



Halswell newsletter



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NEWS FROM THE HALSWELL COMMUNITY PROJECT

As Halswell and Christchurch remember the events of Feb 22nd, our hearts went out to those affected by the cyclone that hit the North Island last month. The images of the devastation wreaked across the region and the grief suffered by so many who lost so much reminds us of the forces of nature and why we need to be aware of the impacts of changes to our climate. So many people from across NZ have reached out to help and it is amazing to see how much has been raised already. For those still wanting to help, the Hawke's Bay Disaster Relief Trust, Red Cross or local Mayoral relief funds are all collecting donations which will go directly to the people who need it most and into the local businesses to keep them going while the region rebuilds and recovers.

Here at home, we are celebrating with Recreate NZ who have now outgrown their space at the Halswell Hub and are moving on to bigger premises over at the Loop in Papanui. It has been amazing getting to know the team and watching their programs go from strength to strength over the last few years. Whilst we will be sad to see them go, we are happy to have been part of their journey and wish them all the best for the future.

We had a great turn out at our first connections meeting for the year with Andrei Moore sharing his thoughts on the main issues facing Halswell and look forward to many more. Keep an eye out in the newsletter and on facebook for the upcoming topics and speakers.

Finally, we are looking forward to being able to bring Halswell a local version of Children's Day. This event has been in the planning since 2019 but got cancelled each year due to COVID-19! We will have nature based play activities, walks, hut building, giant games and reading areas so walk or bike down to the Quarry on Sunday 5th March between 10am and 2pm for a picnic and some family fun!

Ngā mihi mahana, warm regards
Kate & Keri.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. The Halswell Newsletter comes out at the beginning of each month and is compiled by the Halswell Community Project.

You can pick up a copy of the newsletter from

- Halswell Community Hub
- Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre
- Steviez Cafe
- Halswell New World
- Wigram New World
- Hell's Pizza Wigram
- Black and White Coffee Cartel Wigram
- Qubed Coffee
- Suburban Rascal
- Longhurst Ultrasound

If you have a local business that would be happy to display our newsletter each month please get in touch.

Send your notices, events and articles for the March issue of the newsletter to halswell.newsletter@gmail.com by March 24th

To ensure you receive the newsletter each month - please subscribe online.

Sign up for the email newsletter
<https://www.halswellcommunity.net.nz/Newsletter/>

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY

HALSWELL DOMAINS NEW ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

It's really exciting to see the recent opening of Halswell Domain's new accessible playground!

The idea first came about from a survey of people living with disabilities in Halswell and was championed by Anne Galloway during her time as Councillor for Halswell.

The idea behind this project was to create a space where children with disabilities could play alongside their siblings and peers. While there are pieces of accessible play equipment around the city, they are mainly single items dotted around in different playgrounds, often in locations where there are no accessible toilets. Halswell Domain was chosen for this project because it does have accessible toilets. The playground now has a swing and a roundabout which are suitable for wheelchair users, as well as accessible bongo drums and a play shop panel. The flooring is also accessible to allow good wheelchair access.

The funding for this project was made possible through grants from The Rātā Foundation, CCC Metropolitan Fund and Halswell Community Board – so huge thanks to the funders too!



LOCAL GAERDEN AWARDS

Congratulations to local gardener, Beverley McHugh who recently received a certificate from the CCC for Christchurch Street and community pride Garden awards.



HALSWELL COMMUNITY HALL AGM

The Halswell Hall is community owned by the people of Halswell and is maintained and operated by a committee made up of residents, interested people and users. New members of the Society are always welcome.

The Annual General meeting of the Society will be held on 22 nd March 2023 in the Hao Room, Te Hapua:Halswell Centre at 7:00pm.

WALK FOR DEMENTIA

Sunday 5 March, 2023, 10.30am - 12noon

Ngā Puna Wai Athletics Track, Augustine Drive, off Halswell Road. Free parking

\$20 per person (pre-registered)

\$10 for someone with Dementia/ disabilities/carers

\$100 pre-registered team of 6

\$30 general admission on the day, under 10s free.

REGISTER NOW!

Visit our website to register: dementiacanterbury.org.nz
Walk as little or as much as you want during the time. Prize for the best dressed team and spot prizes. Wheelchair, walking frames and stroller friendly (no scooters, bikes or dogs).

For more information please call Dementia Canterbury on 03 379 2590 Ext 206 or email diane@dementiacanterbury.org.nz



GET FREE HELP IN CHRISTCHURCH – CAP

It's common for bills, credit cards and costs such as kids medicine to get out of hand. Is your debt making life unmanageable? Debt can happen to anyone, for a variety of reasons, but you don't need to live in crippling stress or worry any longer. Help is just a phone call away!

Long term confidential counselling is provided through community-based home visits (or by phone if COVID restrictions apply) and a team of caseworkers. CAP helps anyone, regardless of religious belief, race, nationality, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

CALL FREE on 0508 227111 and a friendly team member will help.

Start your journey to freedom today. www.capnz.org



Lifting Kiwis out of debt and poverty

Tatau tātou - All of us count
7 March 2023

Census | Stats 

NOTES FROM HALSWELL CONNECTIONS

Andrei Moore, Councillor for Halswell, spoke at our February Connections meeting and shared his thoughts on the “Hot Topics” affecting Halswell.

