to Tuesday 19th December  
2pm to 4.00pm

Wednesday 20th December  
11am to 12 Noon

Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd December  
2pm to 4pm

Monday 25th December to  
Saturday 2nd January

**CLOSED**

Monday 4th January 2024  
2pm to 4pm and normal hours recommence

# Christmas Recipe

## Classic Trifle

Prep time: 30 mins    Total time: 6hrs 30 mins  
Serves 12



*Trifle is a traditional festive dessert that is easy to prepare.*

### Ingredients

- 1 x Jelly, 85 gram Packet
- 250 ml Boiling Water
- 250 ml Cold Water
- 2 Jam Rolls (or 500 grams Sponge)
- 1/2 Cup Sherry or Orange Juice
- 1kg Custard, pre made or homemade
- 2 Cans Peaches, drained and diced
- 500 grams Strawberries, hulled and halved

### To Serve

- 1 1/2 Cups Cream
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla Essence
- 1 Tablespoon Icing Sugar
- Raspberries
- Shaved Chocolate

### Instructions

1. First prepare your jelly, you will need a shallow square or rectangular baking dish, approx 25x25cm. In a medium bowl add the jelly crystals and 1 cup of boiling water and whisk until no crystals remain. Then add a further 1 cup (250mls) cold water and whisk well. Carefully pour this into the dish and refrigerate overnight or until set.
2. To assemble the trifle have all the ingredients on hand and prepared (not including the cream). Quantities are for a 3.5 litre bowl. You may need to adjust quantities to fit your bowl.
3. Slice the jam rolls into 1 cm slices.
4. Place pieces of the jam roll around the inner edge of the trifle bowl and place three pieces in the bottom of the bowl.
5. Drizzle half of the sherry or juice over the jam sponge.
6. Add to the centre of the sponge roll just under half of the custard, spreading with a spatula to create a smooth layer.
7. Place on this half the diced peaches, jelly pieces and half the sliced strawberries, it is nice to see a little of the strawberries and custard above the jam rolls in this layer.
8. Top this with a thin layer of custard.
9. Then add the last layer of jam rolls around the inner side of the bowl. Trim to fit into the bowl, and place three or so pieces in the middle of the bowl on top of the custard.
10. Drizzle the remaining sherry or juice over the jam sponge slices, then top this with the remainder of the custard, peaches, jelly and strawberries.
11. Cover with plastic wrap and place in the refrigerator overnight or until you are ready to serve. Allow the to chill for at least 4 hours.
12. When ready to serve, combine the cream, vanilla essence and icing sugar in a bowl. Using a hand held beater or food mixer, bring the cream together until soft peaks form, then beat for just a few seconds longer until you get medium peaks that just stand up when you lift the beaters. Be careful not to overbeat.
13. Add the cream to the top of the trifle, smooth to cover and decorate with raspberries and shaved chocolate.

# Surviving Enjoying the School holidays

Source: [parents.education.govt.nz](http://parents.education.govt.nz)

Forget just 'surviving' the holidays - here are some ideas to help you and your family and whānau have fun and 'thrive'!

Your child needs the holidays to recharge their batteries and refresh themselves, ready for the next term. Holidays are also an opportunity to spend time with your child and have fun together. Keep it simple, affordable and fun. The key is enjoying time with your child – it doesn't have to be a chore or cost a lot of money.

