

Regular Events

Common Ground Café - A welcoming place for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones. Enjoy a coffee, tea or hot chocolate along with some home-made baking. Join in the activity of the day or just have a chat. There is a table for people to practise their English language skills, and toys for pre-schoolers. Runs on the first and third Fridays of each month from 1-3pm at 80 Rattray St. November dates are Friday 2nd and 16th.



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 021 255 5200. Packs \$15.00, half pack \$7.50.



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. You are welcome to call her on 021 056 9315 to receive a visit and a small welcome gift bag, to find out about 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 first-hand heads-up on what's happening in Riccarton)
Contributions for newsletter: 341 5332 or 027 864 7745 or jackym37@hotmail.com

Riccarton Community Newsletter

November 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.



// A brilliant day for the community

The weather was perfect, some 1500 sausages, hundreds of pots of fruit salad, drinks were given away, as well as plants from the Riccarton West Community Garden, and there was non-stop entertainment for all ages. The seventh 'Our Riccarton, Our Community, Let's Have Fun' day lived up to its name. And most importantly, people met and discovered neighbours who were just like them, no matter what their cultural background.



Find more photographs at www.riccarton.org.nz/news



Riccarton Neighbourhood Group will meet on Wednesday 7th November at 6:00 p.m. at 80 Rattray Street. There will be different speakers coming including a representative from Otautahi Community Housing. Please bring a plate, and we would appreciate non-perishable items to be donated towards the end of year Hamper.

// Riccarton Street Party

The annual Riccarton Street Party is back and now celebrating its tenth year! Lots of free and fun activities, food, bouncy castle, petting zoo, and stage programme. The party is hosted by Riccarton Community Church and Riccarton Youth Community. Come along and hang out with your neighbours. It's on **Sunday 4 November, 11am -1pm**, Elizabeth Street, between Clarence and Division Streets. For more information visit Facebook, www.facebook.com/events/1993583254025629



// Older Persons' Gathering

You are invited to an event celebrating Christmas, specially prepared for older people in the Riccarton area. There will be a variety of items, including some songs, reminisce about Christmases past, and conclude with afternoon tea. Cost: Gold coin donation. Transport is available for those who need it. To request transport, or for more information, contact Velda, on 348 4350.



// Parking is a huge issue

Parking is a huge issue in Riccarton, which is one of the most difficult areas in suburban Christchurch. As a result of the earthquakes, many central city businesses have moved to the suburbs, particularly in the west, and this pressure is added to by the large mall and Canterbury University. The City Council is discussing long-term solutions, and anyone can add their view. Consultation closes on Monday, 21 November. People can make an online submission via the City Council website, or you can pick up consultation forms from council libraries and service centres.



// Community created hands-on toilet art

The new public toilet at Harrington Park was given its new look at the Riccarton community fun day. Two youth leaders from Riccarton Community Church, Matt and Lauren, painted the designs on two walls, and then people attending the fun day were invited to add their hand prints.



// Free mini-library, thanks to Canterbury University students

As part of the university "Strengthening Communities through Social Innovation" course, teams of students this year have designed and implemented social improvement ideas. The latest has been to construct a mini-library at the Clarence Reserve (opposite Westfield carpark). A team of 20 set to in October to instal and paint two boxes that are now a free library. Anyone is welcome to borrow a book, or donate a book, and three local people will act as guardians.



// 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 022 313 4801.



Riccarton Community Hub

www.riccarton.org.nz

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