



# Community Magazine

Winter 2025



*Cedric is hanging out in Station Road. Check him out!*

# A Winter Message from our Community Coordinator

Winter has arrived, which I can't really complain about. Even though the mornings take a little longer to arrive, shrugging off the darkness, the days are generally sunny with clear skies. The blue skies are a delight, giving me the opportunity to still have all my doors and windows open, wearing a few extra layers of woollies, to enjoy the crisp fresh air and wonderful valley bird song. This always brings joy to my heart and helps me adjust to the cooler days, as opposed to staying indoors with a heat pump blowing a load of hot air around.



We are all different and have our own unique style of living through the seasons and as a bonus, there is something or someone we can connect with every day locally in our Heathcote community.

On Monday and Thursday mornings our local Heathcote school runs a coffee cart from the school library, between 8.30am and 9.30am. The coffee cart is manned by selected students giving them an opportunity to learn some life skills by serving customers and making great value, delicious coffees. All are welcome. It's one of my favourite coffee spots. Give it a go after dropping the kids off to school, or en route to work.

If that's too early, there's a weekly craft group at the Heathcote community centre, between 10am and 12pm on Mondays. Check out page 12 for details.

Tuesday 3.30pm, there's a weekly Te Reo class. Also a yoga class in the evening. Both at the community centre. See page 10.

Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm, there's the popular community morning tea at the community centre, serving freshly brewed coffee and home baked warm cheese scones. Yum! Just come along and enjoy.

Thursday the local sports club on Bridle Path Road has a monthly games night, alongside many other sports activities during the week. Bowls, petanque and table tennis. More information on page 13.

Fridays and every day except Sundays the Heathcote community library is open for browsing and borrowing from their great array of new and classic books. Have a look on page 15 for more library news.

On Saturdays we have a couple of local cafes to hang out with friends. Eateries such as the Heathcote Valley Inn plus wood fired pizzas on the corner of Station Road and Flavell Street. The Maltworks Dairy and Indian takeaway are both on Port Hills Road and well worth checking out.

Then of course on Sunday, the historic Heathcote St Mary's Church has its service at 10am.

If there is anything else you would like to know or need support with come along to one of our monthly Heathcote Valley Community Association meetings. Everyone is warmly welcome, though to vote on important matters one needs to become a member. Check out further details on page 3.

Stay warm and take some time to enjoy a little cosy community time together.

Kia hari te panui  
Happy reading.

*Jocelyn*

# HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Last magazine I shared with you some of what we do and think about as the HVCA committee. This magazine I want to invite you to be involved!!

In so many parts of our lives we are consumers – we go to the supermarket and expect there to be eggs in the baking aisle, we turn up at the petrol station and expect petrol will pour into our vehicles, we put our glass under our kitchen tap without much attention to the colour of the water because we ‘know’ it will run clear like it always does. We consume fashion, cinema, recreation, education, healthcare, and so much more. As a consumer we have the right to expect certain quality and provision, and some of us are more than happy to be vocal when we don’t receive this. This is all pretty normal.

However, there are parts of life where we are not consumers – relationships! Relationships with each other, relationships to the environment, relationships to those in our schools, workplaces, and of course communities. Within relationships we need to invest and take an active role in making those relationships better.

I want to invite you to consider how you invest in this community – in making it the amazing place we all so love.

Many of you do invest so much already, and for many of you this is in your immediate

neighbours and those living close by. It is always so heartening to hear of the way clusters of neighbours come together and support each other and have fun together in this community. It’s pretty special!

Many of you have also invested so much of yourselves in creating opportunities for all of us – think of the amazing crew of people who have organised the ANZAC service and follow up breaky at the Valley Inn all these years. Thank you so much! People give their time in planting natives, running music groups for toddlers, holding space for the knitters of the community to come together, building bike jumps, picking up rubbish, and so much more.

In my experience, the best way I’ve found to contribute to communities you are part of, is to think about what you love, what you bring, what you are good at, and look out for opportunities to take action in some small way. When we give our time to things we care about, it feels far less like a chore, and much more life giving. With that in mind, let me tell you about some ways you might like to get involved:

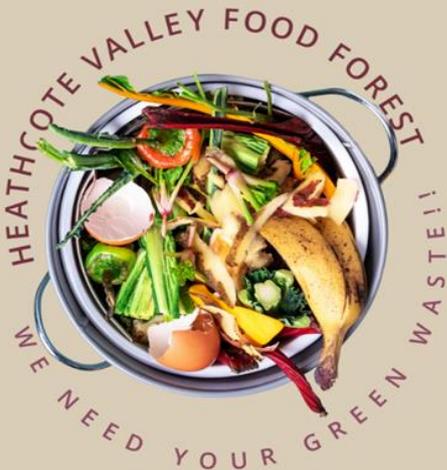
- There are a significant number of amazing planting projects in our valleys. These stretch from Avoca Valley around to ‘East Heathcote’ (aka the hillside on St Andrews Hill). We can put you in contact with the various champions of these projects.
- Good at writing – write a blurb for this magazine once a quarter – be in touch with Jos if that sounds like you.
- Contribute to and consume from the share table



*Chairperson, HVCA  
Sooze Harris*

- Re-paint the book fridges on Martindales Road.
- Join a small group of residents who are working together to create emergency response and resilience plans in our valley
- Get a welcome bag from Jocelyn de Kort, add a few more goodies, and go deliver it to a new neighbour.
- Scheme an idea for some new initiative in the valley – a one-off idea or ongoing, big or small – come talk to us and we can help you work out how to take action, and connect you with people and resources who might be able to help. Don't wait for something to happen – make it happen!
- Come along to one of the topic based community evenings and learn and contribute.
- Come join our committee, we're a fun bunch.

