

Bryndwr Banter

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**“From Waffles to Wildflowers:
Honouring Our Community’s Heart”
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Kia ora everyone, and welcome to the Autumn edition of Bryndwr Banter—your gateway to all things Bryndwr! Delivered three times a year to nearly 3,500 homes, the Bryndwr Banter is brought to you by local community groups, organisations, and the Christchurch City Council.

If you'd like to contribute to a future edition, reach out to Karen at karen.boag@ccc.govt.nz with your stories, news, or ideas. Let's keep Bryndwr thriving and connected!

Celebrating Community Champions: Tim Stevenson and Burnside High Environment Group

The Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Service Awards, held every three years, recognise outstanding individuals and groups who make a positive difference in our neighbourhoods. This year the Community Board warmly congratulated 13 recipients including two from the Bryndwr Community: Tim Stevenson and the Burnside High Environment Group.



Tim Stevenson has been a familiar and valued figure in Bryndwr since 2013. From standing in as Father Christmas at community parties to his beloved role as “The Waffle Man” at the Bryndwr Breakfast Club, Tim volunteers twice a week to create welcoming spaces for tamariki and whānau. In 2018, Tim founded the Rangatahi Bryndwr Trust, which provides meaningful employment for local youth workers. He is also a key person behind community initiatives such as the Bryndwr Banter newsletter, the Kia Ora Bryndwr event, and the new community playground. Tim's commitment fosters connection, joy, and wellbeing across Bryndwr. Ka pai, Tim :)



Meanwhile, the Burnside High Environment Group (Kaitiaki o Te Uru) has been nurturing our local ecosystem for over fourteen years. Led by teacher Dean Jon Land, this student-led group has planted more than 7,000 native trees and plants along Hewling Stream and within Jellie Park.

Supported by Christchurch City Council, their efforts have revitalised local habitats, encouraging native birds, butterflies, and unique flora to return. With nearly 200 student members, this dedicated group meets weekly and volunteers countless hours caring for the environment.

Thank you, Tim and the Burnside High Environment Group, for your outstanding service and for making our communities stronger and greener.

Want to know who else was recognised?

You can read about all the amazing award recipients on the Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board website.

Visit : <https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/waimaero-fendalton-waimairi-harewood-community-board>

BRYNDWR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

Adults

JP Clinic	JP services every Saturday, 10 am–12 pm. Get documents certified, affidavits witnessed & more. Free, no appointment needed.	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
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All Ages

English Conversation Club	Thursday, 10am-11am. Come and practise your English in a relaxed setting. This is not a class but a time to chat with others and meet new people. Great for ESOL learners.	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Friday Feature	Friday Feature, 7–8:30 pm – Monthly gatherings for all ages with themed nights like music, travel, and adventure. Come relax, connect, and enjoy supper.	St Aidan's Bryndwr, 63 Brookside Terrace 03 351 8075 www.staidans.org.nz
Let's Have a Cuppa	Wednesday 10.30am – 12pm. Have a chat, a cuppa and something sweet to eat. There is always great conversation to be had and new people to meet.	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Mandarin Conversation Club	Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm. Come and practise your Mandarin in a relaxed and friendly environment. This isn't a class but a place for chatting with others and learning along the way.	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Tech Mate	Every 2nd Monday, 10 am–12 pm. Free drop-in help with tech, CVs, cover letters, phone setup & more. Bring your device – no booking needed.	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Second-hand Clothing Shop	Saturdays, 9:30 am - 12 noon. Clothes from children to adults, accessories, shoes & bedding.	The Village Church & Community Centre, 365a Ilam Road. 03 351 6664 www.villagechurch.nz
Talking Cafe	Drop in at St Aidan's every Thursday, 10–11:30 am, for a cuppa, conversation, and occasional guest speakers.	St Aidan's Bryndwr 63 Brookside Terrace kate@citymission.org.nz
Walking Cafe	Fridays, 10–11:30 am. Connect with neighbours as walking buddies explore Bryndwr together, then enjoy a relaxed morning tea at St Aidan's!	St Aidan's Bryndwr 63 Brookside Terrace kate@citymission.org.nz


Children & Youth

After-School Activity Zone	Join us Wednesdays, 3:15–4:15 pm, for crafts, tech, and 3D pens! All ages welcome, no booking needed.	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
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Children & Youth continued ..

