

HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

COMBINED COMMUNITY FACILITY — ONE STEP CLOSER...

On the 24th June we got together to celebrate the construction of the new community centre and volunteer library. Local representatives and residents gathered at the site on Bridle Path Road which was blessed by Kaumatua James Robinson. A few of the Heathcote Valley School students (from Pikopiko and Kahikatea) wandered down to join in the festivities and sing the waiata Te Aroha.

Fast forward two months and the centre is now really starting to take shape. Floors are down, drainage is in, and walls are up. By the time this goes to print, no doubt there will be even more progress.



Completion of the building is expected towards the end of the year. We'll keep you updated with progress. Check out the Heathcote Village Project Facebook page for more updates, add your own photos or take and wander along and see for yourself.

- Jackie Foulkes



SHOUT OUT!

It's time to celebrate some more people who have done, and continue to do so much for our community. Is there anyone you would like to nominate for a Shout Out? Let us know by contacting: heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com



STEVE MARSH, Not only does he keep the old dairy site looking spotless (and hosts the kids' market!), but has recently reunited stolen goods with their Lyttelton owner. Found next to the rifle range, Steve managed to find contact details on a piece of paper and called the owner, who was really pleased to get his stuff back. Fab job Steve.



BARRIE WOODS is the mastermind behind the Google Group. He has helped keep us all more connected by establishing this effective means of communication. He was also involved in installing the noticeboards around the valley to help spread community news even further.



CRICKET ON ITS WAY

The new cricket season is almost upon us. The valley will once again reverberate to the sound of leather on willow, and heavy in the air will be the aroma of newly mown grass. As always, we are looking forward with eager anticipation to the new season. For those wishing to sign up we have our Opening Day on Saturday September 17th:-

Junior registration – 11.00am to 1.00pm

Adult registration – 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Our Patron, Dave Collier, will officially open the season at 4.00pm. For the adults, the season proper always begins on the first Saturday in October, which this year is the first day of the month, and the Juniors will start shortly afterwards. The Friday night 'have a go' sessions for the younger juniors will also commence on a date to be confirmed in October.

For adult enquiries, please contact our Club Captain, Heidi Newson heidanna@gmail.com 027 434 3489.

For junior enquiries, please contact our Junior Club Captain, Matt House matthew.house88@msn.com 022 043 1142

-Ken Lomax
President



HVCA DONATION TO SCHOOL



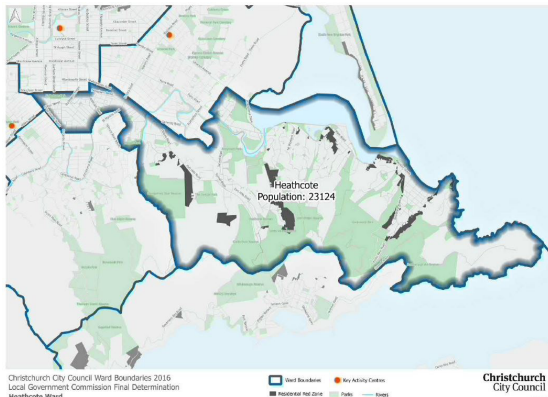
As you may have noticed an area of Heathcote Valley School was transformed over the school holidays from an old garden and unused space to a new beehive/education space for the students and the community to enjoy.

Heathcote Valley School would like to thank the Heathcote Valley Community Association for its donation to allow us to purchase two lacebark trees for this new area.

CHANGES FOR THIS COUNCIL ELECTION

After the Representation Review earlier this year there are new ward boundaries and many people are still unsure about how it all works. So here's a quick summary.

1. There are now 16 wards and each will elect one councillor. Our ward is called Heathcote, after the old county council. It stretches from Taylors Mistake around the hills to the Rapaki Track and also captures Brookhaven, Opawa and Waltham.
2. In each of the urban wards (ie: not Banks Peninsula) there will be two community board members elected. The Heathcote ward will join with the Linwood and Central wards to make a community board area. It will be called the Linwood Central Heathcote Community Board and will have six elected community board members and three councillors.



3. We will also get to elect representatives for ECan for the first time in a few years. Christchurch will elect four members, at large across the city. They will join with three elected rural members and the six remaining commissioners.

