

Regular Events

Free Community Bootcamp—every Tuesday at 1-2pm, at the New Zealand Institute of Sport, 66b Wharenui Road. Free fitness sessions to the local community to suit all age groups and fitness levels! Bring your friends, wear exercise clothes. Any updates or cancellations will be posted on the Riccarton Community Facebook page: 'Riccanton Neighbourhood Updates'.

RBC Mainly Music Playgroup—meets at 80 Rattray St each Wednesday in term time 9:30-11:30am with a 30-40 minute music and movement session starting at 10am, followed by morning tea and time for play. Pre-schoolers and caregivers are welcome. Cost \$3/family. For more details contact Carol on 027 282 0693.

Common Ground Café—open to all residents from 1-3pm on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 80 Rattray Street. Come along for a free hot chocolate, coffee or tea and some delicious homemade food and meet up with people from the community. There is an English speaking table and a play area for children.

Riccanton West Community Garden—working bees are held at the garden (Peverel Street) on the last Sunday month from 10am-12:30pm. If you'd like to get involved, or for more information contact Loretta on 022 313 4801.

Important Contacts

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

Community Constable Aaron Thorn: 363 8162 or aaron.thorn@police.govt.nz
Sockburn Fire Station: 349 0181
Christchurch City Council (to report graffiti, rubbish, noise etc): 941 8666 or 0800 826 325 or info@ccc.govt.nz or Snap Send Solve mobile app
Neighbourhood Support Canterbury: 420 9944 or www.christchurch.getsready.net
Facebook Page: 'Riccanton Neighbourhood Updates' (for first-hand heads-up on what's happening in Riccarton)
Contributions for newsletter: 341-5332 or 0278647745 or jackym37@hotmail.com
Enquiries about Neighbourhood Support Group: 021 077 2427 or riccartonnsg@gmail.com

Riccanton Community Newsletter



September 2017

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.

ELECTIONS

2017 GENERAL ELECTION
Saturday 23rd September
Voting Places open 9am-7pm

Advance Voting begins Monday 11th September

You must be enrolled to vote. You can enrol right up to **Friday 22 September**, including at any advance voting place. To get an enrolment form: visit elections.org.nz, call free on 0800 36 76 56, freetext your name and address to 3676, or go into any PostShop.

If you were enrolled prior to 23rd August, you should receive an EasyVote pack. Don't forget to take your EasyVote card with you when you go to vote as this will speed up the process of issuing your voting paper.

For more information about enrolling and voting:

- › Visit elections.org.nz
- › Call **0800 36 76 56**
- › Visit facebook.com/ivoteNZ



Next Neighbourhood Group Gathering:
Wednesday 6th September 6pm at Wharenui Recreation Centre, Elizabeth St beginning with a light potluck meal. Please bring a plate of food to share. We will be discussing the second draft of our constitution. More information over page...

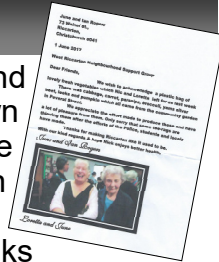
Riccarton Neighbourhood Group Update

At the August meeting of the Riccarton Neighbourhood Group the proposed draft constitution was discussed. The second draft, based on the discussion at the meeting, has been circulated to members. Further discussion will occur at the September meeting and plans for the next step of forming the committee will start. It is very important that this journey that has been started continues and that there is a good representation of the neighbourhood involved. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting Wednesday 6th September at the Wharenui Recreation Centre. Just come along, there is no need to RSVP.

Riccarton West Community Garden



In addition to providing plots and advice for people to grow their own vegetables, and having a vegetable swap stall, the community garden provides produce for older people in the community. A note of thanks was received from June and Ian Rogers in acknowledgement of the vegetables delivered by Nic & Loretta, they wrote: *"We wish to acknowledge a plastic bag of lovely fresh vegetables which Nic & Loretta left for us last week. There was cabbage, carrot, parsnips, broccoli, yams, silver beet, leeks, pumpkin which all came from the community garden. We appreciate the effort made to produce these and have a lot of pleasure from them. Only sorry that some toe-rags are thieving them after the efforts of Police, students and locals have made. Thanks for making Riccarton like it used to be."*



NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK

27 OCTOBER 2017
– 31 MARCH 2018

Neighbourhood week is about bringing people closer together, and celebrating the unique and diverse mix of each neighbourhood. Crank up the BBQ with the neighbours, challenge your mates to a backyard cricket tournament, or make your community a better looking place with a clean-up. For more information and great ideas visit ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek

Upcoming Events

Our Riccarton, Our Community—*Let's Have Fun* Community Day



A Community Event for everyone, full of activities, entertainment, free food and loads of fun held at **Harrington Park on 15th October 1–4pm**. There will be free pony rides and animals to pat, Cheapskates, a bouncy castle, Fire Brigade, car demolition, clowns to entertain, spot prizes, a tug-o-war to end the day and much more. See you there!



OLDER PERSONS' GATHERING

Wednesday 20th September,
1:30-3:30pm at 80 Rattray

Street: Celebrating Spring—a fun-filled afternoon specially prepared for older people living in the Riccarton Area. We will be watching old excerpts from Country Calendar in recognition of our rural heritage, concluding with afternoon tea. Entry by gold coin donation to help cover the cost of food. If you require transport, or for more information, contact Velda on 348 4350.



MEN 2 COOK COURSE



A 5 week 'pilot' course led by a chef is being planned for men who are wanting to learn to cook. This course will start late October on Friday mornings at 80 Rattray Street. If you would be interested in being part of this pilot course contact Carol Renouf on 027 282 0693.