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# A WRAP-UP OF CHRISTCHURCH'S HERITAGE FESTIVAL



## **THANK YOU**

to all those involved in Beca Heritage Week 2018.

Beca Heritage Week was very much a collaborative event, with the Christchurch City Council, the sponsors, event partners, community groups and individuals working together to produce a festival that celebrated the rich heritage of our district and beyond, with the inclusion of Selwyn this year.

### **2018 THEME**



## STRENGTH FROM STRUGGLE Remembering our courageous communities

This year's theme marked some nationally and internationally significant anniversaries which were hard won or hard fought struggles in world and New Zealand history:

- 125 years since women's suffrage achieved in New Zealand
- 100 years since the World War I armistice
- 100 years since the 1918 influenza pandemic.

These anniversaries presented an opportunity to remember the challenges faced by many communities in the past, commemorate the loss, courage and endurance of those who came before us, and celebrate their victories.

# LAUNCH EVENT

THIS YEAR OVER **12,000** PEOPLE ATTENDED BECA HERITAGE WEEK PARTNERSHIP EVENTS Beca Heritage Week 2018 was launched by Lianne Dalziel, Mayor of Christchurch at the Great Hall at the Arts Centre. The occasion brought together heritage stakeholders, sponsors and community event providers and launched the Suffrage Series held in the Great Hall the following week. Speakers included the Mayor and Letitia Drury, Regional Manager, Southern Region, Beca – Heritage Week's principal sponsor.

Attendees enjoyed selections from Ngā Taonga Sound and Vision's Whakatū Wāhine – voices of women voters of 1893, a guest performance by members of the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and artefacts from the Underground Overground Archaeology Ltd/Christchurch Archaeology Project exhibition – Women Breaking the Rules. The wine partner for the evening was 27 Seconds, a local social enterprise wine label.

The Heritage Ambassador Award for Beca Heritage Week 2018 was presented by the Mayor to the Avebury House Community Trust.



# **REWIND AT FERRYMEAD**

Around 2000 people attended a family fun day at Ferrymead Heritage Park produced by the Christchurch City Council's Events Production Team. The event offered the anticipated Ferrymead highlights including the steam train and trams as well as activities specific to the anniversaries marked in Beca Heritage Week 2018. A Suffrage 125 art workshop was facilitated by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, the archaeology exhibition Women Breaking the Rules was displayed and Joel Hart produced a suffrage commemorative art work. Live music and an introduction to the City Libraries' mini discovery wall also contributed to the day.



The Rewind at Ferrymead event took part in a Council-led initiative called Composting Food Packaging at Events (CFPE) that diverts waste from landfill to compost and recycling instead. This means that all the food vendors must use certain approved packaging and the waste is hand sorted onsite.



## SUFFRAGE SERIES AT THE ARTS CENTRE



A partnership event between Christchurch City Council, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Arts Centre to celebrate the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in New Zealand, this event delivered three inspiring evenings exploring suffrage today. The wine partner for the event was 27 Seconds, a local social enterprise wine label.

**A Cultural Journey** – Professor Katie Pickles and Associate Professor Angela Wanhalla spoke about suffrage from a Pākehā and Ngāi Tahu perspective.

**Women on Fire**– 11 local women responded to the strength from struggle theme and presented quick fire talks on what suffrage means to them.

**A Woman's Voice** – Three local female singers, Emma Cameron, Katie Thompson and Sacha Vee discussed their experiences as women in the music industry and performed live.

## WHEN DEATH JUMPED SHIP Remembering the 1918 Influenza Pandemic



A partnership event between Christchurch City Council, Lyttelton Museum and Lyttelton Library. This exhibition attracted over 500 people and included talks by Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Rice and Anna Roger. It also included a self-guided walk to the cemeteries of Lyttelton to visit the graves of those who died during the pandemic. The panels from the exhibition will now tour several of the city's libraries.

# **ORTON BRADLEY PARK SPRING FAIR**



This event once again attracted a large crowd with over 8000 people enjoying the spring fair in the heritage park setting.

Orton Bradley Park Spring Fair was also participating in the CFPE initiative for the first time seeking to divert as much waste as possible from landfill.



## NO VOICE, NO CHOICE, AKAROA MUSEUM



An exhibition held to mark the 125th anniversary of women's suffrage in New Zealand, was well received by Museum visitors. The exhibition attracted about 1,100 people over Beca Heritage Week and continued to attract an average of 100 people a day through to early December. Visitors absorbed the life stories of 19th century mothers, wives and daughters, which centred on domestic life and lack of choices contrasted with the experiences of three early 20th century women who all achieved success in their chosen vocations.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

# **HERITAGE AMBASSADOR AWARD**

Since 2004 the Heritage Ambassador Award has acknowledged the service and commitment of individuals and groups who make a significant contribution to heritage in the community through Heritage Week.

