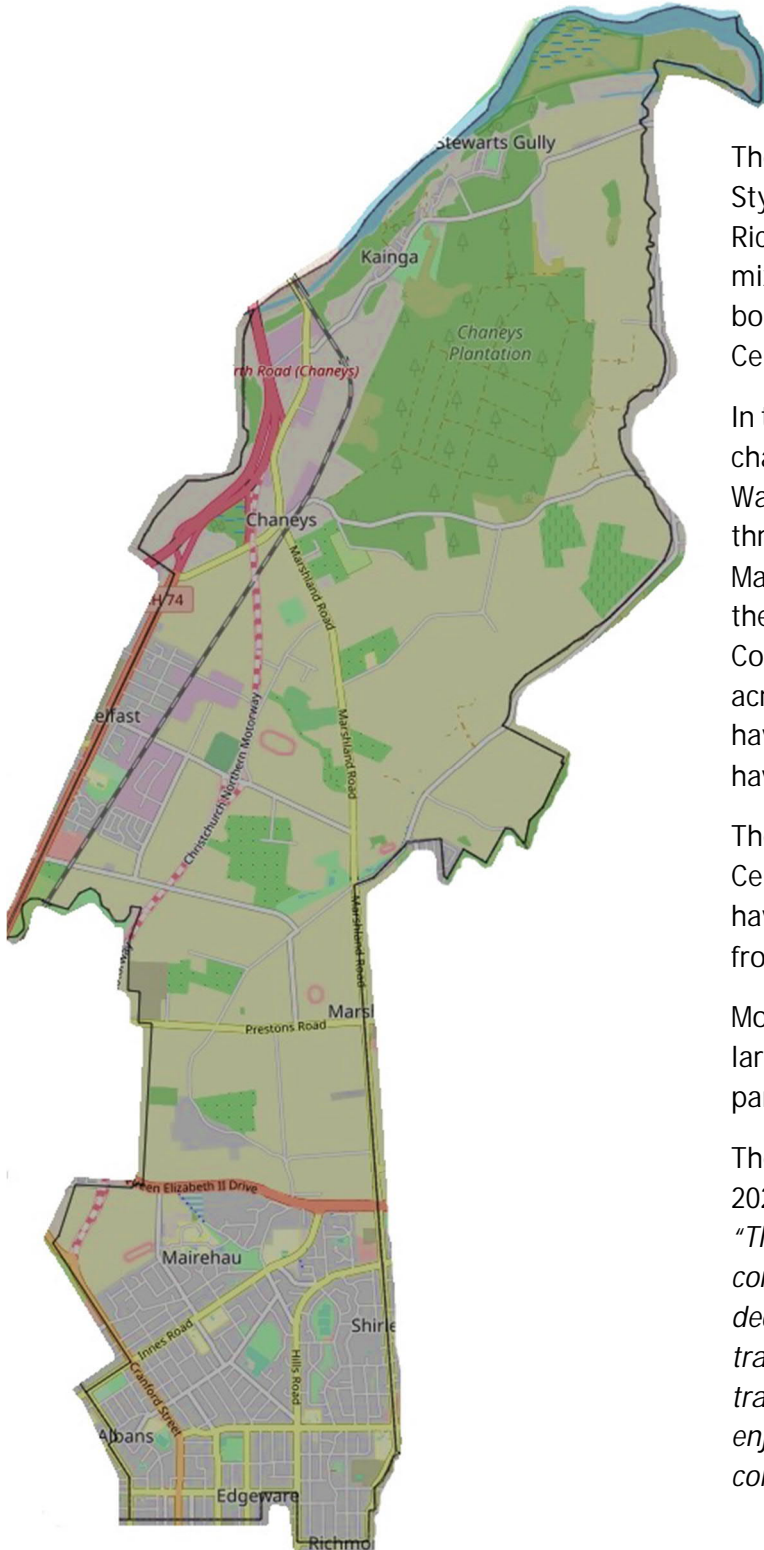


# INNES WARD PROFILE

February 2021



The Innes Ward includes the suburbs of Belfast, Kainga, Styx, Mairehau, Shirley, St Albans and parts of Richmond. The Innes neighbourhoods are a complex mix of urban and rural communities sharing boundaries with the Coastal-Burwood and Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Boards.