(Notes taken by Kate Cleverly)

If you have any questions or issues you would like to raise with Andrei, keep an eye out for information about his upcoming drop in clinics. He will be holding these regularly around the community at:

- Te Hāpua
- Wigram Skies
- Longhurst and
- Steviez cafe

Or you can contact him by emailing Andrei.Moore@ccc.govt.nz



Milns Road

This stretch of road has changed a lot over time with a very dangerous narrow stretch of road.

The issues will be alleviated in coming years by the traffic lights and realignment of Dunbars Road which will join with Collier Drive to take the traffic straight through to Sparks Road.

The intersection of William Britten and Milns Road has recently changed to a give way which is causing issues as people are not stopping or giving way.

Once the new Countdown and retail centre is built the area will get busier - especially around the intersection of William Britten and Kearns Drive



Schools

The Ministry of Education still own the land on Milns Road. This is earmarked for a primary school but there is no land for a high school.

One big focus is safe access to and around schools. Consultation has been done around Knights Stream School and some improvements made. Others are planned / being looked into such as speed cushions down Whincops road. Andrei acknowledged that crossing Halswell Junction Road is not safe for children trying to access Knights Stream school, playing fields or the community. This is also true for children from Country Palms crossing Halswell Road to access Halswell School. Around Oaklands, Ensign Street and Dunbars Road are the big issues. Overall it is clear that Halswell needs more safe crossing points for all residents but especially children trying to walk to school.

The Government directive is for a 30km speed limit around schools and there is some discussion around whether this should be extended to wider areas as has been done in Wigram and Longhurst.

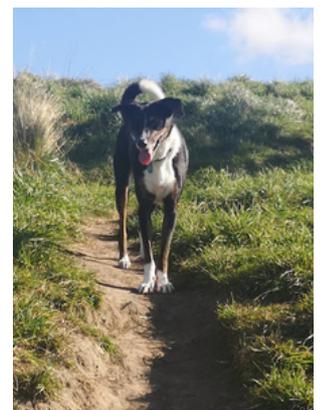
Andrei will be inviting the MoE and local MPs / candidates to have a discussion about the future of and safety around schooling in Halswell as all the local schools are very large and full.

Dogs

The dog exercise area at the quarry is the closest amenity for dog owners, but there are lots of issues around this. The area is not fenced or separated so clashes between dogs, walkers and bikes happen all the time. Some owners allow dogs off leash around the quarry not just in the dog area which has created lots of issues with dogs lately.

Andrei suggested a new fenced dog park in the Carrs Road area but this needs to be included in the Long Term Plan so will require local people to make submissions to the council on this matter. With the number of homes being built in the area, some of their development contribution should be going toward new local amenities such as a fenced dog park.

Council dog by-laws are up for review next year and this is an area that needs lots of public submissions, particularly as the confusion around “effective control” causes many of the problems with dogs.



(Victoria Park Dog Park)

Halswell Road Upgrades

There has been some discussion around whether the new bus lanes will actually cause more congestion, but this is not the case as it will add an extra lane. The key will be getting people onto the buses and out of the car lanes - particularly as Halswell Road gets busier and there is only one road into the city.

The upgrades are scheduled to take place 2024 - 2026 with the council doing their work over the next year, prior to the major NZTA work. However, council have suggested deferring the work which would mean more problems for traffic travelling in and out of Halswell.

Developers need to install the traffic lights at the end of Aidanfield Drive prior to any work starting.

Community Safety

Every community is concerned about safety but what can we do about it?

The biggest thing we as a community can do is support the local community patrol. There is a car that patrols Halswell but they are short of volunteers so it is not active as much as it could be.

Currently the local Community Patrol needs around 20 volunteers to get the car on the road more. Once that is at capacity then there may be a case for a second vehicle. Volunteers only need to do around 4 hours of patrolling a month.

The other big thing we can do is get to know our neighbours and look out for each other.

Andrei is organising a public meeting with Community Patrol and Police.

Community Board

The Community Board has been setting their three year plan / priorities which will feed into the councils long term plan.

These are:

- Infrastructure - completing footpaths, crossings etc around the community
- Fenced Dog Park
- Youth - spaces for youth to connect and hang out

There will be consultation on these and it is essential that residents make submissions as part of the Long Term Plan process next year to get local projects onto the council agenda and budget.

Andrei will be looking into how to spread the word and help people make submissions for maximum impact.

Christchurch wide issues

Intensification

CCC is currently breaking the law by not complying with the government legislation on housing intensification. The council are working on qualifying matters such as recession planes, red zone development etc which are specific to Christchurch.

They then have the decision to either notify those plan changes which will go to a hearing and public consultation or to continue to vote against the plan. This may mean a minister being assigned by the government to enforce the plan without those Christchurch specific changes being implemented. Andrei is unsure of the benefit of the latter and more inclined to think that notifying the changes to the plan is the right way to go.

Intensification probably wont affect Halswell too much apart from the new Countdown development which could go up to 4 storeys without consent.

Excess Water Usage

The new water charges are for excess water use - not necessary everyday use.

Each year the growth of Christchurch and increase in usage due to that growth cost millions of dollars in infrastructure and upgrades. The peak usage costs more each year so reducing usage benefits everybody. Andrei stressed that there is not a shortage of water, it just costs more each year to get it to the taps. People can apply for exemptions for medical reasons etc. Usage has dropped since last summer as people use less and check for / fix leaks sothere is a benefit being seen. The scheme is being reviewed and there is still uncertainty around the three waters plan and how that will affect water supply. Andrei also stressed that there is no water bottling form the source of our drinking water - it is from a different source so doesnt affect our water supply at all.