Be in touch with us if you are keen to step into any of these spaces, or understand a bit more about what you might be able to be involved in.



We're looking for small quantities of household green-waste to compost; trialing a "swap-a-bucket" system- we'll give you a bucket to fill, collect it, then give you another empty bucket. Email [heathcotevalleyfoodforest@gmail.com](mailto:heathcotevalleyfoodforest@gmail.com)



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Heathcote Valley Community Association would like to remind you that to take part in the upcoming AGM or if you wish to be nominated for a position on the vibrant committee, you must first consent to be a registered member.

Only registered members are able to actively participate at the AGM including voting as stated in the Constitution.

To ensure that you are able to participate and vote, PLEASE pick up a **Membership Enrolment and Consent** form from the foyer of the Heathcote Valley Community Centre on Bridle Path Road or request one from the secretary [secretary.hvac@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.hvac@gmail.com)

Complete the details and follow the return instructions. Each enrolment is for an individual person. There is no financial requirement to become a member.

Hope to see you all at the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> July.

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# Te Tihi o Kahukura

## Heathcote Valley School

### Student Council - Term 2, 2025

Hello, we are the student council here for 2025, we are so excited for another term at Te Tihi o Kahukura! and we would like to share some of the things that we have been working on and some awesome things coming up.



#### Hooking in the reader:

In the year 7/8 class we have been working on hooks writing. So far we have discussed what a hook is, why it is important to include in your writing, and we have already tried a range of different ways to write one. We would like to share some of the students' writing that stands out.

#### *Colette Marsh*

Darkness feels like it's trying to swallow me but I still make my way across the dusty old path away from the rickety houses. Only hearing the occasional sound of the creaking roofs coming from behind me. Checking I have everything in my backpack I count warm clothes, two water bottles, energy bars, a couple apples, torch and batteries and a lighter. I think I have everything. I walk over to Charm, my pony, who is tethered to a rope with five other ponies. I quickly snatch four lead ropes and stuff two in my backpack. With the other two I attach them on both sides of his halter and tie them together to form reins. My parents would never spend unnecessary money on stuff I didn't really need

like a bridle. I had enough control anyway so I never really cared. Charm was a buckskin Gotland pony who was small but fast and strong which made him good to take with me. Over winter he also was easy to keep weight on. He nuzzles into me as I untether him. "You ready boy?" I whisper and imagine him saying yes. With that I vault on to his bareback, position myself just behind his wither and squeeze my lower leg against his fluffy belly to ask him to walk on. Soon after I let him break into a trot, I really didn't want to get caught. I've been wanting to run away from the village for ages now but I never had the guts to do so before. The village was horrible with hardly enough food for everyone so only the wealthy families or people got it. My family was my Mum, Dad, my older brother Sam and me, Kelly. Sam was my favourite child and I was apparently worthless. The only person I liked was my teacher Mrs Grape. She was young and sprightly and would talk to me like I actually existed. Charm's trot is very bouncy and it takes quite a bit of my concentration to stay on. We couldn't afford a helmet so I have to borrow one. As we reach the hill I urge him into a canter which quickly increases to a gallop. His mane whips at my face and I laugh. At the top of the hill I look down to the dark quiet village below me. I'm finally free.

#### *Macy Rochford*

Cherry coloured blood trickles down the girl's leg, as the smell of smoke lurks in the air. Floral print walls cave in, and a fiery glow dances around the girl. Old cabinets and vintage mirrors get eaten by the heat. Sweat pools on her forehead, as she limps through the collapsing walls. Glass shatters, cutting her pale

hands deep, as she watches the walls cave in on her. Dark liquid streams down her legs, and tears fall from her tired eyes.

Gripping the side wall she shuffles carefully into the old school kitchen. Pots and pans cover the floor, glinting light in her eyes. Her heart beats faster than ever as the flames engulf the walls. Colourful wallpaper peels off bit by bit, revealing pale blue paint underneath. Stumbling, she slides her hand into a small wooden drawer, reaching for some glasses. Gently wading through the metal she reaches for a crippled, rusted door handle.

Inside the room, lace white curtains sway in a gentle breeze not even touched by the heat. The pink sheets of a young girl's bed dangle from a light wooden frame. Dolls line the tinted window, dressed in small lace gowns, and a vase of purple wilted flowers rests on the side table. The girl grips a blue dressed doll and tucks it deep into her chest. She rests on the small pink bed, staining the delicate sheets red. Then slowly pats a soft kiss on the doll's head and places her on the patterned pillows. Grimacing, she limps, reaching for the grubby glass door just as the heat reaches the room. Slipping onto a small stone path, she wades through dandelions and stands on a patch of dying grass. She looks up as her eyes twinkle and glow from the burning building before her.

### **Check out Tauhinu's work for last term's inquiry!**

Last term for our kotahitanga inquiry, Tauhinu looked at the importance of roles within a team. The tamariki were grouped up and asked to delegate specific jobs and roles to each member and then given a challenge.



After a few practice tasks the tamariki then had to put these skills to the test in a science fair project. Each team had to have a project manager, experimenter, researcher, presenter and recorder. One group of tamariki decided to look at the science behind how capillary action works in plants, adding flowers to coloured water. Check out their mahi!

### **Term 2 Aotearoa Histories Inquiry**

This term our inquiry focus has been on NZ histories and the impact European arrival had on Aotearoa and on Māori culture, including trade and land changes. In the early weeks we got a visit from some people from the Canterbury Museum. Each class was able to experience a session with Anthony and learn about Māori pā and some of the changes that occurred when the Europeans arrived in NZ. This included building makeshift pā out of Lego, having a go at trading resources in groups, and looking at some of the tools and weapons early Māori used. This was an incredible experience to learn from experts and we thank them for coming to our school.