Breakfast Club	Mondays & Tuesdays (term time), 7:30–8:30 am. Free breakfast, lunch prep, table tennis, hoops & social time for tamariki & whānau. No booking needed!	St Aidan's Bryndwr 63 Brookside Terrace 03 315 8075 rangatahibryndwrtrust@gmail.com
Bedtime Stories @ Fendalton	1st Friday of the month, 6:30–7:30 pm. Join Margot for stories, songs & crafts for 4–7s (families welcome). Wear your PJs!	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Drama Club	Tuesdays, 3:30 pm, for Years 7-9. Build theatre and life skills, then perform for whānau and friends. Contact the office to learn more.	St Aidan's Bryndwr 63 Brookside Terrace 03 315 8075 rangatahibryndwrtrust@gmail.com
Emerge Youth Group	Every Friday at 7pm. Welcoming all Youth.	Christchurch Community Church, 286 Greers Road 03 359 5986 admin@chinesechurch.org.nz
Found Youth	Youth Group – Thursdays, 6:30 pm. High school rangatahi connect, learn, and have fun!	The Village Church & Community Centre, 365a Ilam Road 03 351 6664 www.villagechurch.nz
Kendal Guides & Pippins	Kendal Pippins (5–6 pm) and Kendal Guides (6–8 pm) meet Wednesdays during term time.	63 Brookside Terrace kendalguides@gmail.com www.girlguidingnz.org.nz
New Generation Youth Groups	Every Thursday: Years 7–8 (6–7:30 pm) & Years 9–13 (7–8:30 pm). Games, chats & fun!	New Generation, 309 Clyde Road 021 026 67026. www.newgenerationchurch.org.nz
Rangatahi Bryndwr Trust Youth group	Thursdays for Years 7–13: Games, chats & leadership. Y7–8: 5:30–6:30 pm, Y9–13: 7–8:30 pm. Shared meal 6:30. Bring a friend!	St Aidan's Bryndwr 63 Brookside Terrace 03 315 8075 rangatahibryndwrtrust@gmail.com

Craft, Hobbies & Seated Games

Knit & Yarn	Thursday 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Contact the library for further information.	 Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
 Crafty Connections	Every 2 nd Thursday. 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm. Bring your own craft and chat with others.	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Mahjong	Love Mahjong? Join us at Fendalton Library! Play every Friday, 2– 4 pm. All skill levels welcome, bring a set if you have one! Eastern Mahjong: Mondays, 10- 12 pm.	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Rummikub	Play Rummikub at Fendalton Library. Join us every Thursday, 1–3 pm. No booking needed, just drop in.	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com

Churches

For information about church services, groups, and events, please contact the churches directly or visit their websites.

Bryndwr Chapel	179 Idris Road. 03 351 8468. g.j.anderson@xtra.co.nz www.bryndwrchapel.org.nz
Christchurch Community Church	286 Greers Road. 03 359 5986 admin@chinesechurch.org.nz www.chinesechurch.org.nz
Grace Nepali Church	Based at St Aidan's, Bryndwr. gracenepalichurch.nz@gmail.com
New Generation Church	309 Clyde Road, Bryndwr. 021 026 67026. eduardo@newgenerationchurch.org.nz www.newgenerationchurch.org.nz
The Village Presbyterian Church	Corner Ilam & Aorangi, 03 351 6664. Bryndwr@villagechurch.nz . www.villagechurch.nz
St Aidan's Bryndwr	63 Brookside Terrace. 03 351 8075. staidans.bryndwr@gmail.com . www.staidans.org.nz
Weekly Mass @ St Patrick's	Monday (During Term Time) 9am - School Hall. All welcome. 57 Plynlimon Road, Bryndwr