In the 2016 Representation Review the ward area changed name from the Shirley Ward to the Innes Ward. Innes Road is a minor arterial route that crosses through the suburb of Mairehau to the South, while Marshlands Road is a key route north and west through the middle of the ward. The Christchurch Northern Corridor (CNC) opened in December 2020 taking traffic across the mid-west of the ward, and local residents have been very engaged on the effects the CNC will have on their community.

The population count of Innes Ward for the 2018 Census was 23,454. All neighbourhood populations have grown since 2013, and the median age ranges from 31 to 44 years.

Most greenspaces are sport parks or reserves, and the largest is Chaney's Plantation to the north, a regional park of 528 hectares planted in conifers.

The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board Plan 2020-21 vision is:

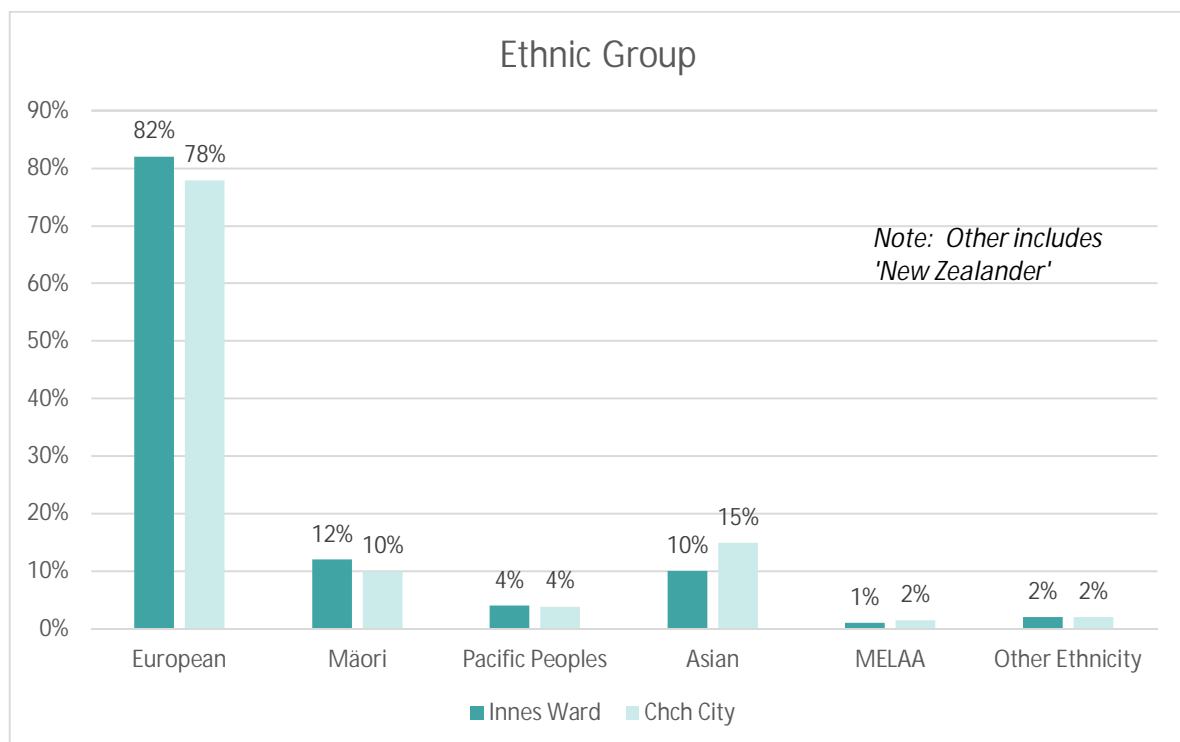
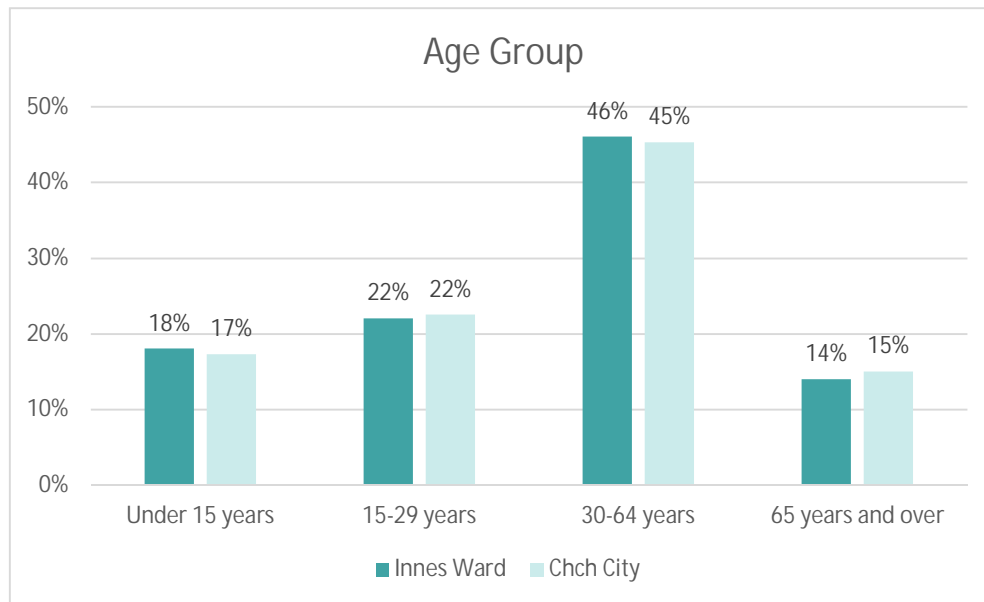
*"The Papanui-Innes community is supported and well-connected community; residents participate in local decision making' and has a functioning, efficient, transport network that is safe and encourages active travel. In addition, that the Papanui-Innes community enjoy a high quality environmental amenity, with a commitment to carbon reduction."*

