



HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2017



We are thrilled to announce our Heathcote Valley Community Centre and Volunteer Library is now open.

The building is owned by the Christchurch City Council and run by the Heathcote Valley Community Association under a Memorandum of Understanding.

This edition of our community newsletter will highlight some of the wonderful facilities we have here in Heathcote.



Sooze Harris and Yani Johanson cut the ribbon at the opening celebrations held in December.

The crowds pour into the new building.



Heathcote Valley Community Library

We are very pleased to advise that Heathcote Valley Community Library is now open for business. Come down and meet our lovely librarians at 45 Bridle Path Road, next to the cricket club, in our new Community facility. If you were a member when we were at 8 Martindales Road come down and update your contact information. New members are welcome with no charge to join. Opening hours are listed below.

We have a lovely range of children's books from babies upwards, and for adults we have fiction and non-fiction. Our new books are charged out at \$1 for three weeks and all other books are free including children's.

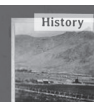
OPENING HOURS

Monday	10.00am - 12.30pm
Tuesday	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday	6.45pm - 8.00pm
Thursday	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday	6.45pm - 8.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 12.30pm



A selection of new books line the shelves.

WHAT WE LOVE AND VALUE ABOUT
HEATHCOTE:



SARA'S SPOT

Hi All,
It's been a while since I was able to have an update printed in here, so what I'd like to say first up is an enormous THANK YOU for your support during the election campaign last year. I really enjoyed my term as your representative on the Hagley Ferrymead Community Board and now it's my privilege to be your voice around the table at Council.

My new role is a varied one with everything from following up on local concerns that residents raise (a safe crossing point on Martindales Road for example) to broader ward issues such as St Andrews Hill/Bridle Path Road, the future use of Redcliffs Park or how to keep the Sumner skate

ramp open. However, my key role is as a councillor for the whole city – making decisions on larger long term projects such as the cycleways network, sustainability, bylaws or natural hazard mitigation and adaption. We are also working on the Annual Plan at the moment – the city's budget for the next 12 months. It's a really difficult balance between meeting the needs and desires of our communities (such as roading, water supply, land drainage, pools, parks and libraries) and the desire to keep rates down at a time when many families are struggling. In post-quake Christchurch this is more difficult than in most other cities and the questions and debate are robust.

Meanwhile, I'm looking forward to our next Freecycle Day in April. Cal and I sorted out the garage over Christmas and have put aside a few boxes of

household bits'n'bobs to put out. Previous years have been a lot of fun, so put the first weekend in April in your diary and I'll see you out around The Valley.

Nga mihi,
Sara.

PS: Please feel free to get in contact over any issue, local or otherwise, by email to sara.templeton@ccc.govt.nz, or phone 384 7889 / 021 036 7672.

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Templeton
Heathcote Ward
Christchurch City
Council
021 0367672



MALTWORKS UPDATE

Stage 1 of the build has commenced with some building platforms formed, some boxed, and some ready to be poured this coming week. By the end of February you will start to see some building frames in place.

The earthworks team have been busy forming the curb and channelling in the SW corner of Stage 1. Hopefully this will give people a far better idea of exactly how the roading is to be laid out, and the placement of some villas. I know many people find it hard to get a good idea of the actual room sizes from the floor plan without seeing them fully built, so hopefully seeing some framing up soon will assist those particular people.

Stage 1 of the project will be the construction of the lifestyle village, comprising 65 villas and townhouses. The villas are a mixture of single level and two storey homes, with either single and double garaging. Configurations vary with two or three bedroom options in floor plans, ranging from 102m² to 200m².

All villas are sold on a Freehold Unit Title basis, whereby you own your own home and have the ability to onsell it via the open market. It is not a licence to occupy purchase. The village covenants restrict the age limit of residents to being over the age of 55 years.

Michelle Tait is the contact at Maltworks Village for any sales enquiries. She is available on 352 4900 or 027 668 6268, www.plcgroup.co.nz or michelle@plcgroup.co.nz



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CHRISTMAS TREES



What an amazing season it was for Christmas trees – the combination of a mild winter and a damp spring meant that the trees went from ‘little’ to ‘very big’ in a few months. The team that maintains these trees anticipated that we would have around 80 trees to sell this Christmas. The remarkable growth spurt meant that on the selling day we sold well over 100 trees to happy Christmas shoppers. It was the best season by far since the earthquakes. Earlier this year we planted 250 new little trees and when you are passing the paddock you will note that most of these little trees have struck really well. We anticipate that some of these will be able to be sold at Christmas 2018.