## Tips to thrive

- take the pressure off yourself - decide that you're just going to enjoy hanging out together without the hustle and bustle of the school term
- if you're working in the holidays, use the evenings or time when you're not working to have fun time with your child, free of the school time routines
- if you're signing your child up to school holiday programmes let them be involved in choosing them - many programmes have a specific focus, like art and craft, or sports, and your child will have more fun if they're doing something they like
- remember all the free, fun games and activities you enjoyed as a kid (before tablets, PlayStation and X-Box)? You'll be surprised at just how much fun you'll still have – and your kids will enjoy them too!
- at the start of the holidays get your child or children to write a couple of ideas for things to do in the holidays and put them in a jar. Each day pull one out of the jar to do that day
- especially with younger children, don't forget the old favourites – Play-Doh, finger paints, water play and bubbles
- cries of "I'm bored" are okay. Children often come up with their most creative play when they're bored. Let them know it's their choice to be bored, or they can choose not be bored
- bring some balance into the holidays – organise some activities, but also have some quiet time each day, where everyone does something by themselves, including you! It could be reading, drawing or listening to an audio book
- get your child involved in the day to day running of the household. They often like to help plan and make the meals. Helping with housework also teaches your child lots of important skills about being organised, being part of the family, co-operating and contributing.

## Some fun ideas

- organise play dates with friends – they'll love the extra out-of-term time together, and it can be a way to share the childcare when you're working
- let your child build a tent or hut using old sheets, blankets and odds and ends from around the house
- get the whole family out into the fresh air – it could be a bike ride, a trip to the beach, or a visit to a park or reserve in your area that you've never been to before
- plan an "expedition" – take the bus or the train, and get them to map out a walking adventure. You could even take a snack and have a picnic. Young children will love dressing up in character for their adventure
- get messy – use a tarpaulin, water and dishwashing liquid and make a "slip'n'slide" down a hill, or start a vegetable garden
- visit your marae or family you haven't seen for a while. School holidays are a great time to talk to your kids about where they are from and who they are
- take part in some of the free school holiday activities that libraries, local councils, and even shopping centres offer
- think about the projects your child has been doing at school. You may find some activities, events or exhibitions in your area that will help your child to get a better understanding of what they've been learning at school. Or your child may have been on a school trip and want to go back and share it with you
- have your kids find some music and make up a dance, or find a favourite story and make up a play. Maybe they can invite some family or friends over for the performance.

# A Brief History of the Heathcote Maltworks

*By Barrie Woods*

I used to visit the maltworks in the 1970s as part of my work. The place was very much a mixture of the old and new, though I did not realise at the time how entwined with the history of early Christchurch it was.

I still remember the strong odours generated by the malting process, ranging from the 'damp straw' smell of the green grain through to the intense aroma of the kilned malt, a sort of nutty toasted smell, but unique in its own right, in a similar way that freshly baked bread or roasted coffee beans have their own specific aromas. The maltsters, I was told, could judge the maturity of the malt by its aroma, as could the brewers appraise its quality.

My work involved looking after the control systems for the plant. Some of the equipment was state of the art for the time, but an equal amount was well overdue for replacement, which meant I was a frequent visitor trying to keep it running.

My sister worked in the lab for a couple of years around the same time. The breweries required the quality of the malt to be closely monitored as there was a lot of money at stake if it went wrong, so the lab was quite up to date even if the rest of the plant wasn't. Even so, perhaps a significant part of the quality control happened during sampling at the after work sessions at the Valley Inn! She still remembers those days fondly. Apparently, at that time, many of the maltworks staff lived locally and a number had worked for the malting company for many years.

While I'll shortly talk about the early history of malting in Heathcote Valley, I'll firstly spend a little time explaining what malt is to give context to the rest of the article. Malting is the process of

converting raw barley grains to malt, which is then used to make beer. With Kiwis being consumers of large amounts of beer, there has always been a great need for malt.

The process begins by 'steeping', which is when the grain is soaked in water. It then passes through several stages of humidification and aeration, which encourages the grain to germinate. During this stage the starches in the grain are converted to fermentable sugars from which beer is brewed. The germination process normally takes between three and ten days. Then, once the grain has germinated just enough, it is spread out in a kiln and heated to a precise temperature. Like roasting coffee beans, this gives the malt its colour and flavour. It also stops the germination process so the barley doesn't turn into little barley plants before it reaches the brewery. Just like coffee roasting or wine making, the process is something of an art form, so the maltster's role is therefore an important one.