The Beca Heritage Week 2018 Ambassador Award went to the Avebury House Community Trust which has produced successful Heritage Week events since 2002. The Trust's Heritage Week activities have introduced the local and wider Christchurch community to the history of Avebury House and the Richmond area and the Trust provides a community facility in a heritage property throughout the year. The Trust has consistently met a number of the key Ambassador Award criteria including:

- Events successfully educate, advocate and engage the Christchurch community in local history and heritage places
- Continued participation in Heritage Week over a number of years
- Popular, well-considered events have been adapted to the Heritage Week themes
- Event organisers also make a contribution to heritage education and advocacy and/or caretaking of a heritage property outside of Heritage Week.

#### WE CONGRATULATE THE AVEBURY HOUSE COMMUNITY TRUST ON THIS ACHIEVEMENT.



Sabrina Kunz, Beth Rouse, Murray James, Hayley Guglietta and Melanie Lynn accept the award on behalf of the Avebury House Community Trust.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

## **THIS YEAR'S EVENTS**

This year around 4,500 people attended community led events as part of Beca Heritage Week 2018. The success of the community events' programme relied on the work of over 50 community groups and individuals who conceived, planned and ran over 70 events as part of the programme. There was a broad range of activities this year including talks, exhibitions, tours, walks, displays, music, and workshops exploring heritage through printmaking, poetry and family history research.

Many community events this year acknowledged the significant anniversaries including 125 years since women's suffrage achieved in New Zealand, 100 years since the World War I armistice, and 100 years since the 1918 influenza pandemic. Others responded to the theme more broadly with events that explored the achievements of earlier communities as they overcame challenges.



# **COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS 2018**

The Christchurch City Council was once again able to offer support to community event providers to assist with costs associated with the production of Beca Heritage Week events.

17 community groups and individuals applied for funding with 15 groups/ individuals accepting the grants which ranged from \$150 to \$985.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

## FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY EVENT PROVIDERS

The event was very successful as family could do this together. One family brought back more family the next day. They had lived in Brighton all their lives and enjoyed sharing the history with their children.

#### **Pop up Printmaking**

The young poets benefitted by being exposed to historical concepts and stories that resonated through personal experience – engaging heart and head. They were able to express these ideas in new ways.

> The School for Young Writers

We consider the event to have been very successful in raising awareness of the Polish community in Canterbury and a great benefit to the Polish community in Christchurch in that it strengthened the connection between the descendants of the early settlers and the newer arrivals in New Zealand. A wonderful celebration of our shared Polish heritage and an encouragement to undertake research and to document early settlers' stories.

Many of the people attending our event *Strength* from *Struggle in Harewood 1850* to Present Day were really interested and spent a considerable time there asking questions or offering more information on the subjects covered.

> Parish of Burnside-Harewood

The Polish Association in Christchurch Inc.

Many visitors had not visited Ngaio Marsh House, Rose Chapel and Riccarton House Stables previously and said it was a privilege to visit the two private homes and the recently relocated chapel at St Margaret's College.

Friends of Ngaio Marsh Inc.

#### MARKETING

#### **Digital Material**

Beca Heritage Week on Metservice



#### Post on the Council's Facebook page



Mall media panel



#### **Print Material**

Beca Heritage Week guide



#### Advertisement in The Press newspaper



#### Suffrage Series street poster



#### MARKETING



## WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO BECA HERITAGE WEEK 2018:

Air Force Museum of New Zealand Akaroa Museum **Avebury House Community Trust Canterbury Museum** Canterbury Workers' Educational Association **Cashmere Residents Association** Christchurch Archaeology Project & Underground Overground Archaeology Ltd Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetū Christchurch City Council Community Governance Team and Parks Unit Christchurch City Libraries Ngā Kete Wānanga-o-Ōtautahi **Christchurch Civic Trust Christchurch Heritage Trust Dunsandel Historic Society Ellesmere Historical Society** Family History Society of New Zealand Ferrymead Heritage Park Friends of Ngaio Marsh House Glentunnel Museum Inc. Halswell and District Lions Club Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Hororata Domain Board Hororata Museum Hororata Parish Ivan Hibberd lanet Abbott **Knox Church** Lincoln and Districts Historical Society Inc. Lyttelton Historical Museum Society

Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives New Zealand Society of Authors, **Canterbury Branch** New Zealand Society of Genealogists, **Canterbury Branch** Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision Northwest Christchurch Anglican Parish **Orton Bradley Park** Parish of Burnside Harewood. St lames' Church **Pop-up Printmaking Prebbleton Heritage Riccarton Bush Trust Richard Greenawav** St John's Church, Hororata St Mary's Anglican Church, Addington St Michael and All Angels Church St Paul's Anglican Church, Papanui Selwyn District Council Spokes Canterbury Summit Road Society Teece Museum of Classical Antiquities, University of Canterbury Tiptree Cottage Trust and The University of Canterbury Ouake Centre Transitional Cathedral The Arts Centre The Christchurch Club The Polish Association in Christchurch Inc. The Rose Historic Chapel Trust The School for Young Writers University of Canterbury

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