Rates bills

Council have worked hard to reduce the increase in rates but the next few years are still going to be challenging.

UPDATE FROM DEBBIE MORA – HALSWELL COMMUNITY BOARD

I am proactively, along with other community board members, trying to obtain bigger WARNING signage for the new give way intersection Cnr Milns Road and William Britten Ave, in the mean time please be extra careful approaching that new layout as it is difficult to miss.

I recently attended the opening of the new Halswell Bowling Club Green on 17 February which was well attended by their members and is a fantastic club. The additional Green was declared open by 100 year old Mr John Wilson who lives here locally in Halswell, he was just brilliant. The club is a great facility and many other clubs also enjoy utilising the premises. I am always available to help my local Halswell community so do feel free to contact me on 022 371 9687 or email me at Debbie.mora@ccc.govt.nz, and I will help you if I can, and if I can't I will try and find some one who can.

HURITINI STUDENT COUNCIL

As the summer holidays come to an end, students are back on bikes and scooters, parents are trying to drop their kids off before work and school buses are back on the road. It's more important than ever that drivers take care around schools, especially before and after school.

The Hurutini Student Council urges you to "Drive safely for our safety".



The Hurutini Student Council is made up of students from six Halswell schools. Check out what they have been up to online:

<https://drivesafenearschools.nz>

<https://www.facebook.com/hurutinistudentcouncil>

<https://www.youtube.com/@hurutinistudentcouncil>

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

Nominations will be open from Friday 3 March to 5pm Friday 31 March 2023.

The Council's Community Service Awards & Youth Service Awards are a way of giving well-deserved recognition to people who make communities better places to live. They are a way of thanking and honouring volunteers who without pay and little recognition demonstrate dedication and passion, inspiring others to make service a central part of their lives.

Whether it be for youth, older adults, education, culture, church, recreation, sport or community service fields, we want to make sure they are thanked and honoured for their dedication.

The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board also presents Youth Service Awards for young people aged 25 or under. These awards recognize individual effort rather than that of a whole group or organisation.

For more information and to make a nomination, visit www.ccc.govt.nz/csa or phone 941 5008.

HALSWELL–HORNBY–RICCARTON COMMUNITY BOARD

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The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board hold regular meetings that you're welcome to attend. Anyone can ask to speak to the board about a local issue, activity or project.

The board's main roles are to:

- Represent and act as an advocate for the interests of our community.
- Consider and report on all matters referred to us by the council, or any matter of interest to the board.
- Maintain an overview of services provided by the council within the community.
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.

Community Board Meetings will be livestreamed on the [Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board YouTube channel](#).

Subscribe to the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board Newsletter [here](#).

HALSWELL COMMUNITY HUB

The Halswell Community Hub is as busy as ever. If you are new to the area or know someone who is please pop in to grab a FREE welcome bag. 381 Halswell Road.

We are a collection point for:

Milk bottle tops for Over the top recycling
Wine tops for the Halswell Lions/Kidney Foundation
Bra's/Swimwear for Project uplift
Toiletries for people on the streets
Blankets for the Blanket Bank
Keep them coming Halswell Community, every little bit makes a difference!
The book and food sharing shacks continue to be well used.
Please take what you need and donate what you can.

Free RAT tests are still available for your collection. Please do not come if symptomatic. If you are having trouble coming in email halswellhub@gmail.com
Hub hours Monday to Wednesday 9-5pm, Thursday & Friday 9-4pm



HELPFUL AGENCIES

0800 Hungry Ministries Trust 0800 486 479
admin@0800hungry.org www.0800hungry.org

Foodbank Canterbury

03 930 1065, info@foodbankcanz.org.nz

Catholic Social Services 03 379 0012

css@chch.catholic.org.nz

Hoon Hay Food Bank. 0221 512 945

City Mission 0800 787 855

Delta Trust Food bank 0800 233 582

Salvation Army Hornby 03 349 6268

hornby_cm@nzf.salvationarmy.org

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/>

Presbyterian Support Christchurch 0800 477 874

ps@psusi.org.nz

<https://psuppersouth.org.nz/>

Christchurch City Mission 03 365 065

<https://www.citymission.org.nz/>

Christchurch Methodist Mission 03 375 1470

email: intake@mmsi.org.nz

<https://www.mmsi.org.nz/>

Step Ahead Trust 0800 688 732

Step Ahead is a place of acceptance and well-being for those with mental health issues in Canterbury.

<https://stepahead.org.nz>

HALSWELL TOY LIBRARY

The Halswell Toy Library Inc (HTL) is a non-profit community service run by a voluntary committee, providing good quality toys for hire (6 months - 5 years old). We aim to involve families in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Join the local toy library, yearly membership available, rent toys for as little as 50c.

A huge variety of fun toys for different ages that make both the kids and the parents smile.

Its a great way to try toys with little expense and being kind to the environment.

Phone: 027 453 0870

Email: info@halswelltoylibrary.org.nz

37 Cunningham Pl Halswell 8025 ·



HALF PRICED TRAVEL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CARDHOLDERS

Do you have a Community Services Card or know someone who does? From 1 February 2023 Community Services Card holders are eligible for a continued 50% discount on public transport.