In 1869 a man named Alfred Lee Smith arrived at Lyttelton. He had visited other parts of the country with view to setting up an enterprise, and soon after arriving in Canterbury he recognised the potential offered in Heathcote Valley, so he purchased a substantial block of land. In 1871, seeing an opportunity, he took over the brickworks that had been established to build the new railway tunnel, and renamed it the Wincolmlee Brick Kilns. Wincolmlee is the name of Alfred Smith's home town near the English city of Hull.

Since the days of early European settlement, the Canterbury plains were recognised as good land for growing grain, and barley thrived alongside wheat and oats. Malting requires a supply of clean

water, fuel to heat the kilns, transport to bring the barley from the fields and to ship the malt to the breweries. Heathcote Valley had all the necessary requirements close at hand.

Being an entrepreneur, Mr Smith decided to diversify and seized the opportunity to establish a malt kiln next door to the brick kilns. Both operated under the Wincolmlee name and were located on the same site that the malt works occupied up until recent times.



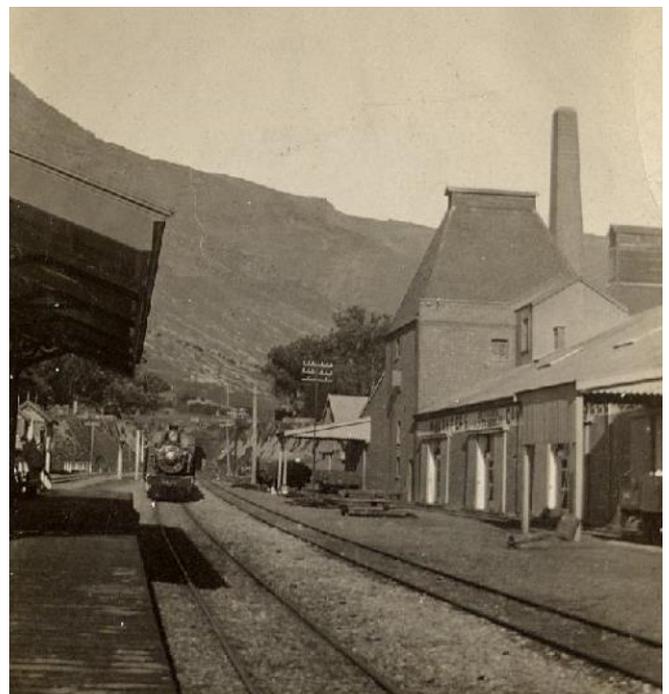
*Early photograph (1890) of the malt and brick works, Gimblett collection, Christchurch City Libraries*

Mr Smith erected a new two-storey brick and slate building to accommodate the malting activities. It was adjacent to the railway line and measured 75ft by 26ft. Initially 200 bushels of malt per month were produced, but within a year production increased to 20,000 bushels per year and the business grew from two workers to fifteen.

Like many entrepreneurs it seems Mr Smith was on the lookout for new ventures and he moved to Dunedin, where he established another brickworks in Kensington. The exact business relationships and timings are unclear, but it appears that around the same time he bought an interest in Royce, Stead & Co, a grain and flour merchants and by 1875 the Wincolmlee works in Heathcote were operating under the Royce, Stead & Co name. In 1881, Alfred Smith and William Royce purchased Donaghy's Rope and Twine Company (which still exists today as Donaghys).

In 1881 Royce, Stead & Co merged into a new entity, the New Zealand Grain Agency and Mercantile Company, which floated on the stock exchanges of Great Britain and New Zealand with a capital of £1,000,000. It was intended to be a major enterprise but by 1884 the company was bankrupt.

In 1886 the Wigram brothers purchased the malthouse and brick yard and restarted production. You will probably recognise this name as one of the brothers was Sir Henry Wigram, who became mayor of Christchurch and a pioneer of aviation. The Wigram aerodrome and later Wigram suburb were named after him. The Wigram brothers expanded the brick making side of the business and, though there was competition from other brickworks nearby, they continued to supply the rapidly growing needs of the city. During part of this time the maltworks was managed by Charles Flavell, after whose family Flavell Street is named.



