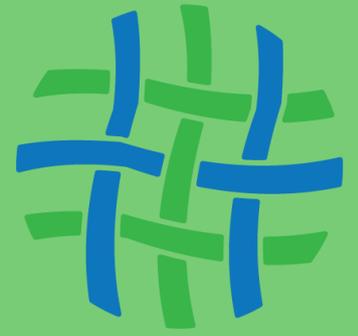


# HALSWELL COMMUNITY PROJECT

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ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR 2020/2021



# Halswell Community Project

## Annual Report April 2021

This Annual Report forms part of an ongoing series of reports documenting the progress of the Halswell Community Project against the priorities and initiatives outlined in our Strategic Plan and Annual Plan.

Future progress and the effects of work will be based on this report. This report focuses on the year 1st March 2020 - 31st March 2021

Our strategic plan is used as a living document, so that Halswell Community Project has flexibility regarding the projects we choose to deliver and support to meet changing needs in the community and to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities that arise. Secondary indicator data is therefore important and becomes necessary to gain as comprehensive a view of the community as possible so that we are able to respond when necessary.

This Annual Report reflects the situation due to the COVID-19 outbreak which has seen a drop in income from facilities hire and uncertainty regarding funding going forwards. It also reflects Halswell Community Projects response to the pandemic and its impact on our community and the projects we had planned for the 2020/2021 year.

### **Our partners in this venture include but are not limited to:**

Rata Foundation, Christchurch City Council, Lotteries, COGs, Department of Internal Affairs, Halswell Riccarton Wigram Community Board, St John of God Halswell, Local Community Groups and NGOs, the local community.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Halswell Community Project (HCP) began as a small group of volunteers interested in promoting Halswell and Halswell clubs, groups, activities and businesses to Halswell residents and residents of surrounding areas.

HCP aims to work with people living in the Halswell area to provide a wide range of activities and services focused on empowering and strengthening the community.

The vision is to develop a strong sense of community in Halswell and help both established and new residents to get to know each other better and to make Halswell a lively and interesting place to live, work and play.

HCP has its own projects but also works with other groups and organisations to benefit the community. It participates in various events and is represented at inter-agency meetings within (Riccarton/Wigram and Spreydon/Heathcote wards).

## 2020/21 Committee

Chair: Chrys Horn  
Secretary: Karen Upton  
Treasurer: Ros Thornley

Committee Members:  
Alison Maccoll  
Adele Geradts  
Ross McFarlane

## Management Team

Senior Project Manager: Kate Cleverly  
Project Manager: Keri Glassenbury  
Newsletter Editor: Lynne Bull

## Funders for 2020/21



## Halswell Community Project Core Values:

- Mutual trust and respect in all our dealings.
- Collaboration between community groups
- Empowerment
- Welcoming and inclusive of all sectors and people we deal with
- Committed to sustainability
- Encouraging participation
- Embracing and encouraging diversity
- Adaptability and resilience
- Committed to transparent and accountable governance

### Core Purpose:

#### ***Our Vision:***

*To connect people with each other, with businesses, clubs, groups and organisations in the Halswell area.*

#### ***Our Goal:***

A connected, resilient community

#### ***Our Role:***

- Create a vibrant community with a sense of connection between residents.
- Foster engagement, inclusion, participation, a sense of belonging and pride in our community, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or culture.
- Bring about better outcomes for our community through improved connections and information sharing

### Through our projects we aim to:

- Build Resilience through Community Connections
- Encourage participation through the sharing of community information.
- Provide social connection for isolated and vulnerable people in our community
- Encourage people to connect and work together to bring about positive change in their community
- Foster a sense of community, celebrate and share different cultures and traditions,
- Ensure newcomers to our community are connected with what they need to integrate well
- Create opportunities for people to develop skills and connections to support entrepreneurship.

# 2020 - 2025 Strategic Priorities

## Tackling Social Isolation

Manage facilities and activities to enable people to connect, participate and engage with the wider community

## Environmental Sustainability

Emergency Management and Community Resilience

## 2020 - 2021 Initiatives

Support community-led activities aimed at celebrating and sharing diversity

Identify groups at risk of social isolation.