In the year7/8 class we have been studying pā alongside the pūrākau Te Raki Whakaputa and are now exploring Tiriti O Waitangi. We learnt about the differences between the Māori and English version of this treaty and noticed what is different between the two, especially with specific words and their meanings. We also learnt and revised the story of Te Raki Whakaputa and some of us started to draw and design pā. This also includes doing readings and comic strips, and making timelines in class. Our Summit Road bike tour also included some pūrākau and information about pā told by our principal.

### **Coming up!**

Week 1 -

- Whole school Canterbury Museum where some people from the museum

came and taught us about this term's inquiry ANZH and the impact of Europeans on trade and pā.

- Mihi whakatau, this is about inviting new whanau and tamariki into our school.

Week 2 -

- Summit Bike Tour for the Korokio senior class. This included a challenging bike ride and some pūrākau sharing or stories from our principal.

Week 3 -

- National Young Leaders Day for the Student Council. This is an opportunity to learn more about leadership with other schools and a range of motivational speakers at the Christchurch Town Hall.
- HVS Cross Country. This will be a challenging and competitive day for the whole school to cheer on and compete in running.
- Pink shirt day + sausage sizzle. This will be a fun day to support anti bullying and have a delicious sausage. You may spot everyone dressed brightly in pink!

Week 6 -

- Zones Cross Country which is an opportunity for students to compete in Canterbury Cross Country!
- Sausage sizzle.

Week 7 -

- HVS Matariki celebration. This is a night of kai games and stories.

Week 8 -

- Young Writers Masterclass. This is for keen writers to spend a whole day coming up with stories with the amazing Gail.

- Techfest. This is a time where the seniors get to spend two days exploring technology and the Māori culture in the town library Tūranga. We share this experience with other schools.

- Canterbury cross country.

Week 9 -

- Zones comp for the basketball team.
- Lastly, another sausage sizzle!

## Do You Have a Story to Tell?

Calling all writers, poets and storytellers.

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 also 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.

If you have a good lead or idea for a story but are not a writer yourself, please let us know so we can follow it up.

Please ask if you would like more info.

Deadline for articles is:

**Tuesday 12 August 2025.**

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

## Sara's Message

Kia ora Koutou,

In 2014 we were hit by wild weather and multiple floods that flowed through homes in Heathcote Valley and across the city. In the years following, we were nervous about rain on our roofs and Council put together a plan to stop it from happening again.



*Sara Templeton  
City Councillor*

I remember attending meetings at St Mary's where Council staff from the Mayor's Flood Taskforce asked for local information and had street meetings with residents who were able to show where the issues were. We were listened to and as a result had plans drawn up to upgrade the stormwater system throughout the Valley. Actually getting the money on budget to do it took some extra advocacy from me and local residents (thanks Jo and Rich!), but we were successful and it's so good to see it working well.

I'm writing this just days after wild weather at the start of May that saw the city's fourth wettest day on record and another State of Emergency declared. Those days were especially rough for Banks Peninsula and more planning is needed to lower the impacts on those communities too.

However, it was with gratitude that I went out to the huge Te Kuru and Henderson's stormwater detention basins and wetlands, installed since the 2014 floods that helped mitigate the flooding in Opawa and other places along the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River that had flooded so badly last time. Residents I talked to this time round were very pleased that they

were in place and could see the difference they made.

The wetlands part of them has been important - working with natural solutions to hold more water back from the river and capture much of the sediment and other contaminants before they enter the river. If you've not been for a look, it's well worth it as they double as recreation areas with lovely walkways when it's dry.

It's important that we continue to plan for the future and reduce the impacts of major weather events on our communities before they happen, instead of having to clean up time and time again. The same principle applies for much of the work we do at council - some upfront mahi can save a lot of grief further down the track and I'm committed to that.

Ngā mihi,  
Sara.

**Christchurch  
City Council** 

Thank you to the Christchurch City Council for a grant to support the printing of this magazine. We were fortunate to receive a discretionary grant to help cover costs following the loss of previous City Council funding. It's a big help!

Printing costs have increased so we are still reliant on revenue from advertising and your donations as well. It all adds together so we are able to continue bringing you the magazine every quarter.



## Wildflower Trial

In 2022 the Christchurch City Council began a trial planting of a plot of wildflowers in North Hagley Park. Following its success, the trial has been extended to other parks and reserves across the city, one of the latest being Warner Reserve in Heathcote Valley.

Wildflowers provide habitat for pollinators and insects, offering food, shelter, and places for them to breed. Flowers will include borage, alyssum, calendula and cornflowers which will help to boost the bee population, providing pollen-rich gathering grounds.

You can expect to see the flowers begin to germinate around October giving a flourish of colour over the spring and summer.

## Heathcote Valley Food Forest

**Birdsey Reserve, Bridle Path Road.**



**WORKING BEES:  
3-5pm, 1st & 3rd  
Mondays and 2nd &  
4th Thursdays of the  
month.**



**To go on our monthly email/weekly text list,  
contact [heathcotevalleyfoodforest@gmail.com](mailto:heathcotevalleyfoodforest@gmail.com)**

# What's on at Your Community Centre?



Winter is lapping at our heels and it can be hard to get out and about when the days are shorter and colder. It is a great time however to make the most of our lovely, warm and busy community centre.

We have plenty of wellness classes on offer to keep your mind and body healthy and, if you're feeling a bit flat, then there are some great community pick-me-ups available too. Why not pop along to the craft group on Monday or the community morning tea on Wednesday. Always lots of friendly and welcoming faces and a hot cuppa (and cheese scones on Wednesday!) waiting for you.

This term and going forward we have an extra yoga class for you. The fabulous Lucy from Yoga Moon is now offering a Saturday morning class – the perfect way to kickstart your Winter weekend!

