Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote
Community Governance Team

Community Notices

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to our monthly **Community Notices.** We want this to be a useful resource for you, so please feel free to share feedback, submit notices/events for us to share, and anything else you'd like to see.

It was so great to see over 60 of you at our recent **Community Hui**. We loved seeing so many connections happening. Our next Community Hui has a tentative date of ***Friday 12th March 2027***. This will have a funding focus, and we'll be inviting other funders in the Christchurch area. We'd love to hear your suggestions on how we can best support you with this session.

Finally, we're also incredibly excited to share the news that Ōmokihi Library will be re-opening on December 1st 2026. It'll be open to the public from 3pm. We'd also love to see you at our celebratory family opening day on Saturday 5th December 2026 from 10am to 4pm.

Thanks for all you're doing to support our community,
The Waihoro Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Governance Team
Josh, Nime, Heather, Rosy, Abbey & Jonathon



Community Preparedness & El Niño
We are hosting a series of public information sessions on **community preparedness and El Niño** and would appreciate your support in sharing the attached poster.

Sessions will feature representatives from **Civil Defence, Fire & Emergency, Community Response Hubs, Christchurch City Council climate resilience teams, and other partners**.

We'll be **limited by seating space** at these venues, so they will be first come, first served. We'll also be holding a sports & recreation focussed session.

Cashmere Residents Emergency Support Team will also host a Cashmere-focused session on 10th November at Cashmere Presbyterian at 7pm.

Upcoming Events
(You can also check out the *Events* tab on our Community Board webpage here.)

Hoon Hay Fiesta – Thursday 12th October 4pm-7pm – Hoon Hay Park
Celebrate community at the Hoon Hay Fiesta, with live performances, cultural food, activities, information stalls and entertainment for all ages. A great opportunity to connect with neighbours and enjoy the diversity of the local community.

Show Day Community Fun Day - Friday 13th November 10am – 2pm – Ōpawa Baptist Church
Make the most of the Show Day holiday with a free community celebration featuring family-friendly activities, entertainment, food and opportunities to connect with local groups and organisations.
Addington Fun Fair – 21st November 11am – 2:30pm – St Mary's Church Grounds
Bring the whānau along to the Addington Fun Fair for an afternoon of community fun, entertainment, activities and local connections. A chance to celebrate everything that makes Addington a vibrant place to live.
Celebrate Together at Hōhepa December 3rd 12pm - 3pm (*23 Barrington Street*)– Celebrate together is an opportunity to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and honour all the wonderful people and groups Hōhepa and Circability engage with, and the wider Ōtautahi community. All welcome!
Ōmokihi Family Fun Day – 5th December 10am to 4pm
Join the community for a fun-filled family day celebrating connection, learning, and local pride. Enjoy activities, entertainment and opportunities to explore and celebrate the new Ōmokihi Library.

Walk'n'Talk – **Beckenham group.** 1pm Thursdays, approx. 40 minutes. Full schedule here.

- **Nov 5th** - Walk 'n' Talk – Tai Tapu
- **Nov 19th** - Walk 'n' Talk – Summer at Sumner
- **Nov 26th** – Walk'n' Talk corner of Birdwood Ave and Malcolm Ave

Free Sector Connect – 2026 Education Sessions – 'Strength in Connection'. Tuesday 17th November 12pm - 1:30 at Level 4, Westpac Building, 83 Cashel Street, Christchurch. More info here.

- Why telling your organisation's story matters
- Building visibility and credibility within your community
- Using communication tools to connect with funders, stakeholders and decision-makers
- How to build a practical communications strategy for your organisation

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Mānuka Cottage, Whareora House, and Waltham Cottage are welcoming community hubs that provide opportunities for people to connect, access support, join activities, learn new skills, and build a stronger sense of belonging in their local neighbourhoods. To see their schedules, please click through below.

- **Mānuka Cottage** in Addington - click here.
- **Waltham Cottage -** click here.
- **Whareora House** in Spreydon – please click here to email Leanne to join their mailing list.
- **Rowley Community Centre** (Hoon Hay) – click here

RAD Bikes – Bike Bridge - Free bike lessons for women, Wednesdays 5–7pm at Addington School (14 Oct–16 Dec 2026 and 3 Feb–7 Apr 2027). All abilities welcome. Bikes and helmets provided, no booking required.