Identify and fill gaps in community information

Look for community connections not already catered for

Manage the Halswell Community Hub as a place for the use of the community

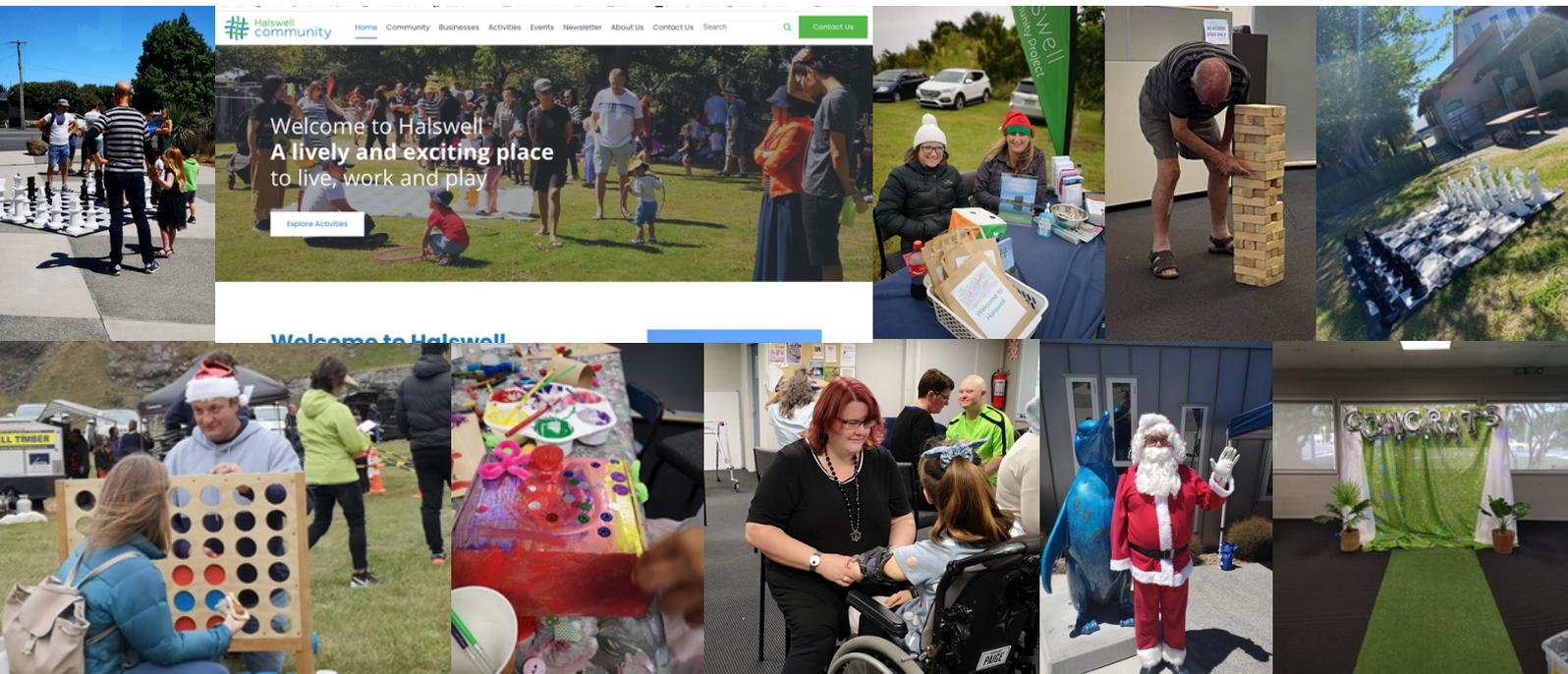
Continue to manage the market as a place for people to connect, participate and engage with the wider community

Identify opportunities to extend our services through the Hub

Survey/research existing projects/examples of environmental sustainability

Work with relevant groups to investigate a community resilience plan

Redevelop the Halswell Community Project Website



# MANAGERS REPORT

2020 saw a lot of changes as we all adjusted to the threat of COVID-19. Events were cancelled and the Community Hub had to close for the period of the level 4 lockdown. Whilst we were able to reopen at level 3, the restrictions meant many of our groups and activities couldn't resume until term 2. Whilst this obviously had an impact on Halswell Community Project, with the lifting of the lockdown we saw the effects of social isolation on the wider community as people struggled to readjust to the new normal.

Throughout this time we saw people reaching out to others across the community to support those on their own, in poor health or simply struggling with being at home for such an extended period of time. We saw families discovering areas of Halswell they never knew existed as they biked and walked around the area and just enjoyed being together. We saw Teddy Bear Hunts and creative ways to entertain passers-by. We saw an increase in activity on social media platforms as people reached out to others.

However, we also became acutely aware of those living alone, stuck at home with very young or sick children, with family on the other side of the world in a worsening situation, those not connected through the internet or social media, and those who had been stranded in our community through the restrictions on travel.

For many people the mental toll of this time was huge and, as life slowly returned to some semblance of normality at level 2, we found the number of people reaching out or visiting the Hub to connect with others increased dramatically. For some, having lost a job or taking early retirement meant they were looking for activities or groups to get involved in. For others, it was looking for help and support in a situation not of their making. And for the vast majority, it was the basic human need to connect with other after so long shut away.

If COVID has taught us anything, it is the importance of social connection and the power of community.

For Halswell Community Project, as for many others, the challenge of COVID has also created opportunities. Opportunities to connect through the activities and projects we offer

Halswell Community Project is thankful for the many volunteers that help make our activities and programmes happen. Thank you!!

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thanks*

To the funders outlined in this report, a particular thank you. Gaining local business sponsorship is a goal for the next year, and we are exploring ways to market the work of the Halswell Community Project.

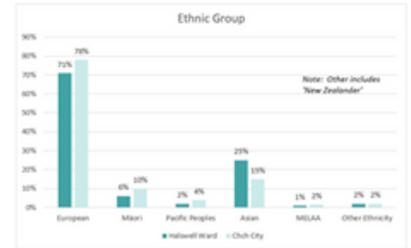
*Kate Cleverly, Senior Project Manager*

Halswell Community Project is committed to acknowledging and celebrating the growing diversity of our community.