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

**Staying Safe Driving Course** - these workshops are perfect refreshers for older drivers and have had rave reviews from locals who have already attended one. The last one was Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May but we offer them fairly regularly so if you missed this one just pop an email to Wendy ([wendy.fox@ageconcern.org.nz](mailto:wendy.fox@ageconcern.org.nz)) to let her know you are interested.

**Being Tangata Tiriti** - On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May, The Pākehā Project ran an insightful one-day workshop called Being Tangata Tiriti. You can check out their website for other opportunities going forward ([www.pakehaproject.nz](http://www.pakehaproject.nz)).

**Floristry** - Anna from Honey & Moss will be in on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June with yet another fabulous floristry workshop where you can make your own gorgeous creations. Have a look at her website for some inspiration and details – [www.honeyandmoss.co.nz](http://www.honeyandmoss.co.nz).

**Exploring Biculturalism and Te Tiriti** – Sooze and Ali from our community association committee are planning on running a collaborative community evening on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June to help us all explore how we can honour tangata whenua and te tiriti going forward. This will be a free and open evening for anyone in the community. More details to come.

**Celebration Day for Girls** - Alice Tabak runs these amazing one-day workshops that educate and empower girls about their menstrual cycle, body literacy, health, self-care and well-being. The next workshop at the Heathcote Valley Community Centre will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Groups are kept small so be sure to book your daughter in soon. Contact Alice ([cdg.alicetabak@gmail.com](mailto:cdg.alicetabak@gmail.com))

Keep an eye out on Facebook, our website, your local noticeboards and the e-mails from Jos for information on these and other upcoming events.

And don't forget that the community centre is also a lovely venue for your own celebrations and events. It is frequently booked for birthday parties, baby showers, memorial services and family get-togethers. If you are interested in

using the community centre please e-mail me (Jen – [hvcc.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:hvcc.bookings@gmail.com)).

## Weekly Programme

### Craft Group

Mondays 10am-12pm: Enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing with a wonderful group of people each Monday. Great company guaranteed. Please contact Judy ([judyastack@gmail.com](mailto:judyastack@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 Baré 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 with Lucy

Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm, Fridays 9.15am-10.15am AND now also Saturdays 8.30am: 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

Held on the first 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 Hear The Dog

Friday evenings and Saturday mornings by appointment: If you are looking for some awesome and effective training strategies then contact Adele [adele@hearthedog.co.nz](mailto:adele@hearthedog.co.nz)

You can find the Community Centre  
at  
45 Bridle Path Road

# Adventures with Nature

## Rewilding in Morgans, Heathcote, Horotane and Avoca Valleys

### Winter 2025 Update



### Planting Days this Winter

**Port Hills native revegetation season** gets under way from mid-May and continues through till the beginning of September each year. Some public planting days will have already happened when this winter newsletter arrives but there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved.

The following are community planting days in June and July that you can join in with.

#### **Linda Woods Reserve – Horotane Valley.**

**Saturday June 14th - 12.30 to 4.00pm.**

**Sunday June 29th - 9.00 am - 12.00.**

These two planting days are organised by the Summit Road Society, and are part of a major landscape scale restoration of native bush in Horotane Valley. This is year three on this site.

Access to the site is through Duncan Park. Follow signs from the public car park on Port Hills Road. There is a 15 - 20 minute walk up to the site. This is a steep planting site so wear sturdy shoes.

Spades or grubbers can be supplied though if you have a favourite planting tool please bring it.

**Register here** for full details (or just turn up): <https://forms.gle/v9dji6D1mjHhh6Fz5>

#### **Bridle Path Stream – Heathcote Valley.**

**Sunday 6th July - 9.00am - 12.00.**

**Sunday 13th July - 9.00am to 12.00.**

These two planting days are organised by Heathcote residents with assistance from CCC rangers. It is the fifth year of the project.

Access to the site is a 5 - 10 minute walk up the Bridle Path Track from the bottom car park then through the farm gate on the right. Look out for the signs.

This site is a gentle slope but ground can be uneven, so good shoes are advised.

Spades or grubbers can be supplied though if you have a favourite planting tool please bring it.

For further information contact: Tamsin Page ([tamsin.page@gmail.com](mailto:tamsin.page@gmail.com) or 0276423555).

**Look out for other local planting days promoted on the Heathcote Valley email noticeboard.**

**John Marsh**

# News from the Heathcote Craft Group

As the weather gets cooler, the craft projects get warmer with lots of our group knitting or crocheting socks, jumpers, beanies and blankets. Our group is open to anyone who would like to meet local folk and we are delighted to welcome people who want to learn to knit or crochet – free tuition and support is happily provided. We also regularly enjoy social events, morning teas, lunches, and visits to craft shops and exhibitions, etc.



*Craft Group lunch*

Recently we visited the incredible crochet display at the pop-up museum – Wharenui Harikoa. The fullsize wharenui is made from 5000 balls of brightly coloured yarn and crocheted by hand! It was truly amazing!

As a group we supply baby rugs and beanies to the NeoNatal unit at Christchurch Hospital and we are also currently purchasing children's winter pajamas in support of families who have children in the hospital pediatric ward. If you think you could support us in this – we would be very grateful to hear from you.



*The craft group visited the  
crochet display at the pop-up  
museum, Wharenui Harikoa*

Our group meets at the Community Centre on a Monday morning 10am – midday. The cost is \$2.

We look forward to welcoming you one day soon.

For further information please contact Judy Stack, Ph. 027 491 6476

## Thank You

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At the time of writing, the rain is hammering down and it feels more like winter than mid-autumn, but that doesn't deter members of the Heathcote Community Sports Club from staying active. Membership numbers have increased over the year and both indoor bowls and table tennis are very popular during these colder months.