The discount is part of the Community Connect programme announced by the Government in Budget 2022.

Free off-peak public transport continues to apply for all SuperGold cardholders.

DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE HUB

Kindly donated by the Halswell Lions - our AED can be found inside the Halswell Hub during opening hours beside the Halswell Community Project reception. 381 Halswell Road.

You can find your nearest AED either by using the app on your phones or checking here: <https://aedlocations.co.nz/>
The Halswell Hall has an external AED available at the main entrance. You will need to call 111 for a code.



WATER CHARGES ARE HERE

Heads up! Charges for high water users are here. You'll be charged for any excess water use recorded at your property each quarter. Good water-saving habits could save you money.

It's up to all of us to be mindful of how we water. Making small changes can result in a big reduction in your water use.

Hold your hoses!

Using a handheld hose to water your garden gives you more control and uses a lot less water.

If you're using automatic irrigation make sure your system is set up with water conservation in mind! In most cases you don't need to leave sprinklers on for as long as you think – read the manual or get in touch with an irrigation specialist to see if your settings are water-wise.

Morning time? Watering the garden is fine

Plants need less water when the sun's not out and the wind's died down. Watering in the morning is one of the easiest ways you can save water.

Shorten your shower

Keep your showers short and sweet. Use a timer or match the length of your shower with your favourite four minute song.

Slow the flow

Older showerheads often use a lot more water than needed. Replacing it with a modern, low flow showerhead is an easy cost saving exercise. Don't worry, you won't lose out on water pressure - modern showerheads use air to create a high pressure experience!

Seek the leak

Dripping taps, showerheads, toilets and leaky pipes could be contributing to your excess water use. Seek the leak and read your water meter(external link) to find out if water is flowing when no water is being used on your property.

Be a one-load wonder

Washing a full load of laundry is the most water-efficient way to do your laundry. Wait until you have a full load that needs a wash before pressing "go" on your machine.

Contain the rain

Installing a rainwater tank(external link) is a simple and inexpensive process and provides another source of water that can be used for gardening, irrigation or washing your car.

It's written in the star-rating

When buying appliances, look for those with the most stars from WELS (Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme). Choosing a water efficient appliance can make a big difference in your water use. Front-loading washing machines use 40 per cent to 75 per cent less water than top-loaders, and they're kinder to your clothes!

Remissions from water charges

You can apply for remissions online, or by filling in a printed form from the Christchurch City Council.

Medical condition remissions

If your high-water use is due to a personal medical condition you may be eligible for a remission.

Large family remissions

Families with more than eight members are eligible for a remission.

Leak remissions

If you've fixed a leak you might be eligible for a remission.



How to check for leaks

1. Check your hot water cylinder, appliances and toilet cistern(s) for signs of a leak.
2. Check for damp patches in the garden or driveway during dry weather.
3. Listen for water hissing or the sound of running water when no water is being used across your property.
4. Read your water meter to find out if water is flowing when no water is being used on your property.
5. Contact a certified plumber to enquire about getting your leak fixed.

To find out your water usage go to <https://ccc.govt.nz/services/water-and-drainage/water-supply/water-reporter/>

RECYCLING POLYSTYRENE

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) can now be left at three Mitre 10 stores in Christchurch: Hornby (the nearest one to Halswell at 370 Main Road, Hornby), Ferrymead, and Papanui for recycling.

Expanded polystyrene (EPS), is the stuff that looks like white boards made of little beads and is often used to protect fragile goods and appliances.

The new programme encourages customers to recycle EPS polystyrene, which is difficult to dispose of responsibly. EXPOL then repurposes the material into new products diverting over 400 tonnes of polystyrene from landfill each year.

A maximum of two rubbish bags can be dropped off at participating Mitre10 stores at any one time.

Find out more at:

<https://www.mitre10.co.nz/news/expol-recycling-cubes>

HOON HAY FOODBANK

While the cost of living increases so does the need for help for many. The Hoon Hay foodbank help provide for many local residents/families. They are always in need of donations of food items/sanitary products. Please contact Corrin if you can help.



HOON HAY FOOD BANK

The Hoon Hay Foodbank is a non profit charitable trust that runs from a family home who have been providing food parcels to over 180 families per week

WE NEED DONATIONS OF NON PERISHABLE ITEMS ALL YEAR ROUND

Our foodbank is funded by the generous support from the local community. If you would like to donate food items or contribute financially please contact us or you can make a direct deposit using our bank details:

Hoon Hay Foodbank
ANZ
01-0325-0128512-00

There is no set criteria or any requirements to apply for assistance but please note that we only issue a food parcel once every three weeks for our clients

MESSAGE US

24/7
*There may be delays & times may vary.

CONTACT US 022 151 2945
f @HoonhayFoodBank

SEND SNAP SOLVE

Reporting local issues can be time consuming. You might ask yourself questions like 'Which Council am I in right now?' or 'Who's responsible for fixing this road?' Use the free app to report issues across New Zealand and Australia in 30 seconds or less.

It takes the guesswork out of reporting local issues and sends your reports to the responsible authority in a Snap. From Dumped Rubbish and Illegal Parking to Overgrown Vegetation and Graffiti, they've got you covered!

Let's work together to keep communities clean, safe and beautiful.