# Facts and figures

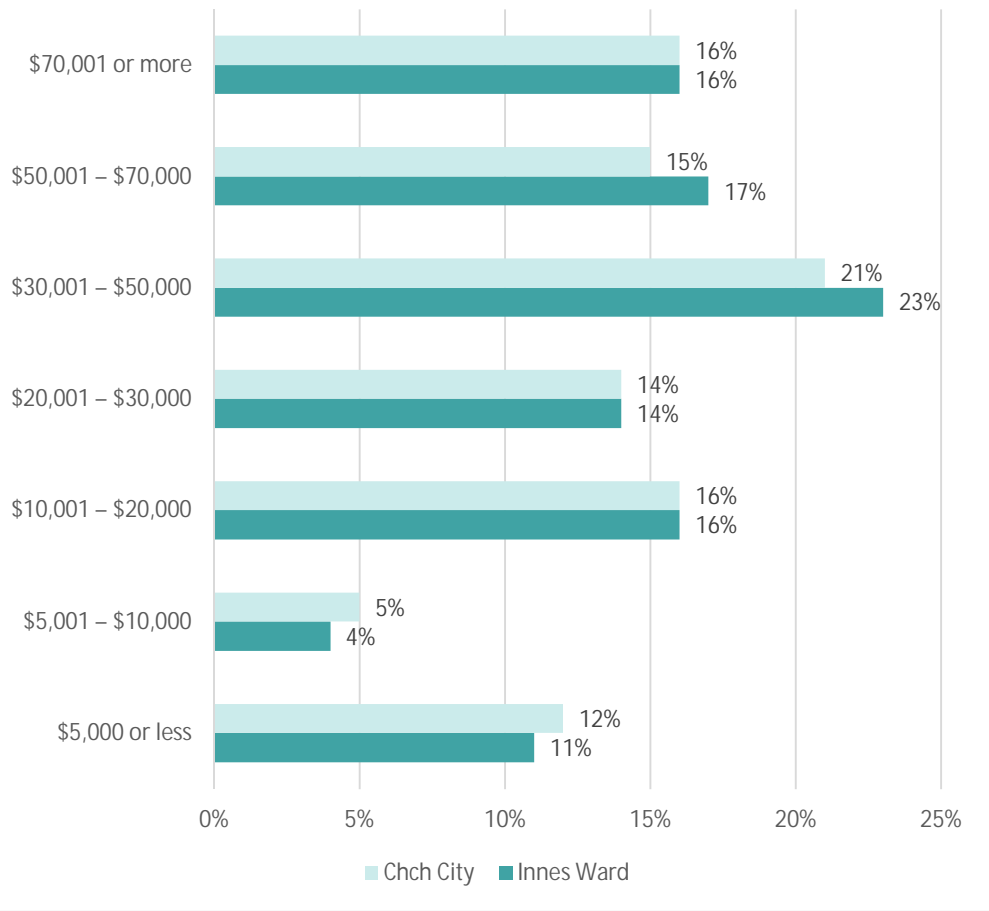
## Demographic Summary (2018 Census Data)