For our own projects this means making everyday activities and events accessible to everyone, regardless of age, race, culture, gender, language, religion and it has been great to see a growing diversity in those attending both regular activities such as Coffee Morning as well as at our events and school holiday activities.

We are continually assessing activities and events for accessibility. The Market continues to embrace diversity through the performers and stallholders and we see an ethnically diverse population of visitors to each market

***Support community-led activities aimed at celebrating and sharing diversity***



***Identify groups at risk of social isolation.***

As Halswell continues to grow, more people are at risk of social isolation due to location, lack of access to public transport or personal health and circumstances. This became particularly apparent following the COVID 19 lockdown.

In order to begin to address this, we need to be aware of who these groups of people are. Previously HCP has worked with council staff to survey those living with disabilities and what their needs might be. As a result of this a project delivering accessible equipment to the domain playground was initiated and we developed a database of accessible facilities in the community.

Due to COVID we have become aware of other groups who may be at risk of social isolation but we need to do more work to identify key groups in order to assess projects which may help to reduce this risk and engage more people effectively in our community.

Halswell Community Project has been working to establish the old Library building as a valuable space for local groups and their activities.

HCP has 2 paid contractors based at the Hub and local volunteers provide many hours of support - in particular with the groups we run (coffee morning, Mahjong and school holiday events and activities) as well as cleaning, maintenance and jobs needed for the Hub to run efficiently.

The Hub now operates as both a community facility and an information hub for the wider community.

During 2020/21 we have had 5 organisations using the office space and 16 community groups utilising the large community space on a weekly basis. Other groups use the space monthly or for one off bookings.

The Interview Room is used by the office tenants for private meetings and a quiet space to work as well as being used by a counsellor each Thursday for sessions with local residents.

***Manage the Halswell Community Hub as a place for the use of the community***

***Manage the Halswell  
Community Hub as a  
place for the use of the  
community  
(continued)***

COVID affected the use of the building for a large part of the year as groups were not able to meet under the restrictions, but has bounced back during term 4 to 86% capacity during the week. The sessions that are available (Thursday morning and Friday afternoons) are deliberately kept free to allow us some capacity to run activities or groups that meet new needs we see arising in the community.

At least 300 people use the facilities each week through the regular groups and activities booked in. This does not include those involved in monthly or one off events or activities or those visiting tenants or the sharing shacks etc

Halswell Community Project runs the Hub as a sustainable not for profit enterprise. All costs received from facility use are returned into the running and maintenance costs of the Hub. Any surplus is used to run events or activities which further the role of Halswell Community Project and its activities in the local community (such as events and group activities)

***Continue to manage the  
market as a place for  
people to connect,  
participate and engage  
with the wider  
community***

Halswell Community Market was severely affected by COVID in 2020/21. Running in the grounds of St John of God, a working hospital, meant that the market could only run at level 1. Clearly, this meant that each time the South Island went into level 2 or above we could not run the Market.

We worked closely with St John of God Halswell to plan markets as soon as we were at level 1. Unfortunately of the 3 markets we planned, 2 were cancelled due to extreme weather and the final one due to another move to level 2.

Despite this, support for the market remains strong and our team and stallholders are keen to make the market work. Due to the uncertainty around COVID we have made the decision to run the market less frequently in 2021/22 and aim to run it as a community event

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability, we have identified several projects and activities that support this aim.

Current projects/activities include:

- Collecting used sports gear to redistribute through the Give Gear Get Great programme
- School holiday activities encouraging recycling
- Collecting Wine bottle lids for the Lions who then donate the proceeds to Kidney Kids for resources
- The Sharing Shack at the Hub which aims to share excess resources around the community and reduce waste
- The Book Shack at the Hub which allows people to share and pass on books
- Recycling facilities at all events
- Using UPSTREAM for services
- promoting and supporting environmental initiatives through our social media presence.

***Survey / research existing  
projects / examples  
of environmental  
sustainability***

***Work with relevant groups to investigate a community resilience plan***

Following earthquakes, fires, and, more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic our monthly networking meeting identified the need for a community approach to future events. This will involve a series of discussions with groups and organisations who may find themselves playing a role in such events. For example, schools, churches, local facilities etc.

The plan is to map facilities and resources in our community so that we may initiate a community led response if needed.

The discussions around this are in the early stages and something we plan to develop further in the coming years

We aim to distribute community information in a variety of ways. Currently these include:

- Social Media
- Monthly Newsletter
- Website
- Blog
- Posters in relevant locations around the community
- Halswell Community Hub
- Halswell Community Market

However we are conscious of people who may not engage with these channels and so are looking at new ways we can share information

***Identify and fill gaps in community information***

***Look for community connections not already catered for***

Community connections come in many shapes and forms and HCP is always looking for connections that can be made to fill gaps in services, activities or participation.

In the 2020/2021 year many events across Christchurch were cancelled and this provided both gaps and opportunities.