The Christmas Tree Team is delighted with the support it receives from Heathcote. Many of you have been buying these trees ever since the scheme started. On a rather sad note – five of the trees were cut by persons’ unknown this year, meaning that we lost \$100 profit. We hope these people had a genuine reason for not being able to pay for their trees.

We will be back again this year with more lovely Christmas trees to sell. The profit from these trees helps with the maintenance on the Church of St Mary. Many thanks for your support.
Allan Stack - Convenor

TODDLER TRAIN AND TRAM DAY

Ferrymead Heritage Park



It's back for one day only this school term. Bigger and Better!!!

On Thursday 16th March (Rain day 23rd of March).

- The electric train unit will be running on the hour from 10.30am till 2.30pm.
- The tram will be running every 30 minutes from 10.30am till 2.30pm.
- The Christchurch City Libraries Storytimes will be here - running 2 x 30 minute interactive train themed storytimes - 11am and 1pm.
- Ponies2Go will be here with their pony and gig rides and their cuddly pets (charge applies).
- TamperBlack coffee vendor will be here and our own tearooms will be open, but you're welcome to bring a picnic.
- Admission is \$10 for a caregiver, free for under 5s, \$5 for over 5 year olds.

HEATHCOTE CRICKET CLUB NEWS

It only seems like a couple of weeks ago that the season started, but I note that we are already two-thirds of the way through the season. The spring weather wasn't that kind to us, as it seemed to rain heavily most Fridays, resulting in all the lower grades being cancelled on the Saturday. Some of them only played four or five games before Christmas. However, the weather certainly seems to have settled down now, so we are hoping for a fine remainder of the season.

Our Senior A team did not distinguish themselves in the one day competition, but they are coming a close second in the two day competition with another three rounds to go. Our second team has been playing in a combined 2A and 2B grade and they did extremely well to finish in the top half, meaning that they have now been promoted to the 2A grade for the rest of this season and next.

Our third and fourth grade sides are coming sixth and third in their respective grades, while our two T20 sides both sit mid table. Our women's team are still searching for their first win of the season, which we all hope will come very soon. They know how to party, so their first win of the season will be a marvellous excuse.

The Junior Club is going really well again this year, with the ever popular Friday night coaching for the young ones now having resumed after the Christmas break. Matt House is doing a wonderful job co-ordinating, not only the Friday nights, but also our Saturday morning junior teams. Our hope is that these juniors will remember what a good time they had at Heathcote, and one day come back and play for the club as adults.

Hopefully in the next newsletter I will be reporting on an outstanding end to the season for the club, with perhaps a trophy or two in the cabinet! We'll see.

Ken Lomax
President



HEATHCOTE VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

A WORD FROM HEATHCOTE VALLEY SCHOOL

At Heathcote Valley School we kicked off 2017 with our traditional Mihi Whakatau to welcome all the new students, parents and our new teacher Miss Murdoch into our school whanau.

You may be wondering what is a Mihi Whakatau? Well a Mihi Whakatau is a Maori process of welcoming newcomers. It is like a Powhiri but not quite so formal. The Tangata Whenua (the local people) welcomed the Manuhuri (guests) with karanga (call), haka, speeches and waiata (song). The Manuhuri respond with their own karanga (call), speeches and waiata (song). At the end the Head Boy and Girl, Kaitataki Tane and Wahine (cultural leaders), and senior staff greeted each newcomer with a hongi or a handshake. This signified that they are now part of our family by sharing the same breath of life.

We are all looking forward to an exciting 2017.

By Annelise



New students, whanau and staff are welcomed to Heathcote Valley School at the Mihi Whakatau

FREE-CYCLE DAY

It's time for another clear-out! On Saturday 1st April we will be holding the third installment of what is lining up to be an annual event.

If you are new to Heathcote or haven't yet taken part here's what it's about.

During daylight hours on Saturday 1st April (rainy day alternative 2nd April) we invite Heathcote residents to place their unwanted quality items in front of their properties. Then take a walk or a drive around the valley to find yourself a great treasure or meet some of the treasures' prior owners.

In order to ensure this event's success we ask that you:

1. Remove unwanted items before sundown on
 2. Saturday.
 3. Ensure items are well clear of the road.
 4. Treat other people's property and items with respect.
- Have fun.