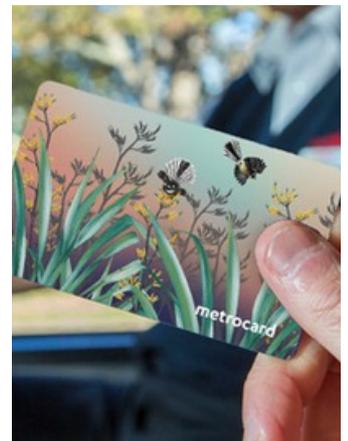


METRO CANTERBURY

The minimum Metrocard top-up amount has been reduced from \$10 to \$5

Metrocard balance low, but have a \$5 note in your wallet? Now you can use it to top up your card instead of paying a higher cash fare.

This change is for top-ups on the bus and in person. Top-ups can be \$5, \$10, \$20, \$30 and so on. Online top-up minimum remains at \$10.



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Is your neighbour liable if their land slips onto your place? By and large, no. If your neighbour's land moves and damages your property, they are not responsible for the cost of repairs. Moaning about it is like moaning about gravity.

Unless — and isn't there always an unless — the land slipped after they (or the previous owner) excavated their land and caused it to move. Or, if the slip was caused by a natural disaster. In the unlikely event of a storm, flood, landslide, earthquake, tsunami or volcanic eruption, you can make a claim on your home insurance, and your insurer will lodge a claim on your behalf with Christchurch's old friend EQC (now known as Toka Tū Ake).

Sit down and stand up for your rights.

Citizens Advice Bureau's website

<https://www.cab.org.nz/article/KB00042867>

is packed with more on this, and other useful tips, but if the thought of trying to follow it makes you go arrrrgh! and wish to talk to a real person, then phone 0800 367 222 (0800 FOR CAB). It's free, confidential and impartial.

WHAT'S ON?

CHILDREN'S DAY 2023

HALSWELL QUARRY

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023
10AM - 2PM

NATURE BASED FAMILY FUN DAY

HUT BUILDING,
NATURE PLAY ACTIVITIES,
WALKS, ORIENTEERING,
NATURE BASED CRAFT
TREASURE HUNTS,
FAMILY PICNIC
GIANT GAMES AND MORE



Elements Nature Based Play | Halswell Community Project

Adoptee Support Group

A safe and confidential space for adoptees to give and get support, express feelings, and build a network of lasting connection



Even if it took place in the 1950s, 60s or 70s, adoption can and does affect people in a wide range of ways across their lifetime.

On the 3rd Monday of each month
At the Halswell Community Hub
381 Halswell Road, Christchurch
7 - 9p.m

For further details, please contact
Keri on (027) 370 0344 or Julia (027) 3528 027,
or email adoptionchch@gmail.com

Aidanfield Christian School FAIR

Saturday
march 25th
10am - 2pm

FUN GAMES AND RIDES, LIVE MUSIC, AUCTION, FACE PAINTING, INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL, HOT CHIPS, CAKES AND MUCH MORE!

Aidanfield Christian School | 2 NASH RD



CONNECTIONS MEETING

Tuesday 21st March 12.30-2pm

At the Halswell Community Hub
381 Halswell Road



This month we welcome Jane from Community Law
Everyone welcome.

TE HĀPUA: HALSWELL CENTRE

Reading To Dogs

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm (during term time)

After School Activity Zone

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm (during term time)

Auahatanga – Creative Time

Wednesdays 10-11.30am (during term time)

Wā Pēpi: Babytimes

Wednesdays 11-11.30am (during term time)

Scrabble Group

Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm

Mahjong Group

Wednesdays 5.00pm – 6.45pm

Book Discussion Group

First Wednesday of the month 6-7pm

Wā Kōrero: Storytimes

Thursdays 11-11.30am (during term time)

Knit'n'Yarn

Thursdays 1-3pm

Saturdays 1-3pm

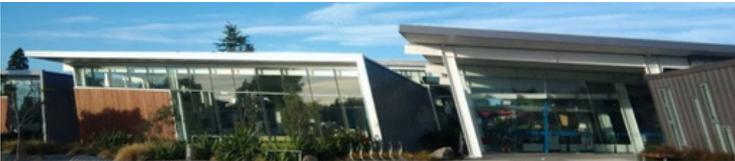
Thursday Takeover

Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm (during term time)

Beats Lab

Fridays 3-4.30pm (during term time)

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/classes-and-programmes/>



HALSWELL PREDATOR FREE GROUP

We are a small group of volunteers who play a small part in the big picture of 'Predator free 2050. Our group is involved in Trapping at the Springlands Reserve which is situated at the end of Murphys road on Quafies road. Around 7 months ago we started our trapping program on the reserve with 20 traps [stage 1] with another 20 or so to be laid in stage 2 which we hope to finish soon. During this period our tallies have been approx 160 Mice, 12 Rats, 4 Weasels, and 7 Hedgehogs, we hope this effort will start making a notable differences to the Reserves wild-life.

<https://www.facebook.com/PredatorFreeHalswell>

SPREYDON INDOOR BOWLS

Spreydon Indoor bowls meet weekly in Spencer Street Addington on Monday evenings at 7.30pm.

Annual subscription is \$40.00 & \$2.00 a night to play.

If interested please call John on 027 8994877

HALSWELL CONNECTIONS

These monthly meetings are for anyone interested in the topic/issue being discussed/presented so please do pass on the dates and themes to anyone you think might be interested in attending. Likewise, if you have a burning issue or topic you wish to discuss, do let us know so we can build it into the calendar.