For example, In the run into Christmas, many Santa parades and Christmas events were cancelled so Halswell Community Project worked closely with the library staff at Te Hapua: Halswell Centre as well as local people and organisations to fill one of these gaps by creating a Free Christmas Family Fun day at the Library. The event was a huge success with games, free sausage sizzle, facepainting, robots, crafts, a visit from Santa and more. Many families spent the day at the library enjoying the activities on offer.

We are currently working with local representatives on the idea of a multicultural event to celebrate the growing diversity of our community

As part of our community information project, Halswell Community created a website that aims to provide information for our growing community that makes it easy for current and new residents to find out about local businesses, activities, groups and organisations they can get involved in.

As the amount of information available grows it became vital that the website was redeveloped and so we engaged Activate Design to do that. The new website - [www.halswellcommunity.net.nz](http://www.halswellcommunity.net.nz) has local history, information and events listed as well as a local business directory.

The new look website went live in September 2020 and traffic to the site has already almost doubled.

***Redevelop the Halswell Community Website***

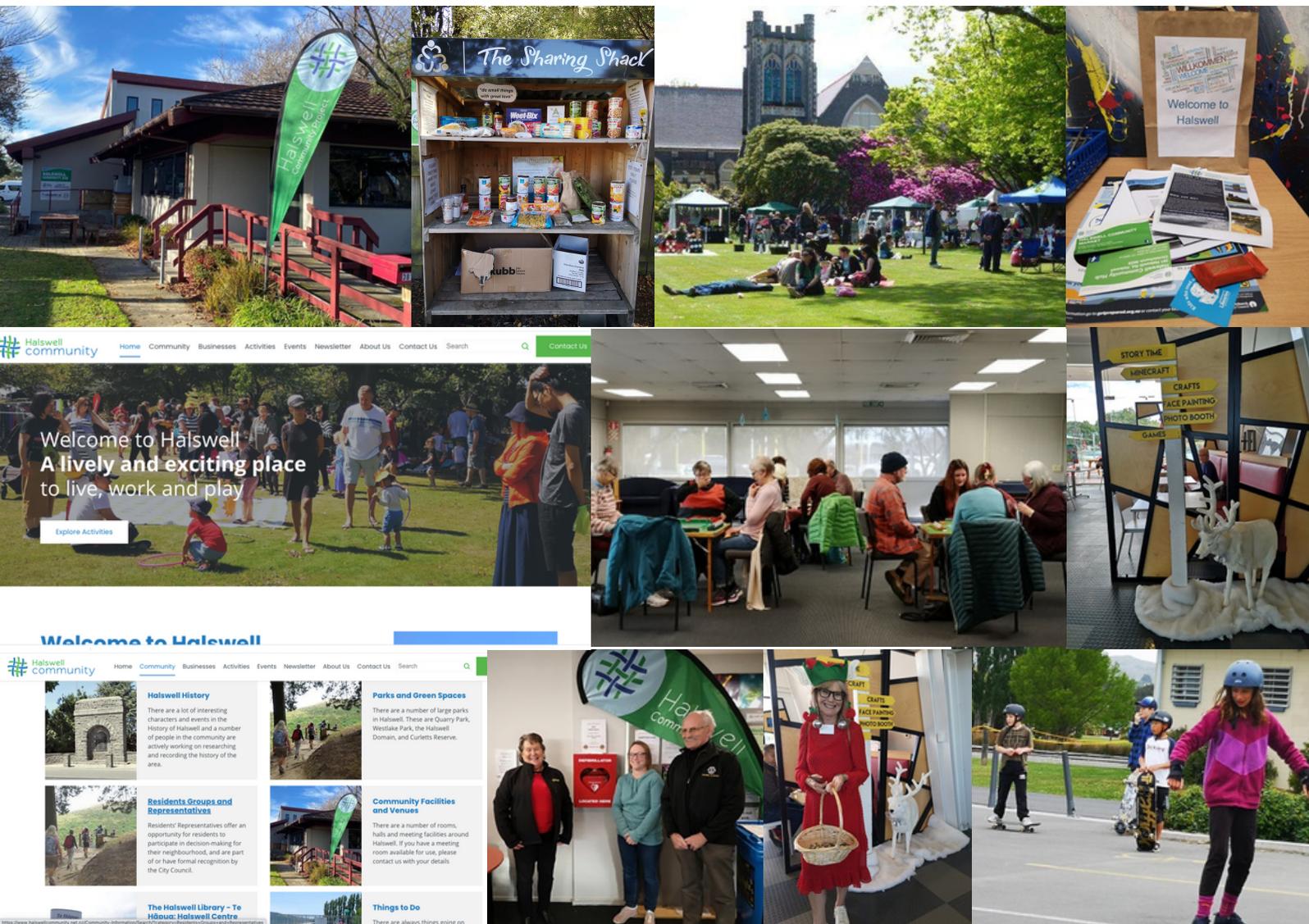
# PROJECT SUMMARY

## Our projects aim to:

- Create a vibrant, resilient community with a sense of connection between residents.
- Foster engagement, inclusion, participation, a sense of belonging and pride in our community, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or culture.
- Bring about better outcomes for our community through improved connections and information sharing

Ongoing key projects include the Community Hub, Community Market, Community Garden, website, Facebook pages, monthly community newsletter, welcome bags and events/activities that bring people together.