Citizens Advice Bureau – Your Money, Your Work, Your Rights
Free four-session workshop for women at Hornby Community Centre (28 Oct, 2 Nov, 11 Nov, 18 Nov, 10am–2pm). Covers employment, budgeting, financial changes, rights and support.
Register: manager.christchurch@cab.org.nz
Community Law Canterbury (CLC) - provides free and accessible legal advice, information, education, and specialist support to people in Canterbury and the West Coast who face barriers to accessing justice.

Community Capacity Accounting CCA specialises in affordable accounting and financial services tailored to the unique needs of not-for-profit organisations.
Sport Canterbury Resources - Looking for practical resources to support your club or community organisation? Sport Canterbury's website has a range of free resources, including its **Volunteer Toolkit** and **Funding Guide.**
Volunteer Canterbury support community groups with volunteer recruitment, police checks, training, resources, and networking opportunities. Member organisations can list volunteer roles, access best-practice guidelines, and get help if volunteer issues arise. Membership is very affordable, and if cost is a barrier or you'd like to trial their services, contact **Volunteering Canterbury**. Find out more at volcan.org.nz.

Motu Move From Monday 23 November 2026, Metrocard and cash won't be accepted on Metro buses and ferries. You can use a contactless debit or credit card, smartphone, smartwatch, or prepaid Motu Move card. Similar to Metrocard, you will be able to link your relevant concession card.
How do I get a Motu Move card? Until 22 November, you can pick one up for **free** (usually $10) from over 100 Motu Move retailers. You'll need to add a minimum first top-up of $5. Find your nearest retailer here. They can also be ordered online through the Motu Move website. We'll have teams out in the Community to help switch over. You can find their latest schedule here.

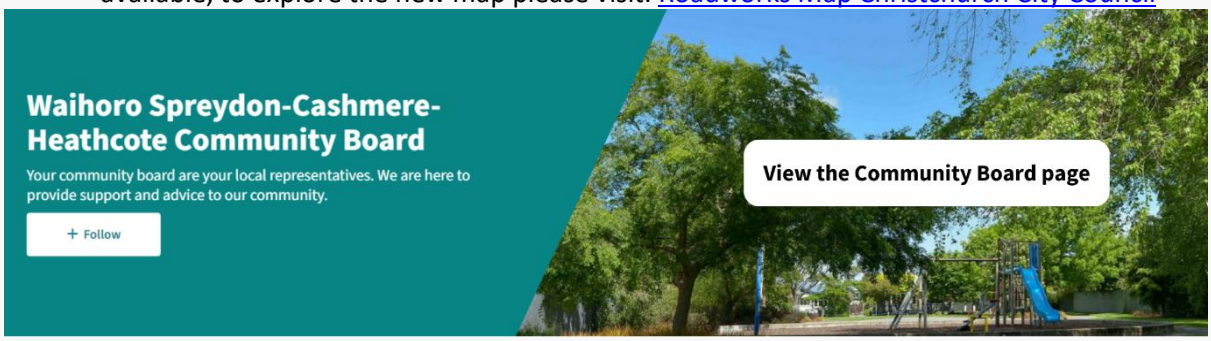
Useful Links

Other newsletters you may be interested in (feel free to let us know if you'd like us to share yours here)

- Social Equity & Wellbeing Network (SEWN): click here.
- Rerenga Awa Canterbury Youth Workers Collective Mailing list: click here.
- Addington Times (Nov. Issue): Click here
- Hōhepa Cantebury Neighbourhood News: Click here

Christchurch City Council Links
Christchurch City Libraries - Storytimes, cultural celebrations, tech classes, book groups, exhibitions, author talks, hobbies, crafts, and more - discover programmes and events at libraries around the city. Check the libraries' event calendar out here.

- The latest Council proposals in consultation: Click here.
- Find out what's happening in Christchurch first on: Newsline
- Smartview – Displays real-time information about Christchurch City
- The map to find out about roadworks in Christchurch has been updated with more information available, to explore the new map please visit: Roadworks Map Christchurch City Council



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