FERRYMEAD PONY CLUB



With the revitalization growing in the revamp of our Christchurch city, not so far away in Ferrymead revitalization has also been seen strongly, and nowhere more especially than at Ferrymead Pony Club on the Mary Duncan Estate.

With a rising number of new members and a completely fresh new committee, Ferrymead Pony Club is on its way back up to being the most prestigious pony club in Christchurch, as it once was.

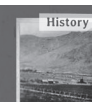
After the decline of members since the devastating earthquake, the grounds keeper along with the superb input of John Marsh with all of his native planting, have done a wonderful job of ensuring the Pony Club and its facilities have not only been brought back up to standard but ensuring the Pony Club is being revitalized and cared for in the manner of previous years.

With grazing on offer for its members along with top of the line cross country and show jumping courses, not to mention two large arenas, tack lockers and yards Ferrymead Pony Club is an equestrians dream come true. Not only does it offer all of these facilities to its members but it is the only pony club in Christchurch that incorporates a hill for endurance training—not to mention the stunning views.

- April Meredith

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Heathcote Valley Online

Check out our Facebook page for updates on local events: at Heathcote Village Project and like our page.



HEATHCOTE / MOUNT PLEASANT ANGLICAN PARISH.

Happy New Year to everyone. The Parish wish to thank those people who supported our Christmas tree sale in mid December. Sales were very steady right up until Christmas Eve and just about exhausted our available supply.

Our Christmas Eve children's service again proved to be very popular. The Church was full to overflowing with approximately 60 adults and 60 children attending.

FIVE NOTICEBOARDS IN THE VALLEY

Did you know there are five noticeboards located around the valley?

They are located near Upshot, Station Road by the gallery, outside the church on Martindales Road, at the children's playground in the domain, and on the corner of Port Hills Road and Mauger Drive.

They are there for all information relating to, or near our area so next time you're out and about go and have a look.

Do you know someone in Heathcote who deserves some recognition for their input into our community?

Give them a SHOUT OUT! in our next

edition of this newsletter.

Let us know by contacting:

heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com



NOSTALGIA FESTIVAL

The fantastic Nostalgia Festival has been running nearby in Ferrymead Heritage Park since 2014. This year Nostalgia was keen to support our Heathcote community.



Nostalgia very kindly gifted tickets to our community and school in which all profits made will go back to us here in Heathcote.

This money will back an arts programme within the school and help promote tourism within Heathcote.

What a wonderful opportunity for our community. A huge thanks goes out to Johnny Gibson whose vision has created both a wonderful festival on our

doorstep and whose generosity will continue to support the Heathcote community. Nice one!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY MORE CONNECTED TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AND AROUND HEATHCOTE?

Join the Heathcote Village Community Google Group.

The Heathcote Village Community Google Group is an email mailing list that distributes messages about happenings in the wider Heathcote Valley area and other matters of local concern. Google Groups is a free service provided by the famous Google search engine company and provides a very effective means of distributing information to a group of recipients. We now have over 400 residents on the email group. We find it works exceptionally well! To join, send an email to: heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com



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FACILITIES IN HEATHCOTE

We have several fantastic venues for hire around Heathcote and would like to share the details of these with you.

St Mary's Church and Hall

Our beautiful historic Church of St Mary, built in 1860 is available for services of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

We do not hire our consecrated building but if you would like to have a service there, please contact our Vicar, David Coles, in the first instance. Services are normally held by the Vicar and an appropriate donation is made for the Church when services are held, depending on the occasion.

Rt. Revd. David Coles
39 Major Hornbrook Road
Mount Pleasant, Christchurch, 8081
Phone: 366 0359
Email: vicar@heathcote-mtpleasant.org.nz



Charges

Hourly Rate. \$25.30 GST Inclusive
Full day Hire/Wedding Receptions
POA (hours required) \$300-\$400 plus GST
Hire rate includes full use of main hall plus upper lounge area.
Full kitchen facilities also provided.

For more information and bookings contact Peter Murray, Warden/Property Manager
Phone: 376 6182, Mobile: 021 167 1690
Email: petesteph@slingshot.co.nz
Hall hire space is still available in the Village Hall for 2017.

Heathcote Valley School Hall

Cost for the school hall hire is \$50 for Heathcote Valley families and the community.

Bays Cluster families \$100.

Capacity is around 120.

No crockery or cutlery available in the hall. People need to bring their own.

Contact Andrea for hall bookings 384 1058.