Since Halswell Community Project started its work it has worked with a wide range of local organisations and supported the development of new groups and businesses in the area through a community-led development approach.



# Community Information Project

Newsletter  
Website  
Social Media  
Hub  
Welcome Bags



## Encouraging participation through the sharing of community information

With the arrival of the COVID pandemic, subsequent lock downs and alert level changes, the sharing of information became paramount. We saw huge growth in the use of social media and interest in the newsletter and website. This reinforced the decision to redevelop our website and since doing that traffic and enquiries have increased significantly.

### What we have done:

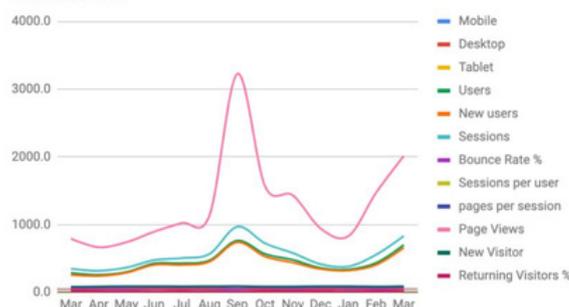
- Redeveloped the Halswell Community website so that it is easier to use and retains users - particularly on the mobile platforms
- Set up Instagram Pages for the Hub and market
- Increased the number of printed copies of the newsletter
- Developed a local business directory
- Updated our online directory for local groups, activities and organisations.
- Increased engagement with all our social media platforms
- Increased engagement with the Website.
- Put together and distributed 200 welcome bags
- Run 10 community networking meetings covering topics such as the impact of COVID, the development of Hillmorton High School, Conservation volunteers and recycling.

### Website

We are very happy with the new look website and the ease of updating it as well as the ease of navigation. In developing the site we spoke to local residents about what they wanted from a community website and incorporated their suggestions. A small group of residents also reviewed the site before it went live to ensure it was easy to navigate and to make further suggestions.

The new website is now up and running and has a range of information including community history, events, local groups and activities. We are still adjusting and adding information to it and seeking out local groups to ensure their details are up to date. We have also developed an option for local businesses to advertise and hope more will do so in the coming year.

Website Use



The spike in engagement in September corresponds to the final development of the site but the figures from Jan 2021 onwards show a steady increase in engagement

Demographics show that in the last year there has been a shift in users of the website with the majority of users now being aged 45+ compared to 25 - 44 in the previous year

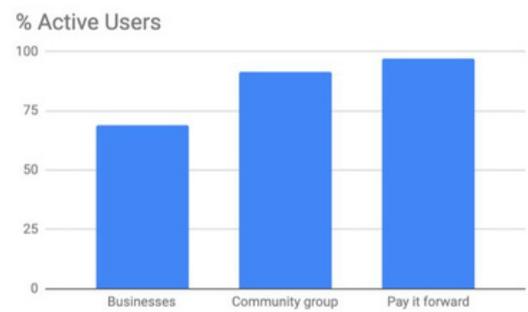
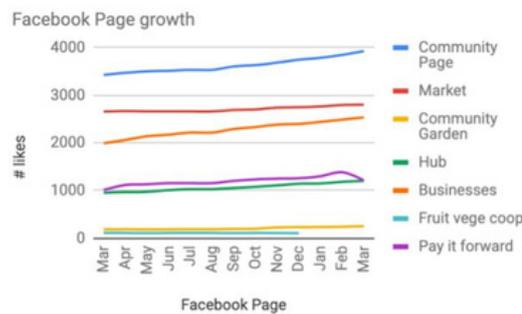
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## Social Media

All social media groups and pages have seen an increase in engagement with the number of active users increasing as people engaged online during lockdown.



All facebook groups show a high level of active users with the Halswell Pay it Forward group the highest at 97%. The business group continues to be successful but the engagement on this group is not as high as the others so this is something to look into.

## Newsletter

The Halswell Community Newsletter is created in Mailchimp and distributes each month in electronic form through email, facebook, and our website. In partnership with Harcourts, we print 150 copies which are distributed through Te Hapua and the Hub. We also add the latest newsletter to welcome bags when they are collected and have them available at events we attend.

## Welcome Bags

Our Welcome bags contain information that helps new residents connect into their community. This year we have distributed approximately 200 Welcome bags and redesigned them to include more generic useful material such as an information booklet outlining local parks, local residents groups etc.

## Halswell Community Hub

The Hub is proving to be a great source for information for the local community. As well as an outdoor and indoor noticeboard the hub has an information board where local groups and organisations can leave a flyer for people to collect.

Local information from the Library is available from the hub and staff have been compiling a list of useful contacts for organisations and groups for those coming in.

Over the last year we have found the number of people looking for information about activities etc has increased. Often because people have lost a job or role due to COVID but also because COVID has forced people to re evaluate and they are looking for things to do that they can enjoy.

