Hornby Ward

Community Profile

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Matatiki Hornby Centre

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Harvard Aeroplane on Main South Road

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***New Zealand Index of Deprivation (NZDep)**

The NZDep is an area-based measure of socioeconomic deprivation in Aotearoa New Zealand created by Otago University. It measures the level of deprivation for people in each small area. It is based on nine Census variables. To read more about the variables used and view maps in more detail, visit http://www.ehinz.ac.nz/indicators/population-vulnerability/socioeconomic-deprivation-profile/

Ward Area Overview





Denton Park, Hornby

The Hornby Ward includes the suburbs of Hornby, Hei Hei, Islington, Yaldhurst, and parts of Wigram and Sockburn. It also covers the rural communities in Yaldhurst and Templeton, welcoming those entering Christchurch from the west and south.

At the centre of the ward is the junction of Main South, Carmen, and Shands Roads, where State Highway 1 turns sharply to link the northern and southern corridors. To the north, State Highway 73, leading west along Yaldhurst Road, forms much of the ward's northern boundary.

Wigram Aerodrome and industrial estates in Sockburn once led to Hornby being considered a town. However, as adjacent suburbs and the commercial sector have expanded, this separation no longer exists. Development between Hornby and Templeton is also reducing their separation.

The rural areas of Templeton and Yaldhurst feature lifestyle properties, with quarrying operations remaining a contentious issue.

Christchurch Men's Prison and Christchurch Women's Prison are both located in the Hornby Ward on opposite sides of Kirk Road in Templeton.

Hornby Ward hosts large-scale facilities such as the Air Force Museum, Riccarton Racecourse, Templeton Golf Course, Ruapuna Motorsport Park, and the cycling velodrome at Denton Park. The new multi-function centre, Matatiki, opened in 2024, offering swimming, library, and Council customer service functions.

Facts and Figures

Hornby Ward 2023 Census

26,478
Population

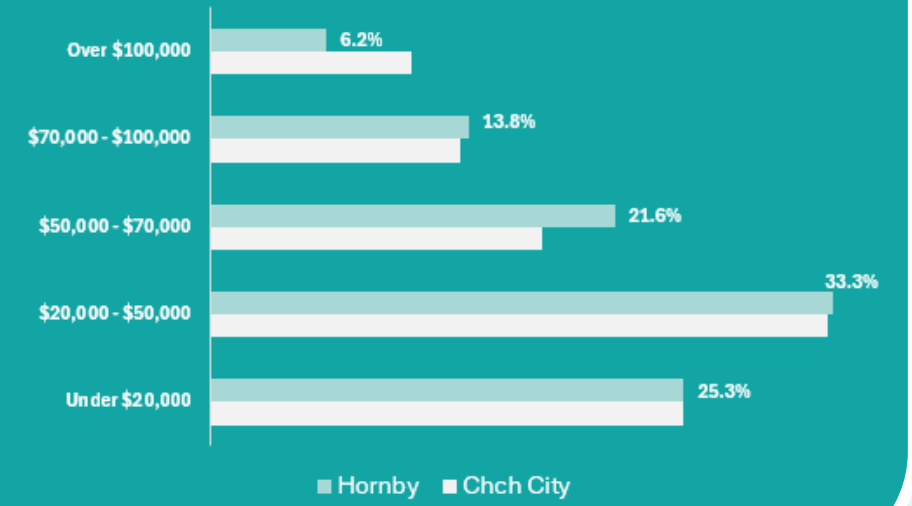
35.8
Median Age

9,351
Dwellings

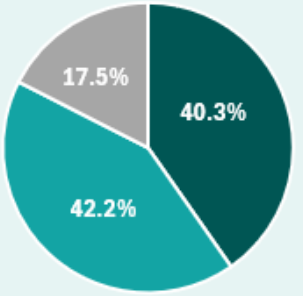
Cultural Diversity

61.7%	European
13.2%	Māori
6.3%	Pacific Peoples
28.1%	Asian
1.9%	MELAA

Personal Income



Family Type



- Couple without Children
- Couple with Child(ren)
- One Parent with Child(ren)