4. The Mayor and CDHB members will still be elected at large as in other years.

5. Voting papers come out from the 16-21st September. All votes need to be in by midday on October 8th.

And finally – make sure that you have your say on who should represent you around the table and get your votes in on time.



THE HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

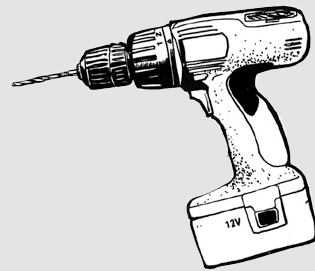


About October 2014 a small committee of three was successful in obtaining formal approval to form a trust for a community shed in the Heathcote Valley. The next few months were spent negotiating for a suitable site for the shed, and on April 1st 2015 a formal application was made through the Hagley-Ferrymead Community board to the City Council for the use of the old volunteer library site in Martindales Road which had been gifted to the community in the 1950s and now is largely vacant.

A number of people in the community have expressed interest in the project once it was underway, but it was felt that a membership drive would be more successful once there was something tangible on offer.

The committee members, Chairman Keith Jenkin, Secretary Tim Chesney and Treasurer Mark Harrington, are finding that increased commitments and workloads are making it difficult to find the time and energy to drive this project so are asking if there would be others in the community who could take over the Trust and see the project through to completion of a successful working community and men's shed.

If you are interested, please contact Keith on 3764501 or 021 0606760



WHAT'S ON OFFER AT THE GALLERY

These amazingly colourful ceramic fish, beautifully crafted by Lisbeth Hansen are available from the Heathcote Valley Gallery in Station Road.



They can be bought singly or as a group. These ones are mine and are on an outside wall beside the front door but would also make fascinating indoor decorations.

- Drina Sisarich

AND THE WINNER IS ...

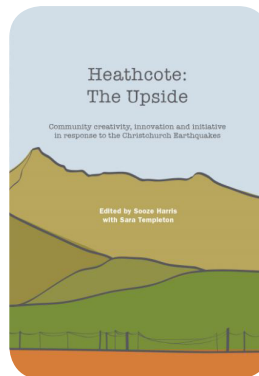
You may remember the competition we ran in the last newsletter.

Those who paid their HVCA subs over the months of June and July went in the draw to win a copy of the book: 'Heathcote: The Upside.'

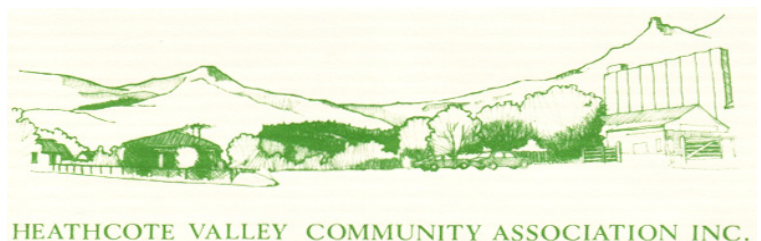
We are pleased to announce the winners are: Peter and Marie O'Brien.

If you would like to contact Jackie at

heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com we can get your prize to you!



'Heathcote: The Upside' is available for \$15 at Take Note Ferrymead, Heathcote Valley School during school hours, online via the publishers www.projectfreerange.com, or from Heathcote Village Project by emailing heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com to organise. We have printed a limited run of only 700 copies, so don't miss out!



HEATHCOTE VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

A WORD FROM HEATHCOTE VALLEY SCHOOL

It is with excitement that Heathcote Valley School students will now have an article each newsletter to update the community with news and events that have been happening within the school.



Greg Lewis surrounded by the students and staff from Heathcote Valley School

For this newsletter we would like to acknowledge the end of term departure of our principal Mr Lewis who is off to another school.

We thank you Mr Lewis for the last nine years you have been at the school as principal and wish you all the best for the future. You will be missed!!

Watch this space for the next article from the students.



HEATHCOTE VALLEY SCHOOL

VILLAGE GARDEN NEWS

Join us at the Heathcote Village Community Garden! If you are new to the valley or have been away, we would love to meet new folk and old friends. The garden is a place to connect and contribute to your neighbourhood, no matter what your ability – work at your own pace. We are family friendly so bring the children! You can find us behind Saint Mary's church, on the corner of Martindales Road and Truscotts Road.