# Community Connections

Meetings  
Skate Jam  
Holiday Activities  
Celebrate Halswell  
Halswell Market  
Coffee Morning  
Mahjong  
Sharing Shack  
Book Shack  
Hub  
Events Trailer

## Building resilience through community connections

We believe that a connected community is a resilient community and the connections that many people have developed through our activities and events we run were hugely beneficial during the COVID lockdown. Whilst COVID shut down our sharing shacks and cancelled many planned events we saw members of our regular groups reach out to each other and, post-lockdown we saw those same people supporting each other socially outside of the group they attend. Many now connect for lunch or walks during the week.

### What we have done:

- Planned 4 markets
- Ran "Celebrate Halswell" event at Christmas in response to the cancellation of many events around the city due to COVID restrictions
- Run a series of School holiday events catering for local families
- Organised a new event for Childrens' Day in conjunction with Elements Nature Based Play - unfortunately this event was also cancelled due to COVID restrictions
- Ran our skate jam in October 2020
- Increased the opening hours for the Community Hub to meet a growing need
- Engaged 52 volunteers in over 3500 volunteer hours at events, activities and the Hub

### Halswell Community Market

Despite the initial COVID lockdown we planned 4 markets in 2020/21. Unfortunately, all were cancelled due to either extreme weather or COVID restrictions. Despite this, support for the Market has remained strong and we have seen a surge in interest on social media in the months the market was due to run. This is extremely encouraging to see in what has been a very frustrating year.

With so many other markets popping up in the area, the decision was made to run the Halswell Market as more of a community event, bringing it back to its initial intention - to be a place for people to meet and connect and a place for the residents of St John of God to be able to visit and meet the wider community. This connection along with the venue continue to set our market apart from the rest and feedback from both stallholders and visitors to the market tells us that our market has a "feel" to it that people really enjoy.

As COVID is still with us, the plan for the Market currently is to run quarterly when it can and to reevaluate in 2022.

## Events and activities

Many of our usual events and activities managed to go ahead in between alert levels.

The **Skate Jam** in October was again a success but did not attract quite the numbers we hoped. Reviewing this event has led us to reimagine it. The cost of running a Skate Jam compared to other events such as school holiday activities far outweighs any benefit we see from it and so in 2021 we will look at an alternative event for the Spring School Holidays - possibly using the Hub as a venue.

The **school holiday activities** have been a real success this year. Each holiday we have run a short, simple, free activity for families to attend to get out of the house with the children and to connect with other families. Each activity has seen around 20 - 30 children each day and some families have been back, so have attended each event. We have deliberately only advertised these activities locally as we found that when we ran activities through KidsFest, the activities were generally booked out by people from other parts of Christchurch and we wanted to provide a local option that families could walk, bike or scoot to

**Celebrate Halswell** was a new event that came about through the cancellation of key Christmas events around the city under COVID restrictions and uncertainty. This event was planned and run in collaboration with Te Hapua staff and local groups and volunteers from Playcentre, Lions, South West Baptist Church, Best Start Halswell and support from the community board. It was a HUGE success!! Families enjoyed a free day out full of fun, crafts and other activities. We are currently in the process of planning the 2021 event and hope that this will become an annual event on the Halswell Calendar.

**Childrens' Day** was set to be a great new event too with a nature based play event in the Halswell Quarry in collaboration with Elements Nature based play. However, the uncertainty of COVID meant this was another casualty of 2021. This event will run later in 2021 and the plan will be for it to run again on Childrens day in 2022.

**Coffee Morning** and **Mahjong** were able to run relatively undisturbed through 2021 with just a short shut down for the level 4 lockdown. They have been a lifeline for many of our regulars who reached out to each other over the last year in a myriad of ways. From meeting outside of hours for coffee, extra games or lunch to collecting others to bring them to each weeks events, it has been great to see the result of the connections made at these weekly activities.

Connections come in all shapes and sizes and it has been great to see many different aspects of our community represented at our events and activities. Our role is to take everyday activities and events and make them accessible to everyone and these activities are a perfect example of this at work. Activities such as coffee, craft and games transcend cultural, religious and language barriers as people can connect through shared experiences.

## **Manage the Halswell Community Hub as an information hub and a place for use by the community**

Halswell Community Hub exists as a meeting place for the community. It is used by a wide variety of groups for activities like craft, yoga and Music Therapy. We have had 4 fixed tenants in the office area, 16 groups using the community space on a regular basis and a counsellor using the interview room each week. Despite the disruption of COVID the Hub continues to be a thriving community hub

### **What we have done:**

- Increased the number and variety of groups using the Hub for groups, activities and meetings
- Worked with CCC to develop a long term plan for the Hub building
- Worked with CCC to develop a long term repairs and maintenance schedule
- Expanded the activities we offer at the Hub
- Run a weekly coffee morning
- Run Mahjong weekly with up to 5 tables playing
- Worked closely with tenants and user groups during the COVID pandemic and related alert levels
- Updated information brochures and posters on our noticeboards
- Started a file of useful contacts for people coming in looking for support - particularly post COVID
- Developed a close relationship with Harcourts Grenadier.
- Identified blocks of time to "protect" which allows us to react or start an activity in response to a community request or need
- Increased the opening hours of the Hub