Businesses

Approximately
2,850 businesses
employing
26,843 people
(Feb 2024)

Community Infrastructure



18 Community development/support organisations	**72** Sport/recreation groups	**10** Faith-based organisations	**6** Schools
13 Community-owned facilities	**9** Council-owned facilities	**3** Residents' Associations	**1** Council library

Facilities and Amenities

- 1 Council library and service centre: Hornby
- 3 major shopping centres: Hornby Hub, Hornby Mega Centre/Chappie Place, Dress Smart
- 6 Schools: 5 primary, 1 secondary year 7-15,
- 1 alternative education provider and 24 early learning centres
- Multiple major Sport and Recreation amenities: Templeton Summer Pool, Denton Park, Riccarton Racecourse, Ruapuna Motorsports Park, Templeton Golf Course, Waitaha Aquatic Facility, Matatiki Hornby Centre
- 7 Council community facilities: Templeton, Hei Hei, Harvard Lounge, Hornby Multicultural Centre (closed), Yaldhurst (closed), Chokebore Lodge (closed), Hornby Link Centre (closed)

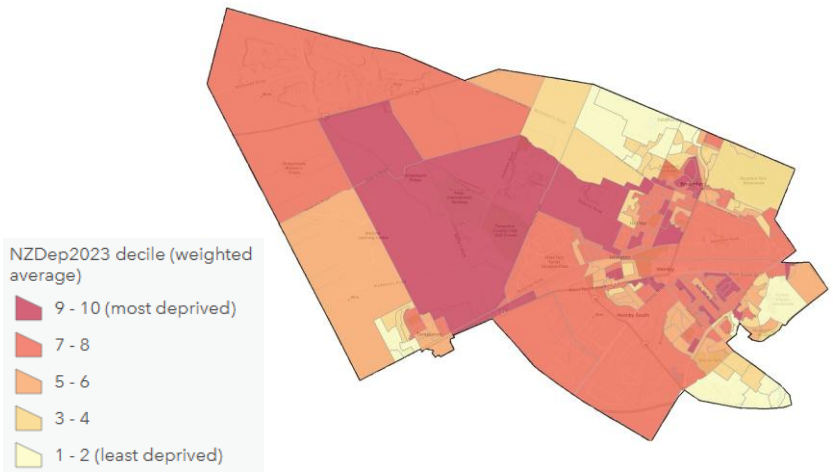
The new Matatiki Hornby Centre, opened in 2024, offers library, swimming, and customer service facilities. Additionally, there are three other well-used Council-owned facilities in the Hornby Ward: Harvard Lounge in Wigram, Templeton Community Centre, and Hei Hei Community Centre. Three more Council-owned facilities (Yaldhurst Hall and the former Hornby Link and Multicultural Centres) are currently closed, with future community use or ownership being investigated.

The Hornby Community Care Centre Trust now owns the former Hornby Library site, which houses a community health centre and the Christchurch West branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

The ward also caters to racing enthusiasts with facilities at Ruapuna Park, Riccarton Park Racecourse, Denton Park Velodrome, and Kyle Park BMX track. Other sports facilities include Olympia Gymnasium in Wigram, bowling and croquet clubs in Hornby, a golf course in Templeton, a driving range on Steadman Road, and a disc golf course in Warren Park.

In addition to Matatiki, the Templeton Pool operates in summer under a key system, and the Waitaha Aquatic Facility in Yaldhurst provides training for the Waitaha Swim Club and is open for casual swimming.

Socio-economic Deprivation Index



The scale of deprivation ranges from 1 to 10:

- 1 represents the areas with the least deprived scores.
- 10 represents the areas with the most deprived scores.

Relative to the rest of Christchurch City, the Hornby Ward had higher levels of deprivation overall.

In the Hornby Ward, around 16 per cent of the population lived in the 'most deprived' areas (i.e. deciles 9 and 10), compared with 16 per cent of all of Christchurch City's population.