*The malt house viewed from the railway station in the early 1900s, Gimblett collection, Christchurch City Libraries*

When Wigram Brothers merged with T. N. Horsley in 1906 to form the Christchurch Brick and Tile Company, they sold the malting side of the business to the Canterbury Seed Co. It would continue to trade under this name until 1947 when the Canterbury (NZ) Malting Company was formed, however to most local people the business was always known as the Heathcote Maltworks.

Ownership of the company changed over subsequent years with The Canterbury Seed Company being acquired Hodder and Tolley Ltd (a subsidiary of Yates Corporation) in 1984, and ownership of the malting company moved to the two major breweries, Lion Breweries Ltd and Dominion Breweries Ltd.

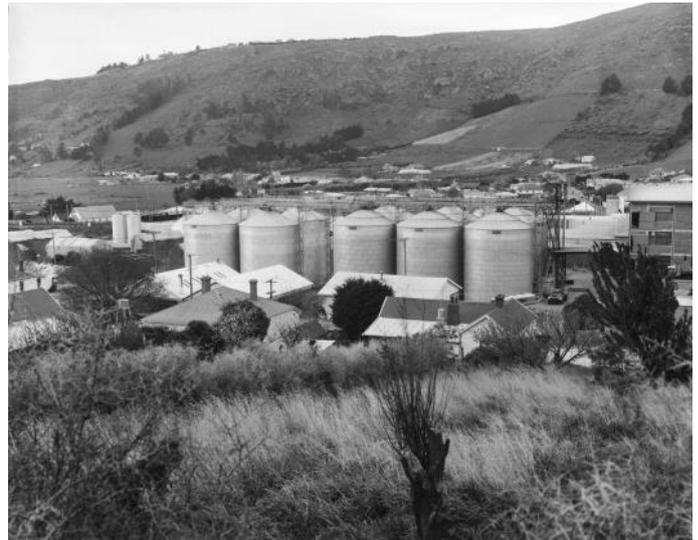
Initially the malting process was exclusively a manual operation until, in 1937, a decision was made to introduce a mechanical plant to meet increasing demand. This proved very successful and in 1941 further mechanised expansion doubled the capacity of the factory. This was not without problems due to the limited supply of electricity at the time. Needing a consistent supply of electricity, the company installed its own generators, providing a capacity of approximately 255 kilowatts of locally generated power to supplement the supply from the national grid. A major fire on 12 September 1957 significantly damaged the generation plant.

Bulk storage was needed for the barley and a former Air Force hangar was taken over at the end of the second world war. Later the iconic silos would be built. This conglomerate of brick, concrete and corrugated iron was a major feature of the local landscape until the site was cleared following the 2011 earthquakes.

In 1965 the Heathcote Maltworks was the largest single malthouse in the Southern Hemisphere with an output of 3500 bushels a day or 1.6 million bushels a year. In those days the maltworks fell within the Heathcote County Council region, which

was a separate entity to Christchurch City, and was they county's biggest consumer of both water and electricity, at around 15% of the total usage for each commodity.

During the late 1960s automation was introduced to various aspects of the plant. It was a peculiar mixture of old and new that never quite worked as intended, but never-the-less acceptable malt seemed to be an end result.



*Metal silos at the malt works, Standish and Preece collection, Canterbury Museum*

Growth of the malting business was not without controversy. An ammonia leak in 1970 caused the evacuation of nearby houses and the hospitalisation of an elderly woman who was "affected by the fumes". This event possibly signalled something of a turning point setting locals against the company and its impingement on their peaceful enjoyment of the neighbourhood.

In 1972 a public meeting attracted about 150 local residents to oppose the construction of the new concrete silos, which would later be described by many as an eyesore. At the time the Heathcote County Council said it was "powerless to do anything about the present siting of the Canterbury New Zealand Malting Company's malthouse in Port Hills Road", and so the project went ahead.