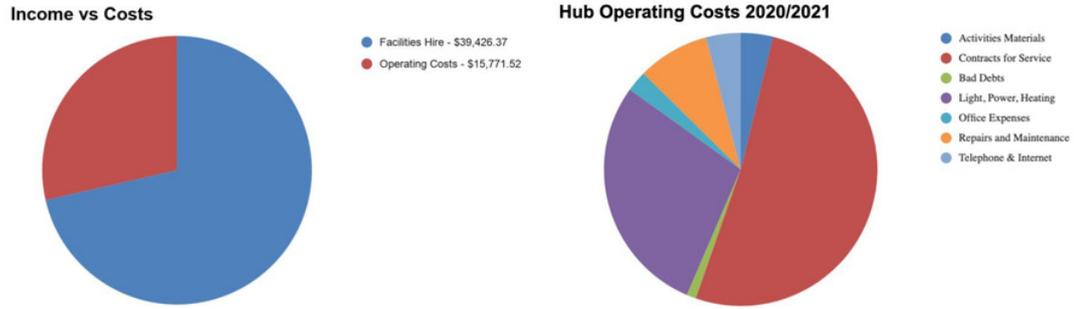
During March 2020 we were monitoring the situation with COVID very closely and preparing both the facility and the tenants/user groups for the level 4 restrictions which eventuated. This meant pre planning our response to each of the designated alert levels for the facility as well as its users and tenants as well as activities such as the book shack and sharing shack which had to close. As a result of this pre-planning the Hub was well prepared and regular users/tenants already had plans in place to work from home. In addition to this we worked hard with our regular visitors to coffee morning and Mahjong to set up networks for them to connect with us and each other whilst at home.

As soon as the levels dropped enough to allow groups to gather - albeit with restrictions - we saw a dramatic increase in visitors. Some came for information about groups and activities they could join, others just for coffee and a chat. It quickly became apparent that for many of our regulars, the Hub has become a vital point of connection and interaction and we worked very hard to get key groups such as coffee morning and mahjong back up and running as soon as we could.

# Halswell Hub

The relationship with the tenants and groups using the hub also strengthened as we all worked together to ensure a safe work and meeting environment for all concerned. As a result, the Hub was back to 80% by 1st June and back to full operating capacity by Term 3. Halswell Lions kindly donated an AED for the Hub and this was installed in October 2020.

In response to the increase in visits and interest we extended the Hub opening hours to meet the needs of the community. This obviously also increases operating costs but the Hub currently raises enough in facilities hire to cover the increase.



The Hub now operates Monday 9am - 5pm; Tuesday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 9am - 5pm; Thursday 9am - 2pm and Friday 9am - 1pm.

	am	pm	evening
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

Whilst COVID was a large part of 2020/21, it was not the whole story. Life Immigration outgrew their office space and moved on, so Recreate NZ moved into the larger office space. A previous consultant who used the Hub for desk space when it first opened, returned and we rearranged the office area slightly to accommodate everyone. Pegasus Health negotiated a second day for their counsellor to use the small meeting room and CAP resumed using the room for occasional client meetings. Unfortunately towards the end of March, Spreydon OSCAR also gave notice on their space which means we again have office space available to rent - a fantastic opportunity for some lucky local group or business.

Alongside the COVID response, we have been working closely with the CCC team around the future of the building. Using our own costs and figures provided by the council, we developed a business plan for the building for the next 20 years and presented this to council. In March 2021 the report from the CCC team went before the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board who recommended that CCC gift the building to Halswell Community Project for the community. This is an exciting development for HCP as whilst it will bring challenges, ownership of the building means greater autonomy on future developments and improvements which will in turn increase usability and therefore revenue from the building.

## **Develop a Community resilience plan in conjunction with local groups and civil defence**

Halswell has been through a few emergencies together, during which we have each supported our community in various ways. All of us take part in responding to an emergency – but some of our groups and organisations may have more formal responsibilities and arrangements, while others fully rely on the goodwill and dedication of a few staff and volunteers to do what needs doing at the time. The more we understand each other's roles, capabilities, and limitations, the more we connect and plan together, the better we will get through together as a community.

### **What we have done:**

- Developed a close working relationship with Swantje Bubritzki, the Community Resilience Coordinator at Civil Defence and Emergency Management
- Gathered some information from groups and organisations who feel they may have or want a role in a community response to future emergency events.
- Organised an initial meeting of groups to begin the process of developing a community response plan
- Identified the role of Halswell Community Project and the Hub in the event of an emergency situation

This conversation came about following discussions at our monthly Connections Networking meeting about how Halswell as a community could respond in an emergency. The community has been affected by earthquakes, fires, flooding, the mosque shooting and the COVID pandemic in recent years and several groups/people felt we wanted to be able to respond at a community level.

Community Response planning is a process rather than a fixed plan as every emergency is completely different and never behaves the way we expect or want. It is therefore more about having a flexible approach to an event.