Only available at the weekends as present.

Heathcote Cricket Club – Hire policies and fees

Heathcote Cricket Club is a volunteer community organisation whose facility is available for hire by approval of the committee. Due to fire regulations the maximum number of people allowed in the clubrooms is 100.



Charges

Smaller function – Members and community groups
Smaller function – Other
Larger function – Member
Larger function – Heathcote resident
Larger function – Other

\$25 per hour
\$50 per hour
\$150 (includes \$50 cleaning bond)
\$250 (includes \$50 cleaning bond)
\$300 (includes \$50 cleaning bond)

The club is not available for hire on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and some Sundays during the cricket season.
The club is not available for hire for 18th or 21st birthday parties
Due to license restrictions the club's bar is not available as part of the hire. Refreshments need to be provided by the hirer.
The above charges are inclusive of GST.



FACILITIES IN HEATHCOTE



Heathcote Valley Community Centre

Our newly Community Centre is owned by the Christchurch City Council and run by the Heathcote Valley Community Association under a Memorandum of Understanding.

Charges

Groups whose activities benefit Heathcote Valley or a registered charity – donation/koha.

General Hire – Heathcote Valley residents \$25 per hour (daytime).

All others \$40 per hour – during daytime. \$50 bond.

Evening Fee – \$50 per hour, \$100 bond.

Party/wedding by negotiation – minimum \$35 per hour plus \$100 bond (no 21st parties).

Maximum of 96 persons.

No music after 11.00pm.

These charges are for 2017 only.

All hirers to sign conditions of hire.

All enquiries contact: heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com

Heathcote Community Sports Club

Welcome to 2017. Our new clubroom, believe it or not, was officially handed over to us one year ago last week. In that time we have used it over the winter months for indoor bowls and table tennis, and over the spring and summer months while the lawn bowls season is on.

The building is very functional, and in the three week lead up to Christmas, three corporate companies hired the facilities for their end of year functions. Staff and management enjoyed an afternoon of bowls, petanque and table tennis.

Forward bookings have been taken for more of these during February/March. Contact the Secretary on 376 6182 or 021 167 1690 for more information or bookings.

Early January saw the last of the landscaping in the area above the bowling green, and around the the main entrance. It only remains for more plants and shrubs to be planted when the warmer weather leaves us, and a small area of grass to be sown near the entrance. Many thanks to those who have worked so hard getting this big job done.

Membership continues to grow which is encouraging, but we are always looking to welcome new members to join us.



Remember the organised playing days are:

'Twilight Bowls' Tuesday 6.30–8.00pm.

Wednesday 2.00–4.00pm.

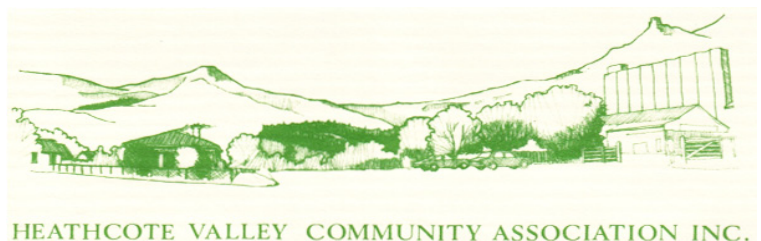
Sunday 2.00pm onwards.

The Club has spare bowls for you to use, so come along and give it a try! It is a great way to meet new people!

Our low subscription is attractive:

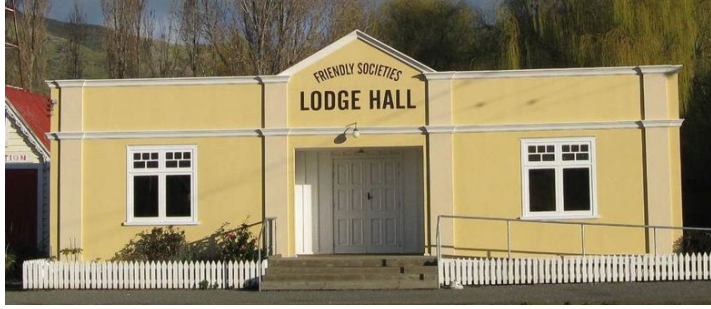
Single \$45.00

Couples \$65.00 per annum.



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FERRYMEAD HERITAGE PARK FACILITIES



Our Friendly Societies Lodge is a relatively new building, designed and constructed in an authentic 1920 heritage style and decor which can cater for a wide range of functions up to approximately 95 guests.