Dates for 2023

21st March - Jane, [Community Law](#)

18th April - School Holidays (No Meeting)

16th May - Helen, [Yellow Brick Road](#)

20th June - Kevin, [Stepahead Trust](#) (TBC)

18th July - Halswell Lions

15th August

19th September

17th October

21st November - last meeting for the year

All meetings will be held at the Halswell Community Hub from 12.30pm and tea and coffee will be available.

FREE BIKE LESSONS FOR FORMER REFUGEE AND MIGRANT WOMEN

Bike Lessons
For former refugee and migrant women.
Run by women, for women.

Location: Addington School
Thursdays 2nd Feb – 30th Mar 2023
5-7pm - come when you can.

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HALSWELL GARDEN CLUB

The Halswell Garden Club meets at the Halswell Library Mohoao Room every second Tuesday of the month at 12.30pm. For further details please contact Christine Lowdon 03 322 1780

HALSWELL COMMUNITY CRAFT GROUP

ALL WELCOME

Where: Halswell Community Hub (corner Sparks and Halswell Rd)

When: Every Wednesday morning (during School terms) 9.15am to 12 noon.

Entry \$3.00 includes morning tea.

Come join us to learn new crafts or just have a social outing. Knitting, Crocheting, Embroidery, Cross Stitch, Card making, Painting, Patch work, or anything else you are doing or wish to share with others. For more information please contact Marion 03 322 8996 or Trudy 03 322 8178/027 416 5888

U3A SOUTH WEST CHRISTCHURCH

U3A is a learning community organised by and for people who are in active retirement. Monthly meetings are held with a speaker. A range of special interest groups encourage opportunities for ongoing learning plus social activities.

2023 meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am – 12 noon in the Mohoao Room at Te Hāpua:Halswell Centre. Further information and an application form can be found on our website

<http://u3aswchch.org.nz> or email

u3a.southwestchch@gmail.com New members are welcome.

HALSWELL QUARRY PETANQUE GROUP

Tuesday & Saturday

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Interested in playing petanque? Tuition and boules available. Come and join us for a fun afternoon at the quarry or contact 0274387179

PROBUS CLUB OF CHRISTCHURCH

SOUTH WEST

We meet on the SECOND Thursday of the month in the Mohoao Room, Te Hāpua, Halswell Centre, 341 Halswell Road at 10.00am.

Friendship, Fellowship and Fun for the Retired, are the foundations of Probus. We have interesting range of Guest Speakers, regular outings and bus trips, and a range of popular activity groups. (Coffee Morning, Walking, Knit & Craft)

For further information can you please contact Secretary Don Hayes on 027 322 7803.

OAKLAND'S WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Oakland's WI (Women's Institute) now meets in the supper room at St Mary's Church Hall Halswell at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

If you are new to the area, it is a good place to meet new people. We are very friendly. We have monthly competitions, handcrafts, baking, flowers and vegetables (not compulsory). We do some fundraising for local charities; not all the time.

We do support the puppy training scheme for the Blind.

During the year we have a film evening, and we usually go out for a meal on our Birthday and at Christmas.

There has been a WI in Halswell for 50 years.

Why not come and visit us one evening to see if you would like to join us.

For further information call Rosemary on 03 322 9962 or Marion 03 3228 996.

GET CREATIVE CARD GROUP

Get Creative Craft Group meets from 9.30 - 11.30am every Thursday during the school term at the South West Baptist Church in Balcairn Street. Card making is taught but also feel free to bring any craft you are working on or simply come to fellowship with others.

There is a charge of \$3.00 per card or \$2.50 if you provide your own adhesives.

Morning tea is \$2.00.

For further information contact Janet on 021 1477 656

HALSWELL FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Mohoao Room, Te Hapua Halswell Centre, 341 Halswell Road at 1.30pm.

We have speakers, coffee group and outings.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 2 March when our speaker will be from St John on the 3 Steps of Life.

Our outing in March is a luncheon at the Pavillion, Hornby Club.

For further information contact Robyn on 322 8288.

MAHJONG

Wednesdays 12.30-2.30pm at the Halswell Community Hub, 381 Halswell Road. Cost \$2.

Phone Noel 027 341 8962 or Keri 027 370 0344.



COFFEE MORNING AT THE HALSWELL HUB

Pop in for a coffee and chat, often with home baking!

10am - 12pm. Every Tuesday morning @ The Halswell

Community Hub, 381 Halswell Road. All Welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated.

WALK CHRISTCHURCH

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Go to our website www.walkchristchurch.nz to learn more about us.

SAYGO – STEADY AS YOU GO

SAYGO - STEADY AS YOU GO - Gentle exercises to keep us moving, improve our balance, and to help prevent a fall, 11.00am – 12.00pm, Te Hapua – Halswell Library, every Wednesday, Cost \$2 each session, no booking required. Supported by Aged Concern and ACC

COFFEE & GAMES AT THE HALSWELL HUB

Coffee and Games every Thursday 12.30-2.30pm.
Halswell Community Hub, 381 Halswell Road
Cost \$2

Anything from Rummikub, cards, cribbage, scrabble.
Casual, non-competitive fun, a great way to meet new people.
Keep updated on [Facebook](#).