The initial stages of creating a community response plan involve identifying local hazards and impacts, local strengths, capabilities and limitations and what is already available and how we can access it.

We are now at this point and will be looking at holding workshops to map resources, plan and connect with each other in the coming months.

## **Develop projects which encourage environmental sustainability within Halswell Community Project and across the community**

Environmental sustainability is becoming increasingly important globally and at a community level. It is therefore important that we identify what we can do at a local level to highlight and support existing initiatives as well as identifying gaps where we could develop new projects/initiatives. Whilst COVID interrupted our work on this project, we have begun by identifying what environmental sustainability means to the Halswell Community Project and what we do / can do to support environmental sustainability.

### **What we have done:**

- Defined Environmental sustainability
- Identified what environmental sustainability means to Halswell Community Project
- identified existing projects within Halswell Community Project which encourage environmental sustainability

Environmental sustainability comes about when the environmental, economic and social needs of a society are met in the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

In the words of a student at the Sustainability Academy, Burlington, VT "Sustainability means doing more good than harm with the people around us and the stuff we have"

Making Halswell Community Project more sustainable is about looking at what we do, what we're buying, and how we're using and disposing of things. It's also about moving to eco-friendly, local, organic or low-emissions alternatives.

With this in mind HCP has already identified the following initiatives:

- Providing recycling at all events and at the Halswell Hub
- Reducing energy usage and wastage at the Hub
- collecting used sports gear as part of the Give Gear Get Great program
- Collecting wine bottle lids for Kidney Kids
- Sharing shack - sharing of resources from gardens
- Book shack
- School holiday craft activities that encourage recycling or upcycling
- Using UPSTREAM for services which benefit young people
- Choosing products and services that show a commitment to sustainability whenever we can
- Promoting and supporting environmental initiatives through facebook
- Reducing the amount of printing in the administration of HCP

We are aware that many groups and organisations in the community also have environmental sustainability at the forefront of their planning. Many local schools for example have garden to plate programs, Huritini Student council are passionate about Westlake park and there are regular planting days at Halswell Quarry. We plan to identify other initiatives we can set up or take part in as well as identifying and sharing other examples of sustainability across our community.

# 2020 - 2025 Strategic Priorities

## Tackling Social Isolation

Manage facilities and activities to enable people to connect, participate and engage with the wider community

## Environmental Sustainability

Emergency Management and Community Resilience

### 2021 - 2022 Initiatives

Support community-led activities aimed at celebrating and sharing diversity

Connect with groups at risk of social isolation.

Manage facilities and activities to enable people to connect, participate and

engage with the wider community

Survey/research existing projects/examples of environmental sustainability

Work with relevant groups to develop a community resilience plan

Continue supporting forums for the community to share information and ideas

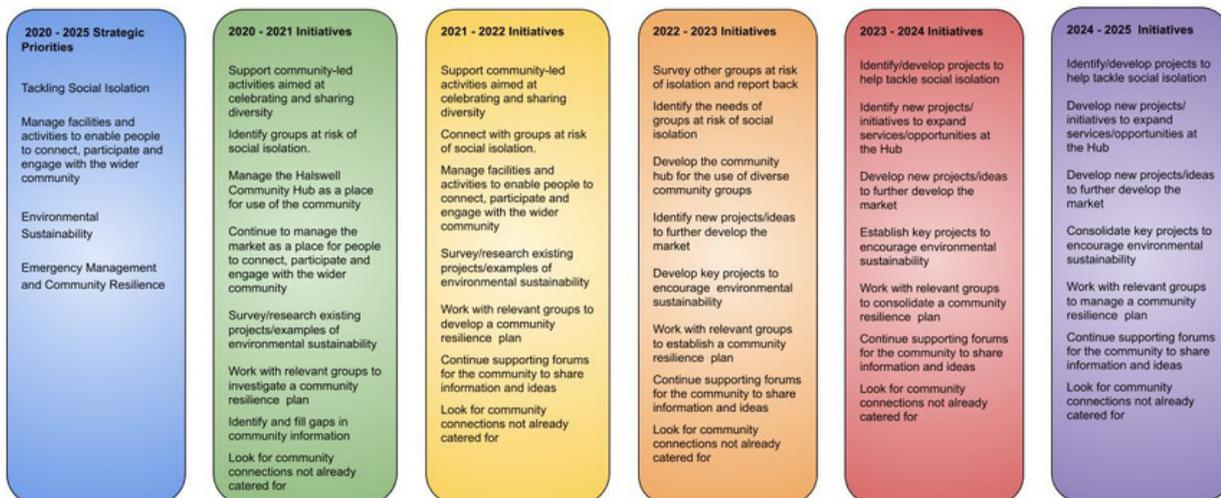
Look for community connections not already catered for

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Strategic Plan

### Building resilience through connection and participation



External Influences



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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The 2020/21 financial year has definitely had some challenges.

First, the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic which affected income from the Market and facilities hire at the Hub.

Secondly, we had to adjust our financial year from 1st March - 28th February to 1st April in line with the IRD tax year. This means that the financial reports are for the period ending 31st March 2021 rather than 28th February as in previous years, and should be read accordingly



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