Food & Community

Bryndwr Community Gardens	Join us for a lively Working Bee every Saturday at 10 am! We'll be busy gardening, sipping tea, and enjoying great conversations.	Morley Reserve, Corner Clyde and Morley Street, Bryndwr. bryndwr.community.garden@gmail.com www.bryndwrgarden.org.nz
Community Breakfast	Every Friday, 10.30– 11.30 am. Enjoy a warm meal, great company, and good conversation.	New Generation, 309 Clyde Road 021 026 67026. www.newgenerationchurch.org.nz
Community Lunch	Last Sunday of the Month 12.30- 1.30 pm. It's a great chance to enjoy a meal and connect with others. Everyone is welcome.	New Generation, 309 Clyde Road 021 026 67026. www.newgenerationchurch.org.nz
Community Morning Tea	Free morning tea, friendship and often free food to take away. Every Friday from 10 am during school term.	Bryndwr Chapel 179 Idris Road, Bryndwr. g.j.anderson@xtra.co.nz 0272262259
St Aidan's Vege Co-op	Fresh Produce Service – 30 Years Strong! Run by volunteers, our affordable fresh produce is 50% cheaper than supermarkets. Order a surprise bag for \$18 and pick up Wednesdays, 8–10.30 am at St Aidan's.	St Aidan's Bryndwr 63 Brookside Terrace 03 351 8075 www.staidans.org.nz

Pre-School

Mainly Music	Join us Wednesdays at 10 am for singing, dancing, and fun with your little one!	Bryndwr Chapel g.j.anderson@xtra.co.nz 027 226 2259 www.bryndwrchapel.org.nz
Bubz and Bops	Music group for preschoolers and infants every Tuesday (term time), 10–11:30 am, followed by morning tea and playgroup.	St Aidan's Bryndwr 63 Brookside Terrace 03 351 8075 www.staidans.org.nz
Pre-school Music	Every Wednesday (term time), 10–11:15 am. Just \$3 per family for music, morning tea, and playtime!	The Village Church & Community Centre, 365a Ilam Road. 03 351 6664 www.villagechurch.nz
Wā Kōrero: Storytimes	Every Tuesday at 10:30 am (term time), enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes to boost your preschooler's literacy. All whānau and caregivers welcome!	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Wā Pēpi: Babytimes	Join us Thursdays at 10:30 am (term time) for songs, rhymes, and stories with your little one. Free, no booking needed!	Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road 03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com
Waimairi Toy Library	By sharing toys, we foster creativity, promote social justice, and reduce waste—helping to create a brighter, greener future for our little ones. Contact us to learn more!	Wairakei School, 250 Wairakei Rd 022 451 7886 www.waimairitoylibrary.org.nz www.fb.me/waimairitoylibrary
Kidsfirst Trengrove	Explore our not-for-profit community kindergarten on Clyde Road for exceptional early years education. Children aged 2–5, welcome.	243 Clyde Road, Ph: 03 351 7874 Mobile: 022 562 5965 trengrove@kidsfirst.org.nz

Seniors

Indoor Bowls	Mondays, 6:45pm, social group, meets 17 March to 6 October	The Village Church & Community Centre, 365a Ilam Road. 03 351 6664 Bryndwr@villagechurch.nz www.villagechurch.nz
Foot Clinic	Offered every six weeks on Thursday and Friday afternoons, this service provides a foot spa, nail trim, and massage. Phone 351-6664 to book.	The Village Church & Community Centre, 365a Ilam Road. 03 351 6664 Bryndwr@villagechurch.nz www.villagechurch.nz



What's New at Fendalton Library?

There's a fresh buzz at Fendalton Library with the launch of Auahatanga Fendalton – a new creative space for independent projects. Formerly the community room, the space now offers a sewing area (with machines and overlocker available after a one-off induction) and a media conversion station to help digitise old photos, VHS tapes, slides, and more. Bring your materials and book a slot to get creating.

The library is also a Skinny Jump partner, helping eligible residents access low-cost internet.

For younger readers, the new Reading to Ted and Friends programme is now running every Tuesday during term time. Primary-aged children can book a 15-minute slot to read aloud to Ted (a very friendly teddy), and a supportive library team member, a relaxed way to build reading confidence.

To find out more or book, pop into the library or get in touch with the team.