At that same meeting locals complained about the “excessive non-stop noise” and the frequent movement of grain trucks along Port Hills Road, which they feared would only become worse. News reports of the day said “the meeting was frequently interrupted by heckling and comments from many of the residents in attendance”.



*The concrete silos under construction in the 1970s*

Not everybody agreed however, as many people relied on the maltworks for their livelihood, or had strong family connections over generations. Locals were divided on the matter.

Noise continued to be a problem and in 1978, having received multiple and ongoing noise complaints from Heathcote residents, the Heathcote County Council set up a subcommittee to investigate the issue. The Health Department completed a survey and it was concluded that “noise from the factory premises was of sufficient magnitude to constitute a nuisance under the Heath Act 1953 and an ‘objectionable element’ under the Town and Country Planning Act 1977”. The subcommittee concluded that “no measureable diminution of the noise had occurred since the complaint was lodged with the council”.

The company said the council was partly responsible because, by allowing the widening of Port Hills Road, it had cut out the possibility of landscaping at the factory. Councillor Hindmarsh said that “so far he had been disappointed by the company attitude”.

In June 1980 the County Council served formal notice on the company requiring it to reduce noise levels. A year later the problems still persisted and the County Council threatened legal action, but it seems the law at the time gave little scope for prosecution. Then, in 1984, the Press reported in its headline of 10 August “Council Cannot Solve Noise Complaint”. “Residents will have to live with the noise,” according to Cr P C Mc Grail. “The malt factory has been there longer than many of the residents,” he said. The County Council had given up, and locals were not happy.

In 1979 the Canterbury Malting Company, under the ownership of DB and Lion, built a new factory in Marton. Perhaps the company realised the future prospects for the Heathcote side were limited, and decided a new site offered better opportunities, though it does not appear the intention at the time was to replace the Heathcote operations.



*Inside one of the malting rooms. This picture was taken in 2012 after the works were closed and after the earthquakes.*

When the Resource Management Act became law in 1991 the company would have realised any further development at Heathcote would be difficult, especially as much of the plant and many of the buildings were very old. Electricity prices had risen sharply and an application to convert to coal power was denied. Moreover, their noise problem had not gone away!

If you haven’t already, you might like to read John Squibb’s article from the Spring 2023 magazine

titled, 'The Demise of the Heathcote Maltworks', where he explains how this decision led to the closing of the Heathcote maltworks plant in 1999, with production ceasing the following year.



*The abandoned malt works provided an irresistible canvas for local graffiti artists.*

The maltworks will mean different things to Heathcote locals. Some will have fond memories of a place where family worked and others will remember the controversies, or the blot on the landscape, particularly after the plant was abandoned for some years before it was finally demolished.



*The Heathcote Maltworks demolition site, January 2012*

After a history of 130 years of malting in the valley, the maltworks name lives on with the Maltworks Village, though visits from the council's noise control officers are no longer such a regular occurrence!

## Silos Knitting



A new knitting / crochet group has started up in Heathcote Valley aimed at those working during the week who are unable to get to the well-established Monday morning group. The new group is the idea of Valley residents Eliz Rayner, her sister Frances and Anne Mortimer. All three friends wanted to meet somewhere locally on a Saturday where they can easily walk to for a couple of hours of social knitting.

The new group already has several regulars who meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 1-3pm to share their latest creations, share wool and pattern tips and inspire each other. Being part of a group encourages you to step out of your comfort zone and to be inspired to stretch your skills. We welcome all ages and abilities and no regular commitment is required. Find us on Facebook as the Heathcote Valley Knitting Group or in Silos Café.

## Welcome Packs for Newcomers



If you have a new neighbour or know of someone new coming into the valley please contact me for a wonderful locally made tote bag with local goodies for you to add to as desired to give to your new neighbours. It's a great way to make new friends and welcome newcomers into the community.