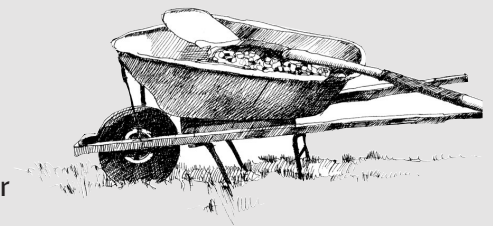
Email heathcotevillagegarden@gmail.com to connect.

Session Times:

Tuesdays: 2.30-4.30

Saturdays: 3-4.30

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Have you heard about The Still Rock Restaurant & Bar located at the Ferrymead Golf complex?

The Still Rock Restaurant & Bar has been under new ownership since the 1st April 2016. New owner Luke Piper is aiming at building a casual suburban bar and restaurant where locals always feel welcome and totally family-friendly.

The menu offers a range of pub classics but also some superb a la carte offering for those interested. Focussed on great food and excellent service this is the type of bar where friendly

staff greet you at the door and know everybody by name.

There is an excellent outdoor area and loads of space and activities to keep the kids entertained while mum and dad chill out with a wine or beer if that's your thing.

The new late winter menu has just landed and is also complemented by changing weekly menu specials. Chef Kathy is getting quite the reputation for signature dishes such as the house seafood chowder and seafood platters, with the steady stream of locals discovering the fine food at Still Rock.

Not only that, there are loyalty cards on offer and constant weekly deals including the ever increasingly popular Wednesday \$15 steak nights.

In addition, there is Sky sports on two screens, Friday happy hour and solid entertainment/live music coming up once daylight saving kicks in late September this year.

For all the details, promotions and weekly deals like Friday free mini putt for the kids check out the Web page on www.ferrymeadevents.co.nz or to keep up with the news find us on face book @ www.facebook.com/ferrymeadevents/



JIM MCKIE 18/03/1973 TO 20/06/2016

It is with deep sadness that we record the death of Jim McKie on June 20th, following a long battle and several operations, after being diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2009. Married to Catherine and with a daughter and two sons, Jim was first and foremost a family man, and a devout Christian. He was also an outstanding architect, described by John McGrail, Director of Dalman Architecture, as 'the ultimate architect; talented and really skilled, but humble in his approach.'

Many in Heathcote will remember him for his enthusiasm, his willingness to help others, and his commitment to the valley. He will be especially remembered for his contribution

to the design of the Heathcote Valley combined Community Centre and Library, which is now under construction beside the Cricket Club at the Domain.

We thank Jim for all that he gave to Heathcote.

- Ian McLeod



The McKies on the Bridle Path Commemoration Walk, August 2010.

HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB

The Heathcote Community Sports Club committee is working hard in preparation for the new season, which opens in early October this year.

The new petanque terrain on the upper level area above the bowling green is currently being worked on, and landscaping of the adjoining area will begin shortly. Shane Clarke the Club's green keeper has been preparing the green through the winter months, and all looks to be on target for the start of the new bowling season.

The Club's AGM was held on Sunday afternoon 7th August, followed by an afternoon tea and social hour. This was well attended and the following members were elected to the executive team for the 2016/17 year: Chairman Allan Stack, Secretary Peter Murray, Treasurer Paula McKerrow, Committee Carey Brown, Steph Murray, John and Jake Hurrell, Bernie Bright and Don Aymes.

In keeping with the Clubs aim to provide low cost subscriptions to members and the community, it was decided to leave these the same for 2016/17 year. Single \$45.00, Couple \$65.00.

Another aim is for all members to enjoy their chosen sport in a relaxed, friendly environment. Tidy casual clothing is the order of the day, and flat sole shoes on the bowling green. Indoor bowls continues to be popular and is still played Tuesday evening 7-9 pm. Supper provided. Petanque and table tennis also available at all times.