New members are welcome at any time; as we are now in the second half of the subscription year, membership fees to 30 September are just \$65, covering all four sports. For anyone wanting to try us out, the first session is free. For those who play only occasionally, the cost is a very reasonable \$5 per session. We also have regular Sunday potluck lunches for members to develop and maintain community friendships.

Club facilities are available to hire for up to 40 people by both members and non-members. If you are part of a group – or have a birthday coming up - and would like to do something a little different, please contact the Secretary to inquire about availability. All equipment is supplied and set up for you, with some tuition if you haven't played before. We also have a barbecue for hire, and welcome any tutors wanting to offer regular recreational classes.

The winter timetable is as follows:

#### *Lawn Bowls*

Sunday 1pm; note the earlier start time to avoid the late afternoon chill

#### *Indoor Bowls*

Tuesday 7pm and Sunday afternoons if wet

#### *Petanque*

Sunday and Thursday 10am with the option to play indoor bowls if wet

#### *Table Tennis*

Monday (Mixed), Wednesday (Ladies), Thursday (Gents) 9am

#### *Indoor Games (board and card games)*

First Thursday of the month 7pm; open to all for a gold coin donation and a small plate for shared supper.

If these times don't suit, members may play outside of these times, provided that the facilities are not booked. Also, we are soon to start a beginner table tennis session with some coaching. Please contact the Secretary for more details.

The club Annual General Meeting is scheduled for July. This is an opportunity for members to have their say and elect the officers, so please do come along on Sunday 20 July at 2pm. The formal meeting will be followed by Max Robertson JP speaking on 'The Lessons and Experiences of a Long Life gained by a modest man who has much to be modest about' – an amusing talk, rounded out with afternoon tea.

And watch out for our new logo and flyers coming soon ....

For any further information, please contact the Club Secretary, Zella on 021 521 707 or email

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

Hope to see you at the club soon.

## Winter Recipe

# Baked Chicken with Cider and Smoky Bacon



This casserole is rich and filling; perfect for the season, especially after a day in the outdoors. When making it try and find cider made from fresh apple juice, rather than concentrate, and look for a dry, not sweet variety. Serve with creamy mashed potatoes and steamed green beans and some crusty bread to sop up the leftover sauce.

### INGREDIENTS

1 tablespoon olive oil

4 chicken pieces, skin on

4 rashers smoky bacon, chopped

1 medium sized brown onion, peeled, halved and sliced

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

4-5 sprigs of thyme, plus more for serving

2 heaped teaspoons Dijon mustard

450 ml dry apple cider

sea salt and black pepper

SERVES 4

### METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180 C.
- Place a large frying pan over a medium heat and add the olive oil.
- Add the chicken and brown the pieces all over until golden brown. Remove from the pan, and set aside.
- Place the onion, garlic, bacon and thyme into the pan and sauté until the onion is softened. Take care not to burn the garlic.
- Turn the heat up to high. Pour in the cider and cook for a couple of minutes before adding the Dijon mustard. Use a wooden spoon to stir and scrape off any of the delicious crispy bits stuck to the bottom of the pan. Remove from the heat.
- Place the sauce in the bottom of a medium-sized casserole dish. Add the chicken pieces in a single layer and spoon over some of the sauce. Season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
- Cover tightly with foil and bake in the oven for 35-40 minutes.
- Remove the foil and spoon a little more of the sauce over the chicken and return to the oven for another 10 minutes.
- Remove the cooked thyme before serving and scatter over about a tablespoon more of fresh thyme leaves, and another generous grind of black pepper.

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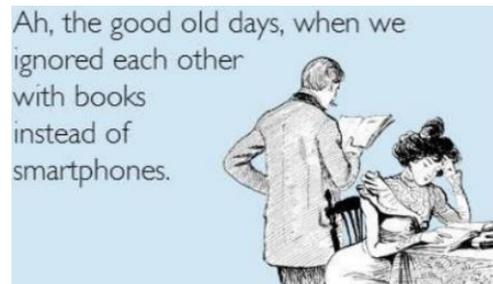
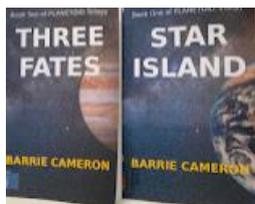
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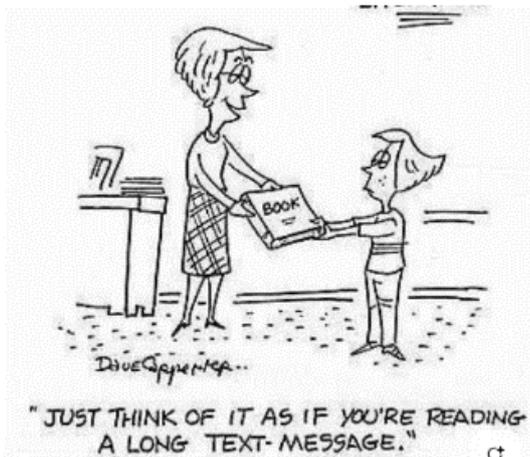
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# News from the Church of St Mary

By *The Reverend Mark Sullivan, Vicar*

## Name Three Things

A few weeks ago, a friend challenged me about my Christian faith and my unwavering belief in God. It turned into a thoughtful



*Mark Sullivan, Vicar*

conversation that lasted around 15 minutes. I asked him to name three things that bothered him about God—particularly about Jesus.

Predictably, he brought up the old argument: “Religion has caused more wars than anything else.” I responded by pointing out that, as a theologian, I’ve never found anything in the Bible—or even in the Koran—that calls people to war.

He then mentioned the ongoing conflict in Palestine. I replied that this is fundamentally a war over land, not religion.

Finally, he criticized the financial burden that Christchurch Cathedral has placed on local ratepayers. I explained that the Church actually wanted to demolish the cathedral. It was preserved only after an expensive legal challenge by two non-Anglicans and with financial promises from both the City Council and the Government to restore it.