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

# News from the Church of St Mary

*By The Reverend Mark Sullivan, Vicar*

The times they are a changing!

Kids of the 60's and 70's would have listened to the Seekers singing that old Ballad, the Times they are a Changing! Today, a more modern version is sung by Keb Mo. The lyrics are the same, but the song takes on a more modern flow. Download it on Spotify!



*Mark Sullivan, Vicar*

Probably the most common criticism of the Church is that it doesn't change. This is often pointed out to me while I'm organising special services for families. Then what follows is the call for the traditional Lord's Prayer with its language dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, in lieu of the more modern one written in the common vernacular from the 1980's. In a similar way, people quote to me the Golden Rule, "do unto others as they would have them do unto you" or "Love thy neighbour". I've been around for a few years now and I can't even find a Bible either in my library or in our church that uses such "olde worlde" translations.

People call for the church to modernize, yet out of the city rang out a hue and cry at the thought of the Cathedral being replaced with a more modern structure. But, how applicable is a 19th century church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

In our own parish, we faced mounting criticism at a parishioner decision to sell one of our buildings to meet the demands of a modern, vibrant church in a modern, vibrant community.

But, in the midst of criticism, we still hear the gentle drone of Keb Mo reminding us that the times they are a changing.

On 19 November, we transferred our mission base to the Church of St Mary in the Valley. You may have noticed the recent changes we have made to the church grounds as we seek to create a more focused community worship space. But more than that, our aim is to create not only a local church but a community hub where the church and community might make the most of having a team of people dedicated to making this the very best suburb in the city.

Many people don't realise that the local vicar isn't just a priest running a faith community, but a community worker, focused and engaged in creating space for people. The parishioners who live and work in the parish are committed to making a trained professional available to not only meet their spiritual needs, but the needs of all people in the neighbourhood. Where else in today's world can you seek assistance, advice, care and acceptance without the expectation of an account arriving at your home before you do?

More changes are coming in the next few months. The next focus will be for us to build an office to support our mission functions and to make another space available for a dedicated community worker. If all goes to plan, we will be the first church in the Diocese to embark upon such an ambitious project. And us, the Valley people, will be the beneficiaries.

In a few week's time, we will all meet with our families and friends and begin our Christmas celebrations in earnest. The birth of the Christ-Child does remind us of where our real values lie. Like the Holy Family that gathered around the manger to usher in a new era of understanding and love, so the Church of St Mary will be acting in a similar way. It is our aim, that during the wonder

of Jesus' birth and the hope that his new life was to represent, so might our new and re-focused mission within these suburbs of Heathcote and Mt Pleasant represent a new and exciting era amongst us.

Yes Keb, the times are a changing and as your community Vicar my allotted task is to ensure that your Valley Church might embrace a modern era in a vibrant and exciting way. May the care and love that the birth of Jesus brought amongst us, be translated in and throughout this great Valley community.

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10am for worship, in this your local church and stay for a cuppa after. You are welcome to join us for our Christmas services. On behalf of us all at your Valley Church, we wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New year. May we all embrace the new challenges that the New Year may bring, and may we all feel equipped to live amongst the times that truly are a changing.

**Saturday 2 December, 11:00am**

**Carols in the Country**

Join us at 372 Two Chain Rd, Swannanoa for a picnic lunch in the country. Please bring your own picnic, chairs, family members and friends for this relaxed afternoon. A special guest will be arriving for the children. (Please bring a present with your child's name on it for distribution.)

**Sunday 10 December, 7:00pm Carol Service**

**Sunday 24 December, 10:00am Kids Christmas**

A special family service for children. Listen to the Christmas story

**Sunday 24 December, 10:30pm**

Join us for the Easter Vigil service, the first of our Christmas Eucharist Services

**Monday 25 December, 9:00am**

Christmas Day worship

## Journeying Across Continents

### *Alina's Pilates & Dance Adventure in Christchurch*

How many other 23-year-olds do you know that have packed their dreams in a suitcase, boarded a plane, and soared across continents to make them a reality? Well, that's me—Alina, a



Alina von hahn

spirited enthusiast from Canada who recently planted her dreams in the serene landscapes of Christchurch, New Zealand.