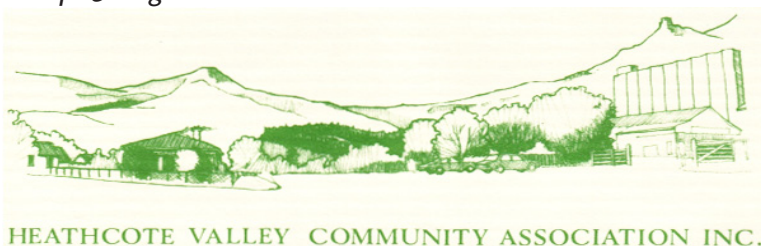
If any members of the community are available for the occasional 'working bee' please contact the Secretary and leave your name and contact number. This will be much appreciated!



New members are very welcome and enquires can be made to any members of the executive team or the Secretary: Peter Murray Phone 376 6182. or 021 1671690, Email petesteph@slingshot.co.nz

- Peter Murray

At the AGM held in August





THE LANTERN TRAIL

Thank you to those who supported the Community Garden Lantern Trail held in June! We had fun creating this event; our kitchen

tables were covered in 'little worlds' for what felt like months!

We hope it felt like a mid-winter experience, with a home-grown, back-yard sense of shared wonder with family and friends. For those of you who couldn't make it, gasps and 'wows' were heard from the children as they made their way along the lantern train. The grottos included carved pumpkins, trains, skiers, fairies, glowing rabbits, a gnome carnival, buried pirate treasure, hidden dinosaurs, a fishing frog, a harpist and much much more. At the riding school, hundreds of marshmallows were toasted on the fire and consumed. Soup and bread hit the spot, and the fire-pits kept us warm. The storyteller had the children captivated, and a group of us sang songs and had a great ol' time.

We particularly loved hearing about the children's ideas for grottos, and next year we hope to have a section just for the children so their imaginations can go wild! If you'd like to get crafty with us next year we're always on the hunt for help. Offer here > heathcotevillagegarden@gmail.com

THANKYOU to the Heathcote Valley Riding School for allowing us to use your premises for the after-function. We also have other people to thank...

Rebecca Lee, Jackie Foulkes, Danny Bare, Miles Mackintosh, Callum Templeton, James, Callum and Ruth McKie, Keith and Margaret Jenkins, Emily Graham, Anne Mortimer, Lyn Jansen, Rosemarie Gutschmann, Steve Marcham, Daniella Smithies, James Chamberlain and the Heathcote-Mt Pleasant Parish.

- Catherine, Amelia and Sarah Mac (Lantern-Trail Team)



NEWS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH IN HEATHCOTE



It still seems a long way until Christmas, but the team at St Mary's is busy planting more Christmas trees on the land adjacent to St Mary's in Truscotts Road. We are putting in 250 new trees to replace those already harvested and a few that didn't survive the last summer. This is a great fundraiser for the Church. If you'd like to know more, get in touch with Allan Stack who is our chief of the Christmas Tree 'forest' (027 4333 735). If you want to buy a Christmas tree in December, keep an eye open for the sign by the plantation nearer Christmas. They usually sell like hot cakes.



TWINKLE TOTS is a Heathcote Valley 'home grown' group run entirely by volunteers. We have had a recent change of leadership, and on 26 August, Paula Aitken will take over as the group leader. She is a parent herself and has been part of Twinkle Tots. This is a song and dance activity for pre-school children up to four years of age accompanied by a parent or caregiver. They meet on Fridays, in primary school term time, 10.30 to 11.15 then break for a relaxed morning tea/coffee/water and something nice to eat - allowing parents and children to mix and meet each other. Afterwards you can take the children to the Heathcote Community Garden nearby in the Church grounds. Twinkle Tots is operated by the Anglican Parish of Heathcote-Mt Pleasant. It is open to all, regardless of of faith or creed. It is free, but we invite you to make a gold coin donation.

Enquiries and comments to Paula on our Facebook page (Twinkle Tots Heathcote Valley) or email her at padennison17@yahoo.co.nz or Suzanne Stewart at suzanne.stewart@extra.co.nz. or phone (03) 384 9270. Paula would love to hear from you about the kind of music your little ones enjoy. Come along on Fridays in term time on or after 26 August for a great time with other parents with little tots.