Contact us for more information. Email: halswellhub@gmail.com or Phone: 027 370 0344

HALSWELL LIONS CLUB

Halswell and District Lions Club meetings are held at the 7pm, on the first Wednesday of the month at Halswell Bowling Club. All residents of Halswell and surrounding district are most welcome. Contact Peter for more details. Email mechaelis@outlook.com or phone 02274 490 722.

FREE MEN'S HEALTH GROUP



Free Men's health group

Improve your physical and mental health

Join an awesome friendly group of blokes, have some fun, learn something new. Become stronger physically and mentally.

We start out with either a group work out, or a social sport. We can give you your own workout plan, and look at ways to improve your diet so you can achieve your goals whether that's toning, weight loss or fitness.

Mental health we look at ways to better manage anger, depression anxiety, self doubt and help you build confidence. We look at the connection between good physical and mental health

We meet at Halswell quarry 6pm Monday nights starting first Monday of November. Meet at the carpark at the bottom of the hill next to the coffee cart

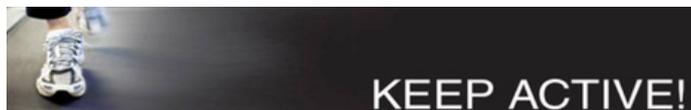
Like us on face book at men's mental and physical health or text me on 0211958592 for more info

FRIDAY AFTERNOON EUCHRE

Summer progressive Euchre has started up again at the Halswell Community Hub on Friday afternoons. \$5.00 per person & runs from 1.15pm through to about 3.15pm every Friday.

Please contact John on 027 899 4877 if you need further information.

KEEP ACTIVE



KEEP ACTIVE! Aims to be a fun, social setting for maintaining or improving fitness. We see many coming along who need to improve their strength and balance in order to avoid falls or who are recovering from issues such as knees, hips, shoulders or back. In Halswell, we hold sessions at 6 Balcairn Street. Tues 9.30am and Fri 9.30am. We also hold sessions in Spreydon, 244 Lyttelton St. Mon 9.30am & 11am and Thurs 1pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Lidwina Iclarke@swbc.org.nz or 027 274 1686

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Ambulance, Fire, Police Emergencies: 111

Police

No crime is too small to report to Police – it could be one part of a bigger series of events.

Non-emergencies: 105

Online: <https://www.police.govt.nz/use-105>

Crime stoppers: 0800 555 111

Council

Report graffiti, rubbish, noise, roading, water, tree, park issues.

Through the Snap, Send, Solve mobile app (available for download at the Council website www.ccc.govt.nz/report)

Phone: 941 8999

Online: www.ccc.govt.nz/report

Environment Canterbury

Report noxious weed, air and water pollution issues

Online: www.ecan.govt.nz/info/contact

Phone: 0800 324 636

JP's IN HALSWELL

Mr Malc Johnson JP

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Availability: Anytime.

Please phone for an appointment

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Mrs Cheryl Hill JP

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Availability: Anytime.

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Ms Marie Pollisco JP

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Availability Anytime.

Please text for an appointment.

Mr Andrew Dellaca MNZM, JP

Home Phone 03 322 6984

Availability: Evenings and weekends

Please phone for an appointment.

JP Clinic at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre - Tuesdays 10-1pm

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Report downed power lines, trees touching power lines

Call 363 9898 or 0800 363 9898 immediately.

Website: www.oriongroup.co.nz for the checklist on power outages.

