

## Regular Events

**Common Ground Café** - A welcoming place for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones. Runs on the first and third Fridays of each month from 1-3pm at 80 Rattray St. The first café for 2019 will be on 1st February.



**Feed your family or flat for half price**, with fresh fruit & veges from Foodtogether Riccarton. Pick up every Wednesday 7.30am - 11.3am, from 44 Elizabeth St. Order your pack on the Monday 9 days before, to Helen on



**Riccarton West Community Garden** — There are people working in the garden most days, come along and lend a hand. If you'd like to get involved, or for more information, contact Loretta on 022 096 6215.

### Are you new to Riccarton and looking to connect?

Nicki Aitken, who works with Oak Development Trust, is our Community Development Worker and her role is to meet new people to the area and help them to connect. Contact her on 021 056 9315 to receive a visit and a small welcome gift bag to find out about what groups and activities you can connect with in the local area.



### Important Contacts

**Emergencies:** 111  
**Non-emergencies:** (03) 363 7400  
**Crime Stoppers (anonymously):** 0800 555 111

**Community Constable Aaron Thorn:** 363 8162 / aaron.thorn@police.govt.nz  
**Sockburn Fire Station:** 349 0181

**Christchurch City Council (to report graffiti, rubbish, noise etc):** 941 8999 or 0800 826 325 or info@ccc.govt.nz or Snap Send Solve mobile app

**Enquiries about Riccarton Neighbourhood Support Group:** 027 611 6363 or riccartonnsg@gmail.com

**Facebook Page:** 'Riccarton Neighbourhood Updates' (for day-to-day information on what's happening in Riccarton)

**Contributions for newsletter:** 341 5332 or 027 864 7745 or jackym37@hotmail.com

# Riccarton Community Newsletter

## December 2018

Welcome to the Riccarton Community Newsletter, which is published monthly. Your contribution is welcome — please refer to contacts on the back page of the newsletter for details.

### // Another brilliant day for the community

The annual Riccarton Street party celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in brilliant sunshine on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Loads of entertainment, food, street stalls and people from all round the neighbourhood made it a memorable two hours in the middle of the day. Hosted by Riccarton Community Church, the day was voted a rousing success.



See more photographs at [www.riccarton.org.nz/news](http://www.riccarton.org.nz/news)



### Riccarton Neighbourhood Support Group

Next meeting will be Wednesday 5th December, 6pm at RBC. We are having a Christmas social to finish off the year. Entry will be a plate of food, enough to feed a family your size. Any further inquiries contact Tiffany on 021 02854313.

## // Carols in the Park

Carols in the Park will return to Harrington Park again this year. An event for all the community, the carols will be held on Christmas Eve, 24 December. Free sausages will be on the barbeque from 6pm, and the singing will start at 6.30pm. A team from Riccarton Baptist Church will be hosting the event.



## // Christmas church services

**Riccarton Community Church, 44 Elizabeth St**

16th December: Carol service at 9am and 11am

25th December: Christmas day service at 10am

**Riccarton Baptist Church, 80 Rattray St**

23rd December: Pre-Christmas carol service, 10am. (No Christmas Day service.)

**St Teresa's Catholic Church, 8 Puriri St**

24th December, Vigil Mass 7.30pm,

Evening Mass Midnight,

25th December, 8am and 11am.



## // Neighbourhood Week/Let's Get Together this Summer

Every year the Christchurch City Council offers people all over the city some funding to hold some sort of community event. Two groups in the Riccarton area have received funding from the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board. Rewi Alley Chinese School Trust will put on an open day BBQ, while the Canterbury Fiji Social Services Trust is planning a shared community meal.

## // Update on Harrington Park

The Christchurch City Council says it has had a pleasing response from people about how they want to see recreation facilities at Harrington Park develop. City Council spokesperson Tara King says results of the survey are being used to help put together an initial landscape plan, but feedback may result in further changes. The final plan will be presented to the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board for approval, and it's hoped construction will be completed by the end of 2019.



## // New pantry at Community Garden

A new community pantry has been set up at the Riccarton West Community Garden (Peverel St), and is now open to all. At the present time, hours are 11am-1pm Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It is also open from 3pm-5pm on these days if there is enough interest. The pantry is for the benefit of the people of Riccarton, says co-ordinator Loretta Te Paa. "But we need volunteers to run it, especially Wednesday and Fridays. When there enough, we could change the hours to cover everyone's needs." If you would like to be part of the team, call at the pantry, or contact Loretta at 022 096 6215.



## And another community sharing stand

A community sharing stand is being set up by a resident in Haslett Place, at the corner of Middleton Road. Nerida Britten, a teacher at Hagley Community College, has received a grant of \$400 from the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board for materials. It will be a stand for fresh produce, Nerida says. "I hope people in the neighbourhood will donate excess food from their gardens, or other produce. Leave what they have too much of, and take what they need.

"I have a desire to be more involved in the local community – something to help people, get to know neighbours.

A friend of my sister built one in Somerfield. There's nothing in this area." Nerida hopes to have the stand open before the end of the year.



**Riccarton Community Hub**

[www.riccarton.org.nz](http://www.riccarton.org.nz)

What's happening in Riccarton and where to find it.



On Facebook: Riccarton Neighbourhood Updates