BRIDGE2ROCKS TimeBank

THE CURRENCY OF CONNECTION

Whenever my neighbour goes away I look after her cat and water her plants. She returns the favour by giving me TimeCredits (and a little chocolate). There's a variety of things I spend my TimeCredits on - recently it's been knife sharpening, white paint for a furniture refurb job, loan of a truck for moving house, a lift to the theatre ... all provided by different people who live close by.

You can't see it, but there's a web being spun. It's woven from small moments, from people connecting with people, mostly doing what they usually do: collecting a friend's kids from school, taking time to listen over a cuppa, picking up some milk for a neighbour, offering a lift up the hill. - All things which have value when you redefine how we value.

There are a gazillion little things we do that can be exchanged. Some tasks we exchange for money. Most are as ephemeral as

the moment they occur - there's nothing wrong with that. Others are acknowledged through a TimeBank, and power a reciprocal movement of people who find they can have their needs met from within our own community.

TimeBanking forges community connections beyond a circle of friends or immediate neighbours. Each small contribution measured in time, rather than dollars. And for me that's it - it's about the connections - building resilience just happens to be a side effect.

Although needing help is not a big deal for a lot of us, there are some members of our community who can really do with an extra hand every now and then. As demonstrated in Lyttelton TimeBank's post-quake response, having a network of support in place, and permission to request what you need makes a big difference. In these times of self-sufficiency, the gift of receiving is often undervalued.

What I love about this web we are creating is that it's a bit like mining generosity, sending it out into the world like a ripple. Imagine a random act of kindness that keeps on going. That's what TimeBanking is to me.

Bridge2Rocks TimeBank currently has over 100 members (some of whom are families, and local groups), and has exchanged 4,333³/₄ hours, and counting. We are supported by Sumner Bays Union Trust and serve the area from Ferrymead Bridge to Taylors Mistake (including Heathcote Valley).

If you'd like to know more, come along to one of our regular Info Evenings. Membership is free, you can sign up and find upcoming Info Evening dates on our website bridge2rocks.timebanks.org

- by Liz Kerlake



Nostalgia Festival is held in our nearby Ferrymead Heritage Park. The next event will be held on 4th March 2017. The organisers of this event are keen to give back to our community through the sale of tickets. We will keep you posted on where to purchase these closer to the time. In the meantime, put the date into your diaries or check out: <http://www.nostalgiafestival.co.nz> for more details



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WINTER WONDERLAND BALL

The school hall was transformed on Saturday 11th June into a glamorous winter wonderland setting. People from the Heathcote community and further afield came together to experience a fantastic evening.

Everyone was welcomed through a magical entrance which included a snow machine that created the atmosphere right from the start, providing a snow flurry for you to walk through into the hall where you were greeted by our very own hosts Cheryl and Georgie with a cocktail starter to kick the night off with.

Sonya Jameson (Brokenshire) once again outdid herself by creating floral arrangements with her artistic flair and the bar was managed by Nat Wiki and her amazing team.

People mingled while Hari played in the background, followed by our very own Coor LFA (Nik and Paul Densem) and DJ Narva which started off the dancing which went well into the night.

We were lucky to have our local photographer Matt Rankin on hand to provide the opportunity to have photos taken. These photos can be viewed on AQC photography facebook page.

It was great to see so many people really enjoying themselves and making the most of a chance to dress up and have a fun night out; all the while raising funds for our school pool.

A big thanks to everyone who came and also to everyone who helped make it possible for us to hold such a fabulous event in our school hall.



Absolutely Fabulous! The ladies looked stunning in their wedding dresses.

Gala

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER
HEATHCOTE VALLEY
SCHOOL 5-8pm

Live Entertainment Food & Drink Tombola
Craft Stalls Blankets Sales Bouncy Castle
Chocolate Wheel Silent Auction
Mystery Boxes Dunk Tank
Horizontal Bumpy
Raffles.....

WHAT WE LOVE AND VALUE ABOUT

HEATHCOTE:



Village feel



Natural environment



Positive



Rural



Small and safe



History



Community



Recreational Opportunities

WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED AND CONNECTED IN HEATHCOTE?

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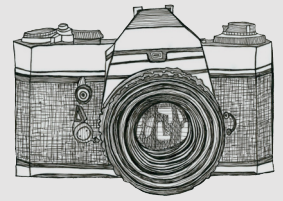
Want to know your neighbours?