Around 12 per cent of this ward's population lived in the 'least deprived' areas (i.e. deciles 1 and 2), compared with 22 per cent of all of Christchurch City's population.

Just 20 per cent of the Hornby Ward aged over 15 years have a personal annual income of over $70,000 compared with a city wide figure of 24 per cent. The median personal income in the ward is $41,200, slightly above the city median of $40,000.

The Hornby Ward is on par with the city wide rate in respects to the number of people aged over 15 years who have a personal income of under $20,000 (both 25.3 percent respectively).

31.6 per cent of the Hornby ward live in rented accommodation with Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust having 61 social housing properties in the ward and 515 Kāinga Ora owned properties.

The table below shows the median weekly market rent for suburbs in the Hornby Ward area, according to realestate.co.nz along with median house sale prices over the past 12 months.

Suburb	Median weekly rent	Median house sale price over the past 12 months
Broomfield	$650	$731,000
Hei Hei	$580	$648,000
Hornby	$625	$696,922
Islington	$560	$646,000
Templeton	$620	$740,000
Wigram	$680	$871,000
Yaldhurst	$669	$810,000

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy

This section of the Community Profile provides a narrative of the ward in relation to the four Pillars of the strategy. You can view the full strategy document on the Council's website by clicking here.

Te Pou Tua Tahi: Te Tāngata

Pillar 1: People

The city actively promotes a culture of equity by valuing diversity and fostering inclusion across communities and generations.



Community lunch at 126 on the Corner

126 on the Corner administered by the Hei Hei Broomfield Community Development Trust continues to grow in terms of the support they provide, specifically to the wider the Hei Hei communities.

Te Whare Awhero Hope House is based at Main South Road continuing to offer counselling and support programmes along with OSCAR programmes at South Hornby, Gilberthorpes, and Wigram Schools. Their Gilberthorpes Project involves working within Gilberthorpes School bringing together a range of services including an in-school support case worker and parenting support along with cultural, arts and sporting activities. The organisation has also started Grow Hornby, a project concentrating on improving food security for households in the area.

The Hornby Ward is well-served by organisations working with young people. Community Development Network Trust and Hope Youth collaborate to provide the Hornby Youth Hangout. The Graham Dingle Foundation, Youth Southwest and Uru Manuka Trust also support young people in the area with different programmes. Through Tumanako, Youth Southwest provides alternative education for disengaged young people.

Te Kohanga Reo o Te Horomako o Te Huruhuru offers a total immersion Te Reo Māori early childhood care centre in Islington.

Te Korowai ō Grannies is a whānau-led group dedicated to supporting whānau in the community. Much of their work is in the provision of food packs and toiletry care packs.

The Hornby Community Care Trust continue to work on developing the Goulding Avenue facility. Much of the organisation's focus is on delivering service out of the facility. They facilitate monthly connection meetings, distribute a quarterly newsletter and are heavily involved in the organisation of the successful Hello Hornby event. Hello Hornby, held in March each year, is run by a collaborative of organisations. In contrast to Hornby and Hei Hei, there are few organisations undertaking community development activities in Templeton and Yaldhurst. This could be seen as an area of need.

In late 2022, community representatives started working together to create a Vision for Hornby.

During this process the following objectives were identified to be of importance meeting the objectives of the People Pillar:

- All cultures that make up Hornby's diverse community are valued, well connected and represented.
- There is a strong connection with tangata whenua and this is shown in relationships, storytelling and infrastructure.
- Hornby youth are connected and engaged in the community and are supported to realise their potential.
- Older adults are connected and engaged in the community and are supported to realise their purpose.
- Everyone has access to safe, quality and affordable housing, healthy and affordable fruit and vegetables and equitable access to opportunities regardless of nationality or socio-economic status.

Te Pou Tua Rua: Te Whenua

Pillar 2: Place

We support and help build connections between communities and their places and spaces to foster a sense of local identity, shared experience and stewardship.