Fendalton Library, 4 Jeffreys Road

03 941 7923 www.christchurchcitylibraries.com

Kate's Corner – Bringing Burnside & Bryndwr Together

Feeling isolated or disconnected? You're not alone, and it doesn't have to stay that way.

Kate Cobb, the new Burnside-Bryndwr Community Development Worker with Christchurch City Mission, is here to help build stronger local connections. With roots in Burnside (she attended Roydvale Primary and Cobham Intermediate), Kate brings warmth and energy to her role, aiming to spark more neighbourly connections across our streets.

Supported by the Burnside Bryndwr Community Network (BBCN) and local churches, Kate's work focuses on celebrating what's already happening, identifying any gaps, and finding ways to bridge them. Early initiatives like the walk-and-talk cafés are already encouraging locals to meet, chat, and build relationships.

Want to connect?

You can reach Kate at: kate@citymission.org.nz



2025 Local Government Elections

Voting opens on 9 September and closes at midday on Saturday 11 October. Vote bins will be available at all Council libraries and most local supermarkets. If you're posting your voting papers via NZ Post, make sure to send them by 5pm, Tuesday 7 October to ensure they arrive before voting closes. Key Dates:

- 9–22 September – Voting papers delivered
- 9 Sept–11 Oct – Special voting period
- 11 October – Voting closes at 12 noon
- By 19 October – Final results announced

More info: ccc.govt.nz/council-elections

Questions?

**Email: elections@ccc.govt.nz or
phone 03 941 8581 / 027 236 9052**



What's On!

August 2025

- 2: The Village - Bryndwr Community Market, 9 am - 11.30 am @ The Village - Bryndwr
7 & 8: The Village - Bryndwr Foot Clinic, 1 pm - 4 pm @ The Village - Bryndwr

September 2025

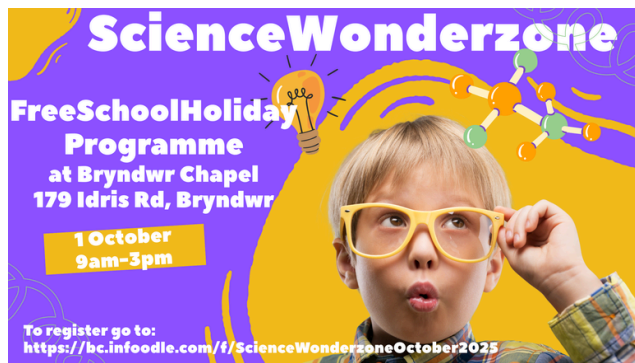
- 3: Chinese Language Week - Library Information Session for Mandarin Speakers 中文客户如何使用图书馆资源, 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm @ Fendalton Library
6: The Village - Bryndwr Community Market, 9 am - 11.30 am @ The Village - Bryndwr
13: Waimairi Toy Library - Clothing & Toy Sale, 9 am - 2 pm @ Wairakei School
13: Teddy Bears Picnic, 11 am - 1 pm @ St Aidan's
18 & 19: The Village - Bryndwr Foot Clinic, 1 pm - 4 pm @ The Village - Bryndwr

October 2025

- 1: Science Wonderzone, 9 am - 3 pm @ Bryndwr Chapel
4: The Village - Bryndwr Community Market, 9 am - 11.30 am @ The Village - Bryndwr
18: Plant Sale @ St Aidan's
30 & 31: The Village - Bryndwr Foot Clinic, 1 pm - 4 pm @ The Village - Bryndwr
31: Light Party @ St Aidan's

Save the Date – For more info, email: bbcن.chch@gmail.com

- 4 November 2025: Community Hui @ Burnside Primary School
16 February 2026: Kia Ora Bryndwr - Connect with Kai @ Morley Reserve.



Help shape the Future of Bryndwr

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'HAVE YOUR SAY'

Brought to you by BBCN

QUICK SURVEY (3-5 MINS)

- Ideal for busy people!
- Everyone who completes it goes in the draw to win one of four \$50 grocery vouchers.

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EXTENDED SURVEY (8-10 MINS)

- Help us dive deeper into safety and inclusion
- Go in the draw to win one of three \$100 grocery vouchers.

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