Got an idea but need some support?

Would like to have an article included in our newsletter?

We are here to help you ... send an email to heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com

Calling all budding photographers!



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

HVCA meetings last Wednesday of the month

Everyone is welcome to attend our monthly meetings to discuss issues affecting us here in Heathcote. Come along and be part of the solution. Meetings held last Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm, St Mary's Hall, corner of Truscotts and Martindales Roads.

Our Google Group is working for you!



Over the last few months the Heathcote Valley Google group has helped returned numerous stray dogs and cats to their owners as well as one stray chook, connected a dog walking service

with a dog who lives a few doors down, linked up a house cleaner with someone needing their house cleaned, united someone looking to buy a house and someone looking to sell, informed locals of vandals and burglars in our area and found employment for a French joiner only hours after the message went out! If you have a story or success with the Google Group we'd love to hear from you. Send us an email to heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com

Heathcote Valley Community Association AGM

On the evening of October, the 26th at 7.30pm we will be holding our annual general meeting. This is held in St Mary's Hall, corner of Truscotts and Martindales Roads. We will be electing the new chair and committee members and talk about matters affecting our community.

Come along and meet us and be an active member of your community. Light refreshments and a chance to have a chat will follow the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

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](mailto:heathcotevillageproject@gmail.com) and we will add you to the list.

Alternatively, if you are not so technologically wired, then check one of the five noticeboards situated around the community to keep informed ... near Upshot, Station Road by the gallery, outside the church on Martindales, at the children's playground in the domain, or on the corner of Port Hills Road and Mauger Drive.



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MALTWORKS UPDATE

You all would have seen a bit of activity happening on the Maltworks site. At long last the vision for turning the derelict Maltworks site into a new residential lifestyle village has commenced.



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 or 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 on-sell 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.

Over the last five years we have fielded numerous calls from people interested in residing at Maltworks Villas. We have a database of some 200 people who have expressed interest to be kept informed of progress. Since the beginning of July we have been actively speaking to purchasers, with 17 villas now earmarked for purchase with interested buyers.

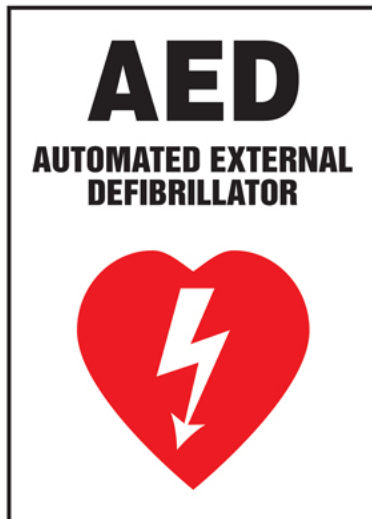
The earthworks team are busy realigning the stormwater drain that runs the entire length of the site. This is being redirected to run down the east side of the site in an open swale as a continuation of the drain that runs through the reserve and playground.

The first of the building consents has been lodged at Council with construction of the first villas in Stage 1 projected to start around late September/early October.

Michelle Tait is the contact at Maltworks Village for any sales enquiries. She is available on 3524900 or 027 668 6268, www.plcgroup.co.nz or michelle@plcgroup.co.nz



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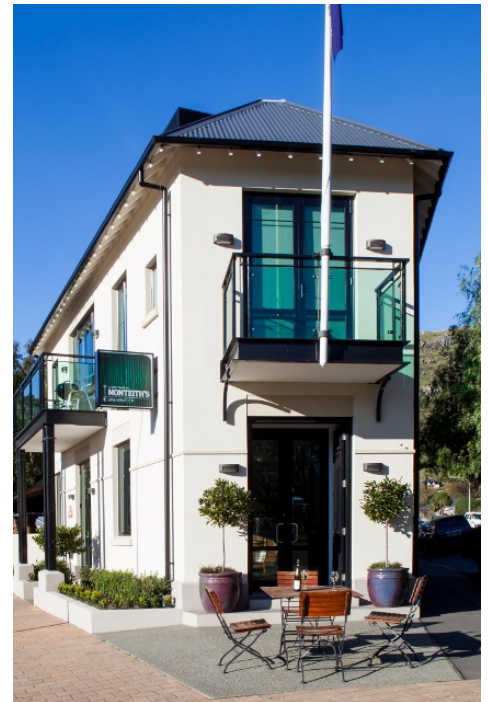


We are thrilled to let you know there will soon be an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine located at the Valley Inn.