The Lodge is situated right in the heart of Ferrymead Heritage Park Moorhouse Township, with its rear doors opening onto a peaceful grassy area with a lake.

The wheelchair accessible double doors at the front of the building open into a small reception area where you can greet your guests or hold a small reception or meeting. Toilet facilities are also situated off the reception foyer.

Another set of double doors in the reception foyer open up into the main function hall, which has polished wood floors, dado walls and a low ceiling (with inbuilt heaters).

The main hall has three sets of lights running the length of the hall, each line can be controlled independently depending on your requirements.

If you are wishing to do your own catering, the Lodge Hall has a small kitchen facility equipped with a domestic oven, fridge, microwave, gas califont, urn and a small number of cups and saucers. The kitchen has two sliding servery windows for ease of serving food and drinks.

The main hall is equipped with up to 95 chocolate brown padded chairs and ten matching tables, though non-matching tables may be added if required.

Hire charge for the Lodge Hall is \$575 for a full day. This includes being able to set up the night before if the Lodge is not already booked.

Email: info@ferrymead.org.nz
Phone: 384 1970
www.ferrymead.org.nz

Ferrymead Heritage Park is a superb location for your wedding day, providing exciting venues for your ceremony, photographs and reception within the tranquil precincts of its historic location.

Our delightful little church in its cameo setting was built 100 years ago in Ellesmere, where it was the hub of the local community. It retains that special intimate and enfolding atmosphere of a little country church, where couples can take their vows surrounded by family and friends and then stroll down the wide main street to the replica lodge for their wedding breakfast where there are modern facilities within.

The church holds 80 people using the existing pews but we can add up to 20 extra seats if required. The Lodge building is geared for a sit down meal for approx 90 but for a buffet style reception it could take up to 120 people.

Costs and Contacts

Hire of the Church is \$575 with a further \$575 for the Lodge (GST inclusive).

This price includes a wedding rehearsal and the use of the grounds for your wedding photography. Tram hire if required is an additional \$160.

All costs subject to change without notice.

A non-refundable deposit of \$200 and signed contract secures the booking. Then, 50% of the balance is due, one month prior to the wedding, with the last 50% of the balance required seven days before the wedding date.

For all wedding enquiries please phone the Ferrymead Office on 384 1970

Or email info@ferrymead.org.nz

We encourage you to visit the park and inspect the facilities at any time and you are welcome to bring your photographer/florist to check out the options. The artificial arrangements in the church can be removed on request.



HVCA MEETINGS

The Heathcote Valley Community Association meets on the last Wednesday of the month. If you would like to come along and hear about what is happening in your community then please come to one of our meetings held at the Heathcote Community Centre at 7.30pm, 45 Bridle Path Road. Everyone is welcome.

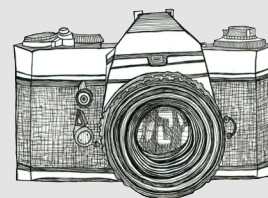
Our next meeting will be held on 29th March 2017.

HVCA COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS:

Lewis Low (Chairperson): 384 3356
Judy Stack (Treasurer): 027 491 6476
Linda Harrison: 384 4249
Margaret Jenkin: 376 4501
Ken Lomax: 960 5542
Jackie Maurice: 376 6260
Felicity Backhouse: 384 1755
Jackie Foulkes: 021 799 744
Allan Stack: 384 2050
Sooze Harris: 021 023 07299

PHOTOS WANTED

If you have a great photo that captures something in Heathcote we'd love to see it. You can share it on our Facebook page Heathcote Village Project or send it through to heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com



Odd little group of birds on the edge of the Heathcote River. From L-R they are: a Black Backed Gull, a Spur Winged Plover and a Royal Spoonbill.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

News, letters and items of interest are welcome and may be sent to: heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com

A huge thanks goes out to all of you who have paid your membership for the Association this year. If you haven't yet done so, or if you are new to the area and would like to support the Heathcote Valley Community Association, you can do so by becoming a financial member. Just fill out the details below and post with your donation (suggested donation is \$10.00 per household) to:

The Treasurer
100 Port Hills Road (cnr Port Hills Road & Stedley Place) - the letter box is in Stedley Place.
Heathcote Valley
Christchurch 8022
027 491 6476

Or into the account: 03-1369-0182187-00 Please ensure you include your name in the code and street address in reference box

THANK YOU!! YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO US

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____



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