My wife, a businesswoman, recently went on a girls’ weekend. During their time away, one of her friends asked if our different values—

her commercial ones and my Christian ones—ever created conflict between us.

Her response was simple: it’s never been a problem. In fact, she often talks with me about how to navigate difficult situations and often applies Christian values—reason, fairness, discussion, and love—to work through challenges. Even the most desperate circumstances, when handled with fairness and objectivity, usually lead to hope for everyone involved.

The Church is the oldest “business” in our valley, having served this community for over 8,580 weeks. In that time, more than 25,500 services have been held at the Church of St. Mary. The Eucharist—once called Communion—has been offered over one million times.

More than 800 couples have been married here, and as many funerals have been held. The minutes of our parish management committee include some of the valley’s most well-known names: Deavoll, Murray, Martindale, Truscott, and Laing. Every ANZAC Day, as we read the names of the fallen, many of those same family names appear in the church’s historical records—records that speak not only of spiritual leadership, but of early colonial governance that helped shape this now-thriving suburb.

The Church of Jesus Christ, in its purest form, is a perfect organization. But over time, the very human aspects of the Church have sometimes clouded its message and mission.

Yet for over 100,000 Sundays, the broader Christian Church has continued to be a presence—welcomed, respected, and upheld by millions around the world.

If you're like me, you may have watched films like *The Two Popes* or *Conclave* as the Roman Catholic Church prepared to select a new

pope. Our Anglican Church recently celebrated the appointment of Rev. Canon Isaac Beach, who will help select the next Archbishop of Canterbury. While this won't directly affect the Diocese of Christchurch, it's a move that will strengthen the global Anglican Communion.

The Church will never be perfect—no human institution can be. Any organization that serves people will face criticism from time to time. All we can do is ask a perfect God to create in us a perfect heart, one that will allow us to serve our community for the next 8,500 Sundays, just as we have for the last.

And if you ever want to sit down and talk about the three things that trouble you most about the Christian faith, my door is always open. Let's seek common ground—through hope, unity, love, and understanding.

## Heathcote Valley Bumper Stickers



You may have noticed a few local vehicles sporting the new Heathcote Valley bumper stickers. They look great, don't they! Would you like one too? Just donate to the community association, then send Jen at the community centre an e-mail [hvcc.bookings@gmail.com](mailto:hvcc.bookings@gmail.com) and she will organize a sticker for you.



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# Methodism in the Heathcote Valley

By Melville Opie

The several references to the Valley's Methodist church and its community, mentioned in the Paul Corliss book 'In the Shadow of the Rock. 150 Years of the Heathcote Valley School and Community', raised the question: 'how could such a small Valley settlement (329 residents in 1881) in the 1880's build and support a 150 seat church, built in 1886?' Especially when there was already, although somewhat inconveniently afar, the small St Mary's Anglican church at the foot of the valley at Ferrymead. No other religions set up churches in the Valley (the settling of Christchurch and surrounding districts was, by way of Canterbury Association design, hugely Anglican).

The answer to the question lies in the building of the railway tunnel, 1861 -1868. Crucial to the tunnel's contracted budget and time frame was that properly skilled miners be



Rollin St., Heathcote Wesleyan Methodist Church, built 1886.  
*Christchurch Star, 20 June 1973*

employed and to that end, Cornish miners, at the time of the collapse of the Cornish mining industry, were recruited, assisted to Canterbury by the Canterbury Provincial Council.

## Why Cornish Miners?

The miners in Cornwall's copper and tin mines were known for their deep shaft, hard rock, mining skills. They were among the best in the world and were highly sought after globally.

Their skills and experience included:

- working in underground tunnels and drifts in cramped, often wet, conditions;
- voiding water from tunnels and drifts
- creating ventilation shafts;
- drilling
- blasting
- heavy timber construction
- familiarity with machinery

## From copper to gold

On the Tuapeka goldfields today can be found 'Cornishman's dam', named after one of the many Cornish gold miners. Faced with the collapse of the Cornish copper-mining industry, some of them had come originally to the South Australian copper mines, while others had been assisted to Canterbury to dig the Lyttelton-Christchurch railway tunnel.

*From: Miners – Te Ara Encyclopaedia of New Zealand. [Miners too, shifted to the West Coast for gold mining].*

## So Why Cornish Methodism?

In 1851 in Cornwall, 60% of people attending religious services were Methodists. This was a higher percentage of the population than anywhere else in Britain<sup>1</sup> ... ..

... .. "The Methodist message of hope through faith resonated deeply with the Cornish people, especially the miners, who were drawn to the inclusive message of salvation for everyone regardless of social status, which appealed to the working class. Teachings addressed issues like poverty,

hard labour, and social injustice which were prevalent in Cornish mining communities, making the message feel personally relevant". (Google *AI Overview*).

### Statistics

Suffice to say that a good proportion of the estimated 340 men who worked on the tunnel were Cornish and that approximately half of their numbers worked at each end.

Not to lose sight of the fact that censuses included children, in the 1881 NZ Census, although seven years after the tunnel was finally completed and three years after the Rollin Street church was built, the **Heathcote Valley** had a population of just 329, of which 175 were males, presumably a significant number of whom were Cornish miners.

	Total	Male	Female
Heathcote Valley	329	175	154

In 1886, when the new Rollin Street church opened, the population of **Christchurch** was just 30,478:

	Male	Female
Christchurch, with a population of	15,213	15,256

Interestingly, in 1864, so three years into the tunnel build, the number of tents in the Heathcote **electoral** area<sup>2</sup> compared with other local districts, was significantly high:

### Statistics of New Zealand for 1864

The following were the Numbers of Tents in the several Electoral Districts:-  
Kaiapoi, 2; Avon, 1; Heathcote, 26; Ellesmere, 9; Town of Lyttelton, 4; Akaroa, 1

A reason for this is reflected in the following extract:

**Robert Dawson** arrived Lyttelton, by Chariot of Fame, 28 January 1863<sup>3</sup>. This was the year that tunnelling began. Whether this was co-incident or a part of the planned recruitment for a mining community, is not clear.