One of our locals Amy Heger, who also happens to be a nurse, first raised the issue of obtaining an AED machine for the valley with the HVCA earlier in the year.

After several attempts at trying to access funding for this life-saving machine, we were thrilled to hear that Freemasons New Zealand would cover the cost of this.

The machine will be located at the Valley Inn towards the end of September. It can be accessed during the hours of 7am-10pm Monday-Wednesday and till 11pm Friday-Sunday. If required after hours you can contact Dean on 0274 353 262



THANKS TO:

Benita Alexander, Judy Stack, Jackie Maurice and Drina Sisarich who have been working on a project to improve the signs around the entrance to Horotane Valley.

The Lantern Trail team for another successful event.

Cheryl Bryant and her fantastic team who put in so much hard work to create a spectacular evening at the Winter Wonderland Ball.

Freemasons New Zealand – With their generosity we will soon have a defibrillator in the Valley Inn.

Ian McLeod, Kirk Hargreaves, Matt Rankin and Jonathan Carr for providing the wonderful photos for this addition of the newsletter.

Heathcote Valley Online

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

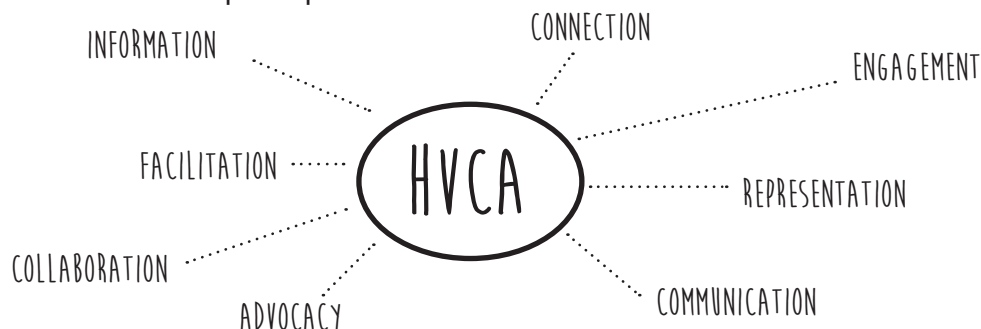


HAVE YOU PAID YOUR HVCA MEMBERSHIP?

Thank you to those who have already. 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:

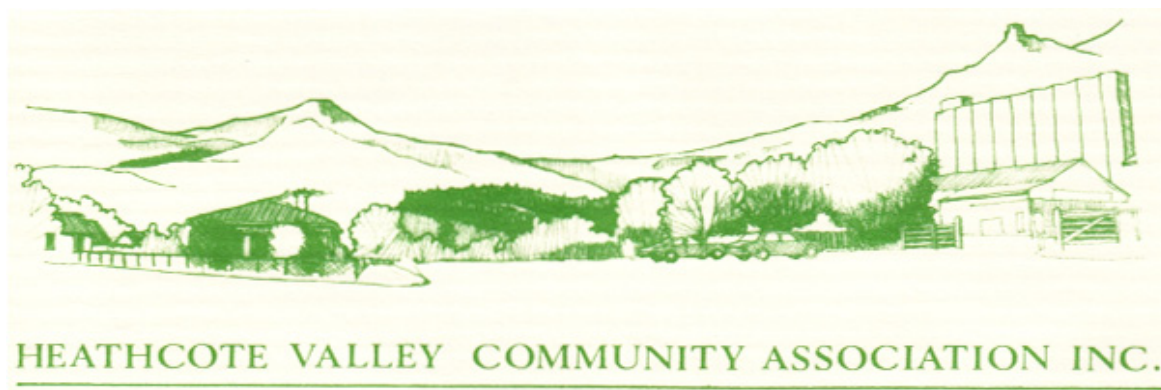
The Treasurer
100 Port Hills Rd (cnr Port Hills Road and Stedley Place) - the letter box is in Stedley Place.
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Thank you!! Your membership is important to us



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