It all began with a passion for movement. Back in 2021, I took my first leap into the world of teaching Pilates, Dance, and Spin classes.

The decision to move was a leap into a new chapter of my adventurous journey. Drawn by the allure of New Zealand's beauty, I found myself in the tranquil embrace of Heathcote, where I proudly introduced my dream venture. Establishing Mat Pilates and Dance classes for adults and seniors became my mission, supporting individuals to discover joy through movement. You can find me teaching at the Christchurch Subud Hall, situated on 105 Bridle Path Road, Heathcote. For more information about my classes or to support my journey, visit [www.movewithalina.com](http://www.movewithalina.com).

Thank you!

Alina von hahn

# Scars

*By Grant Shimmin*

There's a scar on a hilltop with a story  
Jewels shaken free from a majestic rocky crown  
It's a tale that's repeated repeatedly  
though not as regally  
right down these hills  
In the gate forever open  
because Mother Nature chose to leave it so  
In the fences' bulging bottoms  
that somehow failed to burst  
or those that did, rerouted  
around rocky reminders everywhere

There's a scar on a hilltop with a story  
but if you see its better side you wouldn't know  
it hid from view  
like unseen scars that manifest in muscle memory  
When the earth has moved for you, it's sensed  
again in every inkling  
every passing imitation  
every shudder or vibration's a reminder that it  
rocked  
It's a long after shock

There's a scar on a hilltop with a story  
but it has learned to live with it and so must we  
It's like a milestone on a journey that's behind us  
If we keep facing where we're going  
though reminders will keep showing  
up there's always the reminder  
we survived  
that scarred hills  
and scarred people  
still can thrive

*The destructive earthquake of February 22, 2011, which had its epicentre in the Port Hills region of Christchurch, New Zealand, killed 185 people, and left innumerable scars on the city and its residents.*



*First published in The Hooghly Review in India*

# Port Hills Fire a Reminder

The recent fire on the hill above Hillsborough reminds us of the danger of flammable plants such as boneseed.

On 8 February 1973, Christchurch recorded some of its hottest temperatures. The paper the next day was dominated by news of a fire that destroyed five houses on Clifton Hill.



*Ruins of a burned down house on Clifton Hill, February 1973.*

A local resident who lived on Clifton Hill during the fire, reported that the fire spurred locals to remove flammable plants from around their homes, especially boneseed (also known as salt bush).



*Boneseed plants can produce up to 50,000 seeds per plant per year. These seeds can remain dormant for up to 10 years.*

Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*) is an introduced South African plant, that originally came to NZ as an ornamental plant, and has thrived in dry coastal areas. Its vigorous growth will displace desirable plants and shade out



*Helicopters fight a fire above Hillsborough on 20 November.*

regenerating native seedlings. Worse still, it is highly flammable despite its green appearance.

However since the earthquake the Boneseed has largely been overlooked, and needs our immediate attention. Daryl Sayer the Chief Fire Officer of the Sumner Volunteer Fire Brigade, states, "Especially around the hill areas, but in any place where there are adjoining areas of vegetation it is important to maintain access and reduce the risk of fires spreading to property."

Boneseed is common in Heathcote Valley, not just on the hills, but in private gardens as well. It flowers in spring and summer, then produces small fruits which contain the seeds. These are eaten by birds and other animals such as rats and possums, which then disburse the seeds far and wide.

Despite its pretty looks, now is the time to 'seek and destroy' any boneseed plants in your local area, before the new fruits ripen. Please can you remove it from around your homes, and in local parks, by cutting the trunk with loppers and putting weedkiller on the stump, or digging it out.