Library space at the Matatiki Hornby Centre

Patronage of the Matatiki Hornby Centre in the first year of all three functions exceeded expectations. Library features include creative and virtual reality spaces. A women's only session is offered in the pool on Thursday afternoons and evenings.

In taking over the former Hornby Library site, the Hornby Community Care Centre has extended their footprint to include a community health hub, additional meeting spaces and a community café: Gatherings Café running as a Social Enterprise, open three days a week. The pre-existing opportunity shop, citizens advice centre and drop in spaces are still well used.

The Riccarton Racecourse is a multifunctional venue. In addition to being the base for the city's galloping industry, Riccarton Rotary operates the Sunday Riccarton Market from the centre. Similarly the Hornby Club and the Templeton Returned Services Association also provide community use facilities.

There are 130 reserves within the Hornby Ward encompassing 160 hectares[2] of greenspace. This relates to 60.4 metres[2] of greenspace per resident in the ward. 48 of the parks have playground equipment and there are six parks with basketball half courts, ten tennis courts, four skate parks, one BMX track and nine with fitness equipment.

Within the creation of the Hornby Vision the community identified the following objectives aligned to the Place Pillar:

- There is growing access to entertainment and dining facilities.
- Hornby has good access to community facilities that are well serviced and maintained.
- Hornby streets and community spaces are vibrant, clean and tidy.
- Hornby has well maintained and inviting parks and greenspaces for the community to play, rest and connect in.
- Hornby has safe roads for vehicles and pedestrians, with reduced trucks and cars on the road and more people using bike lanes.



Jones Reserve, Templeton

Te Pou Tua Toru: Te Mahi

Pillar 3: Participation

Residents and groups in the wider community are socially and actively engaged and able to initiate and influence decisions affecting their lives.



Attendees at a Hornby Safety meeting hosted by the Greater Hornby Residents' Association

In 2023, there were 12 presentations to the Community Board's meetings on Hornby issues by way of the Public Forum, Deputations by Appointment and Petitions. In 2024 this number was five.

There were 64 submitters to the 2024-34 Long Term Plan who identified themselves as living in the Hornby Ward. While this was the lowest amount of any ward in the city, there were 4,300 submitters who did not identify the ward they lived in.

The three active residents' groups in the area have been energetic in advocating with and for residents in their local areas. The Templeton and Yaldhurst Rural residents' groups are strong opponents of quarrying activity in their respective areas.

Greater Hornby Residents' Association have been vocal in their opposition to the proposed housing density increases around the Hornby commercial area. The group regularly makes deputations and public forum attendances to the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board, as well as offering events in the community.

There has been a reduction in the Hornby Ward of the number of people volunteering. According to the 2023 Census 1,686 people indicated that they undertake volunteer work through an organisation or group. This accounted for 9.1 per cent of the population aged over 15 years, compared with 10.3 per cent in 2018. This rate is the lowest in the city.

Within the creation of the Hornby Vision the community identified the following objectives aligned to the Participation Pillar:

- Everyone in the community including residents, community organisations, schools and businesses are well connected and informed.
- Hornby residents and organisations know how to participate and engage with local government.
- Hornby has a thriving community events calendar.

Te Pou Tua Rua: Te Whenua

Pillar 4: Preparedness

People feel safe in their communities and neighbourhoods and work together to understand, adapt and thrive in the context of change and disruption.

Climate Change Resilience

Climate change is the biggest challenge of our time. It is already affecting our weather, health and wellbeing, natural environment, taonga species, mahinga kai, food production, biosecurity, infrastructure, and the economy.

The Christchurch City Council is responding to climate change in Ōtautahi Christchurch by working towards targets for reducing emissions, and by helping our communities prepare for and adapt to our changing climate.

Key risks identified include hot weather and drought, strong winds, wildfires, heavy rain and flooding, and rising sea level, coastal and ocean changes.

Inland communities of Christchurch face key risks from increasing temperatures, drought, and more intense rainfall, which threaten terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, while flash flooding from extreme rainfall and river flooding impacts built assets and infrastructure.