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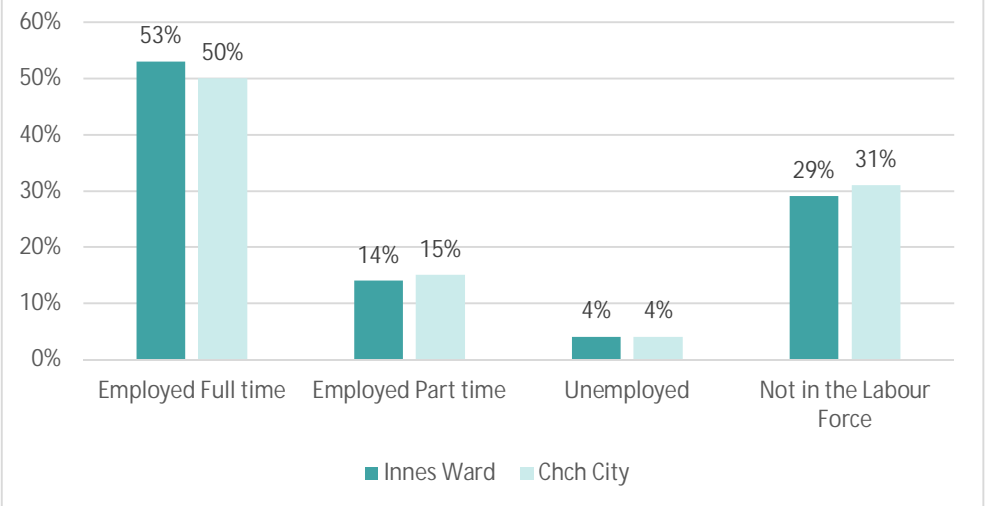
The population within the Innes Ward boundary is: 23,454

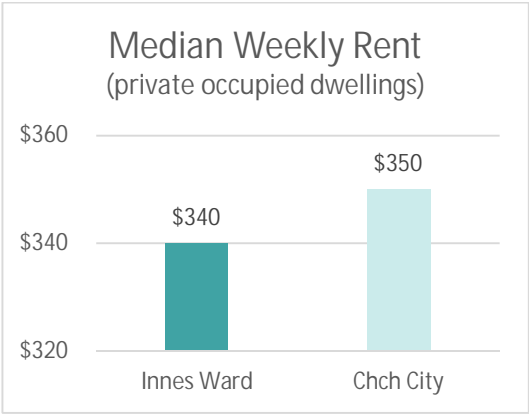
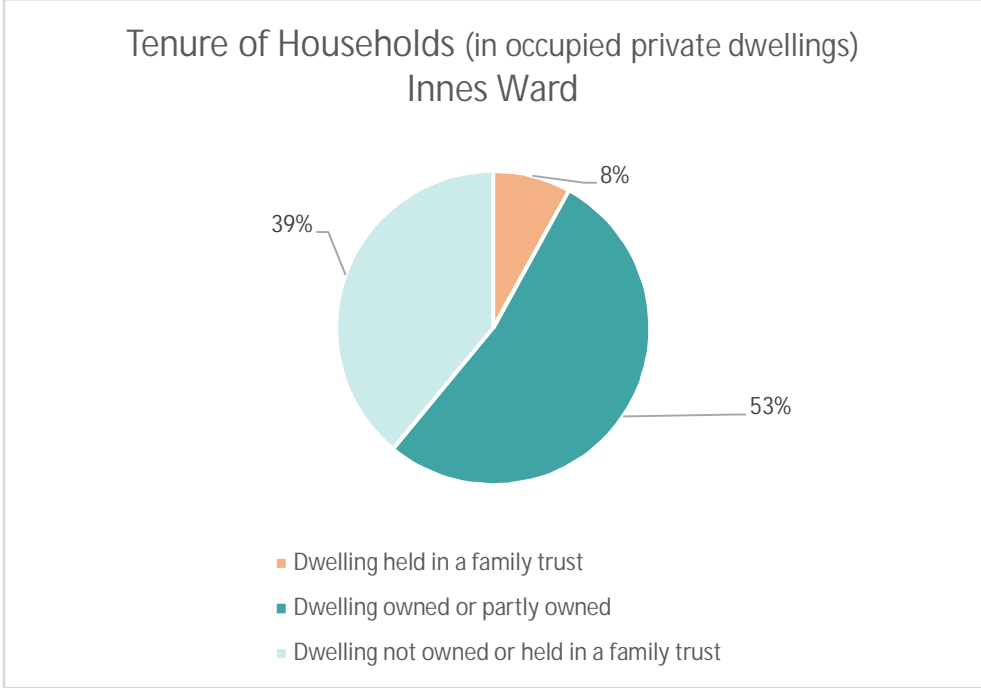