# Heathcote Valley Library

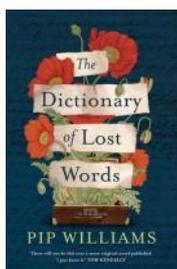
Your local library, located at the Community Centre in Bridle Path Road, staffed entirely by volunteers and an important part of our close and thriving Heathcote Valley community.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Sausage Sizzle and Book Sale!

We also thank the Sumner Ferrymead Foundation for their support in funding the purchase of new books, which include some of your favourite authors:

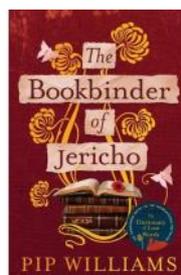
*Broken Light*, Joanne Harris; *Clean Kill*, Stephen Leather; *The Drowning Woman*, Robyn Harding; *The Love Letter*, Lucinda Riley; *The Paris Daughter*, Kristin Harmel; *Meet You At The Main Divide*, Justine & Geoff Ross; *And Then She Fell*, Alicia Elliott; *The Dressmaker and the Hidden Soldier*, Doug Gold; *Code Red*, Vince Flynn; *The Seventh Son*, Sebastian Faulks; *The Secret Hours*, Mick Herron; *The Burnout*, Sophie Kinsella; *The Raging Storm*, Anne Cleeves; *The Seven*, Chris Hammer; *Smith*, Wayne Smith with Phil Gifford; *The Keeper of Hidden Books*, Madeline Martin

## Librarian's Choices . . .



### The Dictionary of Lost Words

Beautifully written companion stories by Pip Williams which can be read alone. "Dictionary" is a novel woven around the compilation of the New Oxford Dictionary starting in the late 1800s and beyond the First World War. Esme steals a word and realizes that some words are thought more important than others, and some go completely unrecorded. Secretly, she begins to collect words for another dictionary.



### The Bookbinder of Jericho

In "Bookbinder" it is 1914 and twins Peggy and Maude work in the bindery at the Oxford University Press. Ambitious, intelligent Peggy has been told for most of her life that her job is to bind the books, not read them. Maude wants nothing more than what she has. She is extraordinary but vulnerable and Peggy is protective of her.

If popular books are out on loan, you can order them. Just call in to the library

## THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

A chance to chat about your favourite current read, meet up with old and new friends, enjoy a hot drink. Meet at the library first Thursday of each month 2.30pm-3.30pm. No meeting in January 2024; we restart in February. All welcome!

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### Library Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Wed

11.00am - 12noon

Sat

10.30am - 12noon

Closed on Sundays and public holidays

**Check the separate notice about holiday opening hours on Page 15**

Outside these hours, books can be returned via the green dropbox at the Community Centre carpark.

## 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 direct credit (details below). We will not send a receipt unless you specifically request one.

### 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

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

### COMMUNITY MORNING TEA

ENJOY TEA OR COFFEE, HOME BAKING AND GREAT COMPANY AT  
THE HEATHCOTE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Each Wednesday 10am - 12pm during school term time

Everyone welcome, come alone or bring a friend

No charge



## In Case of Emergency... Local Defibrillators



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

- Heathcote Valley Community Centre  
45 Bridle Path Rd. Access 24/7
- 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.

## Heathcote Valley Online

Keep an eye on these Facebook pages for updates and local events:

Heathcote Valley Community

Heathcote Village Project

Support Local—Heathcote Valley

## Snap Send Solve

*Snap Send Solve* is the Christchurch City Council's smartphone app to help make reporting issues easy.

It works by identifying the location the photo is taken using the phone's GPS data. It sends an email to the Council from your email address, including the incident type, notes, address of incident, photo, and contact details. The report is then allocated to the relevant Council department.

The more information provided, the better they can help isolate and investigate the issue.

You can download the app to your Apple (Apps Store) or Android (Play Store) phone and have it ready to use at any time.

You can still report issues online, at a service centre or by phoning 03 941 8999. Urgent issues should be reported by phone.