

# The Valley Inn

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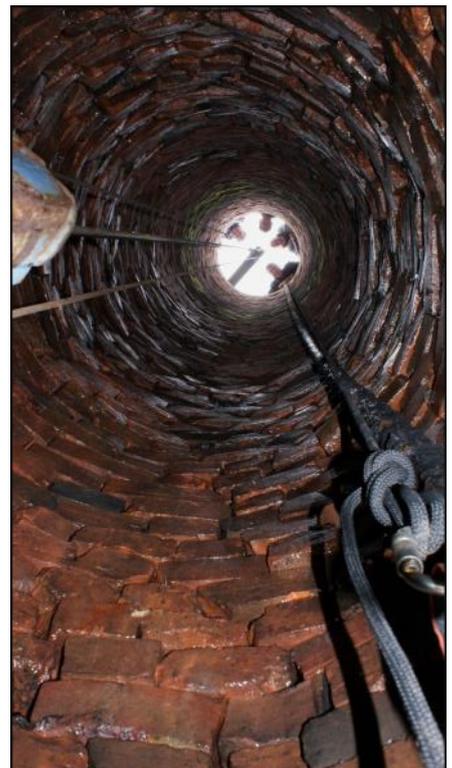
The Valley Inn Tavern has been servicing the locals for over 130 years. Its vast history can be found around the walls of the pub and the water well, turned bar leaner, in the middle of the building is a nod to days gone by. The building has been rebuilt after the September 2010 earthquakes but has been kept in the same triangular style as the original.

The tavern is nestled in the heart of Heathcote. This makes it both a destination for many that travel to enjoy the offerings and atmosphere but also a secret haven for the locals to enjoy. The Valley has a long history and many of our elderly customers who come to enjoy lunch and dinners



often tell stories of the parties and fun they had in the barn of the old pub. Combined with the history displayed on the walls, for many it provides a great location for a walk down memory lane.

The Valley has a fantastic courtyard featuring two stately pepper trees. Over the years it has become the perfect place to enjoy a relaxing drink and eats with the family while the kids play and climb.



*The water well, turned bar leaner, in the middle of the building is a nod to days gone by. View from below.*



*The Valley in was destroyed by the Christchurch earthquakes*

For those who enjoy a punt, the tavern hosts two TAB self service terminals and TVs and a small number of poker machines. There are plenty of TVs situated around the bar for sports watching, often drawing large crowds for the rugby and boxing.



*Feeding the crowd after an ANZAC service.*

The Valley has always been the hub of the local community

supporting fundraising events to weekly raffles run in support of local initiatives including the local school.

With the exception of the last few years (due to COVID) the Valley locals organise and host the local ANZAC service and breakfast. The service is carried out at the cenotaph at the end of the street and the brass band marches all who have attended the service back to the Valley courtyard to enjoy a gold coin donation BBQ breakfast cooked by the locals, at times attracting 500-plus people.

Owners Dean and Genaea are always willing to jump on board with any project or fundraiser for the local community, recently donating 50c of every jug of beer sold to raise funds for the rebuild of the Heathcote School pool.

During recent lock-downs Dean initiated a collection to support the City Mission. This was not lost on the tight knit Heathcote community with an out pouring of donations and a generous \$1000 worth of groceries donated by the Valley itself.

We like to think that we can give back to the community in appreciation of their continued support, and that the memories, friends and locals will be carried on for generations to come.