He was a Wesleyan Methodist, attached to the Durham Street Wesleyan Church. He was

*One of the earliest local preachers, Mr R. Dawson, spoke from a boulder pulpit, the tents of workmen on one side, and the Lyttelton rail tunnel works on the other.*

*Heathcote Methodists to Celebrate Centenary  
Press, 25 September 1963*

a local preacher (lay preacher) and is listed as 'Rev' in the Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives, although not listed at all in [A Register of Ministers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.](#)

The church was sold in 1973 to become a private residence.

<sup>1</sup>*Cornwall For Ever!*

<https://www.cornwallforever.co.uk/history/methodis...>

<sup>2</sup>(viz. not only the valley, but a vast area bounded on the west by the Halswell and Spreydon Districts; on the east by Ferrymead, inclusive of settlements the likes of Woolston (then called Lower Heathcote); on the north by the then, Christchurch City and the Avon River from city to its outlet at the estuary).

<sup>3</sup>*The G. R. Macdonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biographies*

# Top Secret in Horotane

*By Barrie Woods*

Back in 1941, at a farm in Horotane Valley, a top secret operation was underway.

The Second World War was fast escalating and there was a very real fear of a Japanese invasion of New Zealand, so many supplies were urgently needed for defence. Hidden away on a market garden was a hush-hush factory. Only a very few people knew of its existence and those involved were sworn to secrecy. It was making munitions for the war effort, including signal rockets and alert bombs. There's an interesting story of how this came to be.

We need to go back to 1874 when the University of New Zealand appointed their first professor of chemistry. Professor Alexander William Bickerton (known as 'Bickie') was a colourful character quite

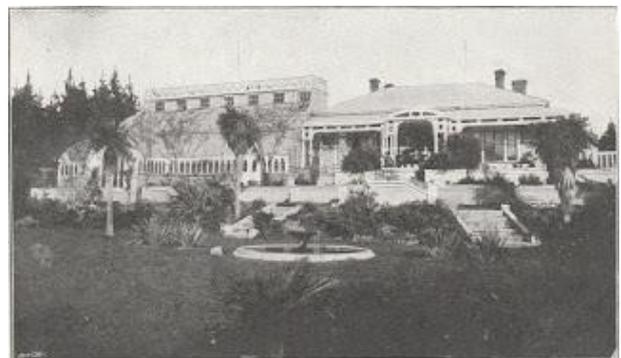


*Prof AW Bickerton,  
(painting by his  
son Charles)*

befitting of the eccentric persona ascribed to many archetypal professors. A colleague described him as a "small, untidy, forgetful, excitable man: red-faced and catarrhal with a scrappy beard, always in a hurry, always perspiring and tearing about bent double over the handlebars of his bicycle". While it would be possible to write a lengthy book about Professor Bickerton's life (as others have done already), there are a few key aspects that are relevant to our story.

Professor Bickerton believed that the only way to teach successfully was to "make your class as entertaining as a music hall and as sensational as a circus". This he proceeded to do, and his lectures were regularly punctuated with bangs, whistles, smells, explosions, magic and wisecracks. As an aside, one of his students was Sir Ernest Rutherford of atom splitting fame. Professor Bickerton entertained his students not only in class, but from 1884 onwards, at his property at Wainoni as well.

On a 30-acre estate through the centre of which Bickerton Street now runs, he created woods, gardens and a lake out of a sandy wilderness. Here he established what he called a 'Federative Home' (an early form of commune) as an alternative to what he saw as "the lonely, wasteful condition of married life". This was where he concentrated his energies for the next few years. Instead of "hundreds of isolated women cleaning miserable little parlours, cooking daily meals for selfish and demanding husbands, in lives of pointless repetition", he envisaged a system of communal living, where all the members, united by an unselfish desire for the common good, would equally share the labour and the profits.



*The 'Federative Home' in Wainoni*

A feature of his entertainment at Wainoni was fireworks which were made in a small factory and under the professor's direction by his sons and members of the 'Federative Home'. His raw materials were chemicals obtained through the university, or especially imported. Foolscap lecture paper was used for the casings. The firework displays were conducted by the professor's sons and given at the lake's edge for the benefit of spectators seated on the grassed dunes.



*The tram entrance at Wainoni Park.*

Sadly, like many reformers, Professor Bickerton failed to acknowledge human laziness and selfishness and many of his housemates were too idle to clean out their own quarters or were simply free-loaders. The communal living experiment was not a success. At the same time an obsession with a controversial astronomical theory he called 'partial impact' led to Professor Bickerton parting company with the university in 1902. This was not helped by his outspoken criticism of the marriage institution, his socialist leanings, disrespect for the church, and his regular attacks upon university administration.

After being sacked from the university at the age of 42, Bickerton needed to find a new source of income. So was born Wainoni Park, one of the marvels of Christchurch in the early 1900s (sort of like an early version of

Disneyland). Thousands poured through the turnstiles to enjoy Professor Bickerton's 'diversions': an aquarium, fern and begonia houses, an art gallery, brass bands, Punch and Judy shows, a menagerie, balloon ascents, refreshment stalls, threepenny and sixpenny tearooms, outdoor movies, theatrical performances, a planetarium, magic shows, sand weaving, mock naval battles on an artificial lake, and most spectacular of all, the firework displays.



