

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. September dates are Friday 7th and 21st.

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.



New to Riccarton or know someone who is?

Nicki Aitken (works with Oak Development Trust and) is our Community Development Worker and her role is to meet new people to the area and help them to connect. She can visit with a small welcome gift bag that includes an information booklet about local groups and activities that people can get involved with. If you are new and would like a visit or have a new neighbour, please let Nicki know. Phone 021 056 9315 or email nicki@odt.or.nz

Central Riccarton Residents Association (CRRA) keeps residents informed of Council actions that impact on living in Riccarton. When Central Riccarton lost its Community Centre many organisations lost their base. CRRA works to ensure Central Riccarton retains its community spirit. Check the website: CRRA.org.nz or email riccartonresidents@outlook.com



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: 021 077 2427 or riccartonnsg@gmail.com

Facebook Page: 'Riccation 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

Riccation Community Newsletter



September 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.

Riccation responds to Connor

The Riccarton community has responded well to a fund-raising appeal for Connor Duncan-Caley and his family. Connor has been unwell after brain surgery. Additionally, the family have faced other challenges, including losing their home following the Christchurch earthquakes. Mum Karen has been actively involved in the Riccarton community and the Riccarton West Community Garden, and Nick Te Paa, son of Garden stalwarts Nick and Loretta Te Paa, organised a fund-raising concert. That plus an anonymous gift from the community netted \$920 for the family. "Connor is a remarkable little boy who is back home in Christchurch," said Loretta. "He is talking again, albeit slowly, and still can't walk unaided but is coming on in leaps and bounds. Thank you to all who contributed in some way -- it was a fantastic night out."



Neighbourhood Group Gathering

is meeting on **Wednesday 5th September** at 6:00 p.m. at 80 Rattray Street. There'll be a guest speaker. Please bring some finger food. Enquiries about NSG, contact Richard on 021 567 262 or Tiffany on 027 611 6363.

New chef classes coming to Riccarton!



A new programme for seniors and the return of what is becoming a favourite for men are set to light up Riccarton kitchens.

“Research shows that as we age, we become less likely to prepare our own meals,” says Jane Callahan of Pegasus Health. If you struggle with cooking, **Senior Chef**, organised by Pegasus Health, could be the answer. Senior Chef consists of 8 x three-hour sessions. The free classes cover nutrition topics such as eating for healthy ageing, menu planning, and budgeting. As well you get to cook a meal and sit down together to enjoy it. Senior Chef will be held at

Riccarton Baptist Church, 80 Rattray Street, on Mondays from October 15 to December 10. Contact the Senior Chef team on 374 1639 for a chat to see if Senior Chef is right for you. You must be enrolled to attend a course.

And a new **Men2Cook** course will start at Riccarton Baptist on 13 September. The course, instructed by chef Paul Meek, runs for six weeks, with the aim of helping men learn to cook tasty, hearty and healthy meals on a budget. Participants have been highly enthusiastic at what they've learned. As one participant, Larry, said: “I now have confidence in cooking. My wife is rapt I can do it.” For more information, or to register, contact Paul on 027 488 069, or Carol Renouf on 027 282 0693.

Next stage of Riccarton Road upgrade



The next stage of the Riccarton Road upgrade between Harakeke and Matipo Streets will start later this year. City Council spokesperson Samantha Sharland says the work is similar to the first stage. “We need to replace the water and sewer pipes, renew the road surface, install bus lanes and improve

pedestrian crossings.”

Samantha says the council wants to do a better job at keeping businesses informed, and work with them on ways to reduce the disruption. “Our goal is to encourage people to still use Riccarton Road while the infrastructure is replaced. We'd like to talk with you to discuss the best ways of doing this. Please let us know if you would like to attend and what days/times would work best for you?”

Community Day coming

Plans are well under way for the next Riccarton Community Day, to be held at Harrington Park on Saturday, 20th October. The fun day-long event is a wonderful opportunity for people new to the district and long-time residents to meet and make friends. There'll be lots of activities, games for all ages, entertainment and food. People able to help on the day, or in the preparation, are warmly welcomed. People who can bring ethnic food, supervise games, look after barbecues, etc, are particular wanted. Contact Nick and Loretta Te Paa (021 120 4841) or Carol Renouf 027 282 0693) if you can help.



New toilets at Harrington Park

New public toilets being built at Harrington Park will be open by the Community Day. In fact, project manager Paul Rowe of the City Council says construction is already well under way and the toilets are due to be completed by the end of this month, subject to weather. It's intended that some form of mural designed by a local artist will decorate the building, but this has not yet been chosen.

Work starting again at Riccarton West Community Garden

The Riccarton West Community Garden was closed from June to August for maintenance, but the new season's work kicks off on 1st September with an all-day barbeque. The barbeque runs from 8.30am – 4.30pm, and Nick Te Paa would love to meet up with old hands and new comers alike.

Older Persons' Gathering

19 September 1.30pm, at Riccarton Baptist Church, 80 Rattray St. Celebrating Spring—a fun-filled afternoon specially for older people living in the Riccarton Area, 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.

**Celebrate
Spring!**



Riccarton Community Hub

www.riccarton.org.nz

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