There are currently no emergency preparedness or response plans that have been developed by community groups within the Hornby ward. While individual organisations may have measures in place that respond to climate adaptation, there has been no wider collaborative planning in this regard. Despite this, there is community concern over environmental impacts within the ward.

A reduction in air and water quality as a result of quarrying activities is a concern for residents within the ward, mainly towards the rural areas. With a demand in post-earthquake Christchurch for aggregate for roading and construction, quarrying activity in and around Yaldhurst, Templeton and Islington is increasing.

The zoning of Ruapuna Park under the District Plan as a Special Purpose Zone sets out the rules of operation in terms of noise management. This includes a regular monitoring programme, the implementation of noise management plans and a community liaison committee.

Air discharge from the Ravensdown Fertiliser Factory on Main South Road continues to be an issue for local residents. The company has an Environmental Policy to manage the discharge.

Safety has been a concern of communities in Hornby and Templeton. Community safety meetings have been held in the two areas over the past 18 months.

Within the creation of the Hornby Vision the community identified the following objectives aligned to the Preparedness Pillar:

- All of the community feel safe being in Hornby.
- People in Hornby are able to live, work and play in an area free from air, noise and water pollution.
- Everyone in the community including residents, community organisations, schools and businesses are well connected and informed.
- Hornby has safe roads for vehicles and pedestrians, with reduced trucks and cars on the road and more people using bike lanes.
- Hornby is a place where people want to live and there is a strong sense of Hornby pride.
- Hornby community organisations are financially sustainable.

Key Community Issues

Issue	Actions being taken
Roading and Transport Issues • Upgrade of road networks around the ward needed. • Safety concerns at the Shands/Amyes/Springs/Awatea link. • Pedestrian connections between the Hub and the Hornby Mega Centre complex. • Boy racer activity in the Hornby industrial areas. • Heavy vehicle use through Templeton in particular the Waterloo Road/Kirk Road/Railway Terrace intersection.	• Engagement on the Shands/Amyes/Springs/Awatea link continues. • A Hornby Masterplan is being developed, with a strong emphasis on roading and transport. • Community Board members have been encouraging Waka Kotahi and Kiwi Rail to provide pedestrian access on the north side of Main South Road. • Residents are seeking heavy vehicle limit and speed restrictions in industrial areas.
Environmental Issues • The effects of quarrying on both the residents of Yaldhurst and Templeton as well as the landscape. • Noise issues around Ruapuna. • Fly tipping of rubbish on the rural-urban fringes of the ward.	• Community liaison committees in place for the operation of Ruapuna and Royden Quarry. • Awareness of the Snap, Send, Solve app to report and resolve issues.
Facility Needs • Community calls for increased community space provision in Hornby.	• Matatiki Centre opened. • Hornby Community Care Centre Trust 'gifted' the former Hornby Library site which will increase available community space. • In the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, Council agrees to gift Yaldhurst Hall to the Yaldhurst community. • Properties at 151-153 Gilberthorpes Road have undergone a disposal process with a successful tender being accepted. • The former Hornby Link building is proposed to be demolished with a replacement ‘garage style’ building erected. It is intended that this will be a base for the Hornby Menzshed who have been looking for space for a number of years.

Issue	Actions being taken
Anti Social Behaviour/Safety • A sense of lack of safety in Hornby and Templeton. • Car thefts.	• Community safety meetings held in Hornby and Templeton. • Reinforcement of the need to report issues to the police.
Greenspaces • Lack of tree canopy in Hornby. • Revitalisation of greenspaces needed.	• Planting plans have been approved and put in place for a number of parks within the Hornby Ward. • A nature play space has been created at the Matatiki Hornby Centre in the outdoor courtyard area. • Board approved a grant for the installation of two sunshades and two picnic tables at Wycola Park playground. • An upgrade of the Wycola Park Skate Park has been completed. A hamster wheel has been added as a new installation. A competition was run with Hornby schoolchildren for an art work to be included on the finished wheel. • Engagement continues on the proposed Templeton Cemetery. • Consultation is currently underway for an upgrade to the playground at Templeton Domain