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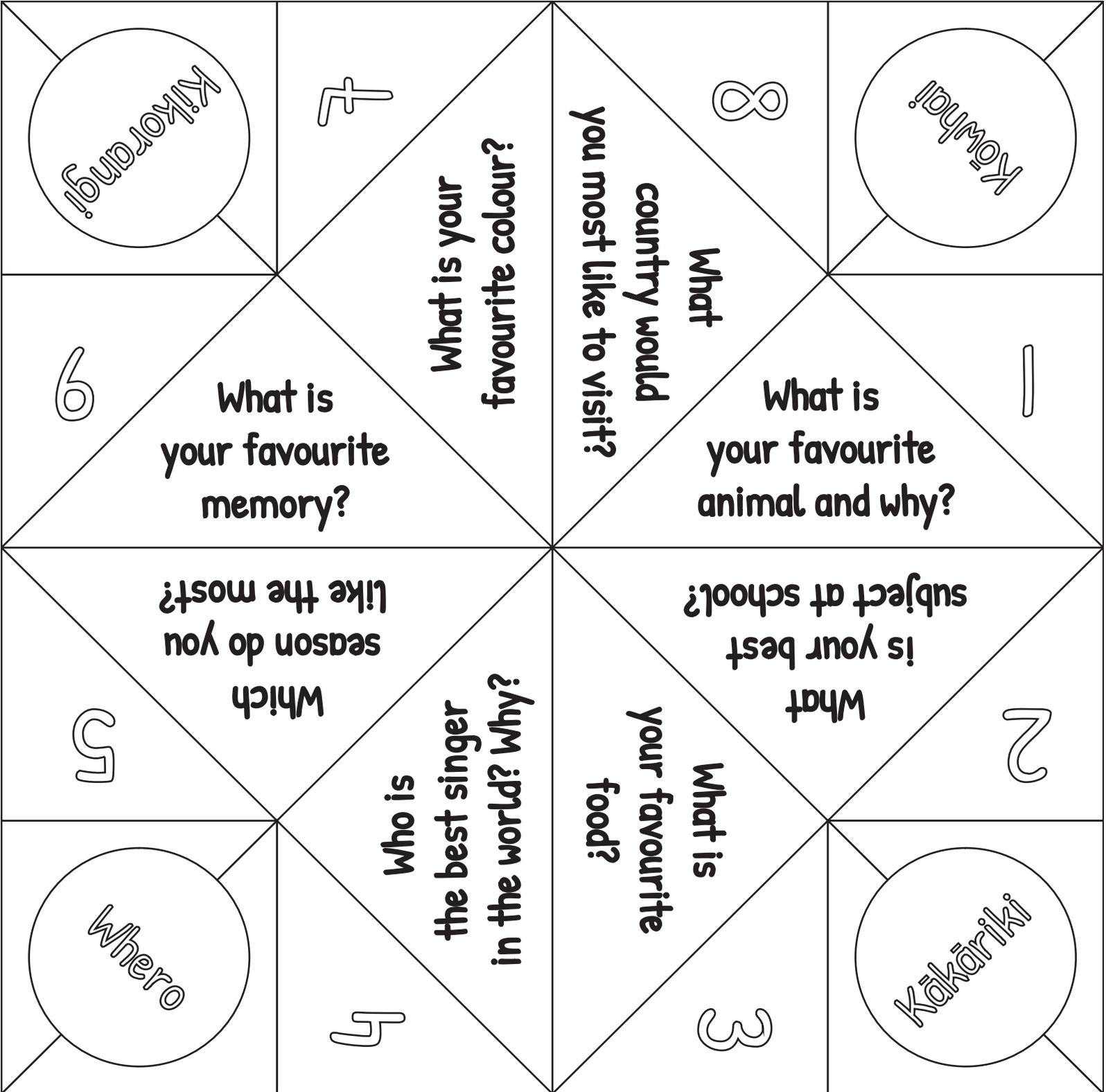
Check out the Halswell Community Project website - www.halswellcommunity.net.nz or any of the local facebook pages The [Halswell Community Group](#) on facebook is a discussion group for residents to share information activities or events which may be of interest to the local community.

[Halswell Business](#) page is where local businesses can advertise their services so if you are looking for something, check out this page.

[Halswell Pay it Forward](#) is for sharing resources locally.

[Halswell Community Hub](#) has its own facebook page, as does the [Halswell Community Market](#) and the [Community Garden](#).

Many other local groups, organisations and neighbourhoods also have their own facebook pages.



Let's korero!

1. Colour in the chatterbox.
2. Tear out the square.
3. Fold and unfold the square, along all four lines of symmetry. The creases will form a 'star' to show you the center of the chatterbox.
4. Place the chatterbox on a flat surface, the blank side facing up. Fold each corner into the centre.
5. Turn the chatterbox over. Fold each corner into the centre.
6. Fold the chatterbox in half - so four square flaps are facing outwards.
7. Insert your thumbs and index fingers under the flaps. As you pinch your fingers together, the chatterbox will take shape.



**TE RĀ O NGĀ
TAMARIKI**
CHILDREN'S DAY

CHILDRENS DAY – CELEBRATE AT HOME

Although there's heaps of awesome Children's Day events running across the country you may just want to spend time celebrating at home with your family.

Children have let us know that a day at home with their whānau can be just as exciting as going out. The most important thing to kids is time with their caregivers doing fun stuff. It can be something as simple as making an extra yummy breakfast, reading them that extra bedtime story or playing some of their favourite games with them (e.g. Minecraft or Roblox).

Big or small - let's all come together for tamariki.

We talked to some kids to find out what they wanted to do at home. They said they wanted to:

1. Spend more time with family
2. Play games (computer games, board games, and fun games outside)
3. Have a dance party
4. Do some arts and crafts
5. Eat yummy kai like lollies and pizza.

Check out these awesome ideas to see how you can celebrate Children's Day at home with your family!

Make Chalk Paint

What you'll need

1 cup of cornflour, 1 cup of water, a muffin tin, food colouring and paintbrushes.

How to make chalk paint

1. Mix the cornflour and water together then split the mixture among your muffin cups.
2. Add a few drops of different food colouring to each cup.
3. Use your paint brushes to decorate your driveway or footpath.
4. You could draw each other, draw some blue puddles to 'jump in' or even draw the letters of your name.

Play Chasing Pirates

What you'll need

Some energy to burn, especially on a rainy day, a large area and two or more people.

How to play 'Chasing Pirates'

Whatever the weather, get outside for some pirate fun!

1. Choose who will be the pirates (often the kids) and who will be the crocodiles.
2. Give the pirates three seconds to run away... screaming!
3. Then the crocodiles can chase, catch them and gobble them up before letting them go and beginning again.

Treasure Hunt

What you'll need

Things to hide (such as stickers, special treats or 'I love you' notes), and some helpful clues.

Create a quick hunt

1. Take turns hiding things and giving clues.
2. When the person goes the wrong way say "cold, colder"...
3. When they go the right way say "warm, warmer, very very hot!"

Create a special hunt

1. Hide all your things then give the hunters their first hand-drawn (or written) clue.
2. This clue will lead to the first treat and the next clue until all treats are found.

Extra for experts

Have a night time hunt with torches or have two teams racing to find what you've hidden.



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