At this time there was good demand for fireworks displays and the professor needed help to produce them. One of his sons, Richard, joined forces with a Mr William Stokes who also had an interest in pyrotechnics to produce fireworks on a commercial basis. It appears that Richard purchased Mr Stokes business in 1899 and began trading as 'Bickerton and Stokes' – a name which became familiar in the New Zealand pyrotechnics industry. By 1909 Richard had moved to Wellington where continued to be involved in the fireworks industry for a while. Later he would become an optometrist.

In 1910, Professor Bickerton left for England to pursue his partial impact theory, leaving his

wife and family to carry on with Wainoni Park. Sadly, the park was not economically sustainable and in 1914 the estate was sold and Bickerton's novel enterprises came to an end.

Following the winding up of the park Herbert Bickerton took over the Christchurch fireworks business. On about an acre of land in Ottawa Road were an assortment of sheds and huts, in which the manufacturing was carried out. The huts were three-sided so you could get out of them in a hurry. The machinery for making the fireworks was improvised locally and while some of the fireworks ingredients had to be imported, much the gunpowder was old World War I stock bought from the army at 2 pence a pound.

Herbert's largest undertaking was for the Peace Celebrations of July, 1919. Every town in the country seemed to want fireworks and the Wainoni factory supplied them. To meet the demand Herbert was helped by his young son Ron, who left school at the time of the influenza pandemic. The Peace Celebrations fireworks earned Herbert enough money to buy a farm in Nelson, and so the fireworks factory was closed and the family moved north. The farm was not profitable and after five years the Bickertons returned to Wainoni and Herbert reopened the fireworks business, now trading as Bickerton's Flamos Fireworks.

On returning to Christchurch Ron Bickerton trained as a motor mechanic but also continued to be involved in the fireworks factory. In 1932 he took over full control of the business from his father, then in 1936, with plans for expansion, he formally registered the business with six other investors, together contributing £2250 capital. Success was not to be had however. There was competition from China and

Britain, regulations were tightened, and then, on 4th November 1936, a terrible fire broke out at the fireworks factory and destroyed most of the buildings, which were not insured. Sadly 17-year-old Miss Rose Roberts was severely burned and died three days later. Ron attempted to rebuild the business but was unsuccessful and in 1939 it went into voluntary liquidation. After the business was closed Ron took up a position with Blackwell Motors.

In 1939, just before the outbreak of World War II, Ron purchased a market garden property at 28 Horotane Road where he took up tomato growing alongside his work as a motor mechanic. In April, 1941 he received a surprise visit from the Government Analyst, Mr F J Grigg who had discovered from the Inspector of Explosives that Ron Bickerton was probably the one person in the country capable of making rockets, and rockets were desperately needed. The army wanted some that would rise to 500 feet and give off three brilliant white flares so they could be seen in the day-time.

The rockets were to be issued to Home Guard units. Wherever the Japanese happened to land, these rockets would be put up to mark the spot. Mobile armies situated at Burnham and Stewart's Gully would then rush to the scene and do their best to eliminate the invaders.

Ron agreed to make the rockets, so long as the army supplied the ingredients. Six army huts arrived at the Horotane Road farm, paper for the casings was ordered from Mataura, saltpetre came from stocks in Auckland, sulphur from Kempthorne and Prosser, black antimony was supplied from a mine near Reefton, charcoal was made from wood and Ron set to work.

In May and June of 1941, along with two helpers, Ron turned out more than 100 rockets. Some were launched into the sky above Horotane for altitude tests conducted by the Air Force, which caused concern amongst the local residents. One neighbour started a petition against the risky experiments, but was soon encouraged to cool off.

After testing, the army decided that it needed rockets that would rise to 1000 feet rather than 500 feet. Ron was unable to make them that large unless he could have specially strengthened paper casings made for him. Some were produced but were found unsuitable, so the army ordered rockets from overseas instead. These eventually turned up about two years after the Japanese threat had passed.

Aside from the rockets, Ron also made around 200 alert bombs, which were issued, three at a time, to the EPS wardens (Emergency Precautions Scheme, which was part of Civil Defence) who were to set them off around the city as a warning to civilians to seek cover in the event of an invasion. Sirens would follow. Some of these bombs were used to good effect when the Heathcote Home Guard made a surprise attack on the Phillipstown unit one night. A few were let off in Cathedral Square on VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), but fortunately there was never any need to put them to serious use.

In 1942 the army cleared its huts and stores off the Bickerton farm in Horotane. What was left of the gunpowder (an excellent fertiliser) Ron dug into his glasshouse, and life returned to normal, or as near as it could be in war time.

In keeping with the innovative traits he inherited from his grandfather, Ron Bickerton invented a machine for making tomato hooks

and also experimented with the forced ripening of green tomatoes by use of ethylene gas with high humidity and heat.

After the war, though no longer involved with the manufacture of fireworks, Ron set up and supervised the firing of both the Coronation and royal visit fireworks displays, and assisted with the Centennial display too. Ron's last fling at pyrotechnics was in 1957 when, with his younger son Bevan, he contracted to put on the New Year's Eve fireworks display at Picton. Ron Bickerton lived at Horotane Valley, growing tomatoes, up until 1955 when he sold up and moved to Beach Road in New Brighton.

So what happened to Ron's grandfather, the eccentric professor? After his wife, Anne, died in 1919, he invited a long-standing friend from Christchurch, Mary Wilkinson, to join him in England. They were married in London in 1920. Shortly before his death Bickerton was made professor emeritus of Canterbury College and granted an annuity of £120 by the New Zealand government. He died of toxæmia in London on 22 January 1929, survived by his second wife. His friend and former student, Ettie Rout, arranged for his ashes to be returned to Christchurch where they were deposited behind a brass tablet in the hall of Canterbury College (now the Great Hall at the Arts Centre).

*Sources or information for this article include:*

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