### Total Personal Income - aged 15 years and over



### Work and Labour Force Status





Number of Occupied Private Dwellings: 9,057

### Facilities and Amenities

- There are no Council Libraries in the Innes Ward, however there is a community Library in Mairehau.
- Recreation amenities include 18 parks and reserves
- There are 142 Council Social Housing Units in the Innes Ward (85 in St Albans, 19 in Belfast and 38 in Shirley)
- Major shopping centres: Northwood Supa Centa; Homebase Shirley; Edgewart Shopping Centre
- Schools: 7 Primary, 1 Intermediate, 1 Secondary
- There are five Council owned community facilities

# NZ Deprivation Index

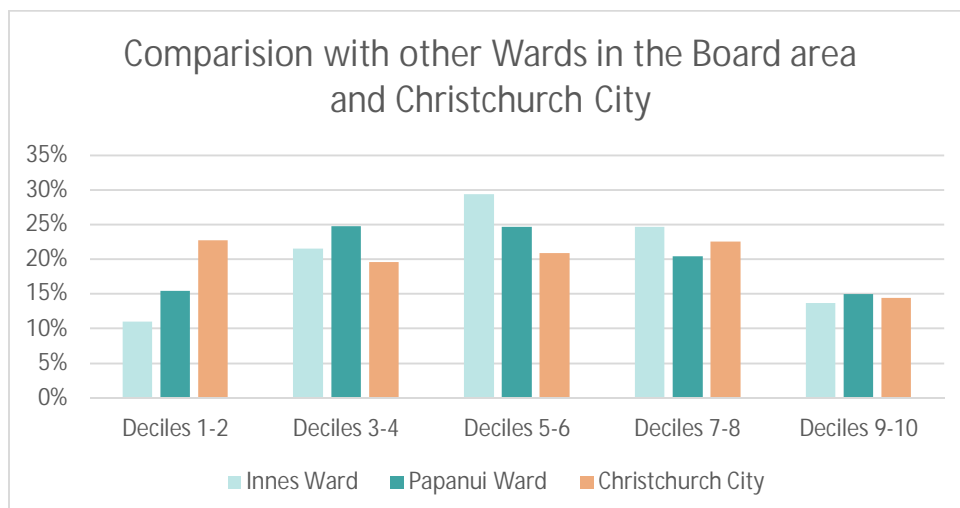
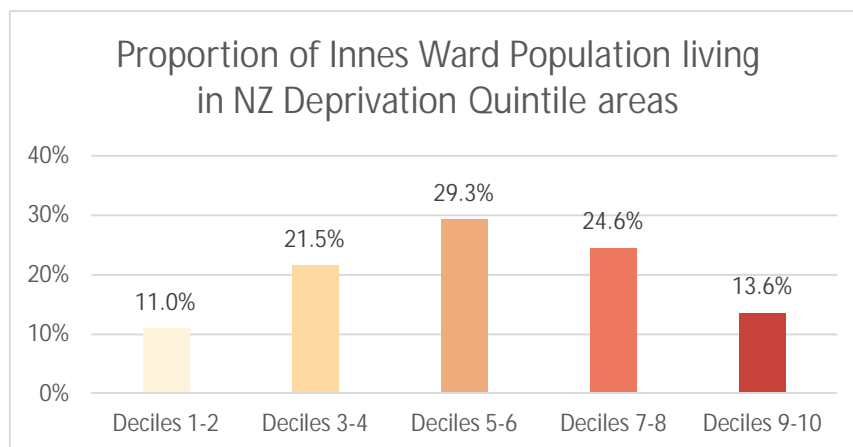
The aim of the NZ deprivation index research programme is to develop indexes of socioeconomic deprivation for New Zealand, to support and inform:

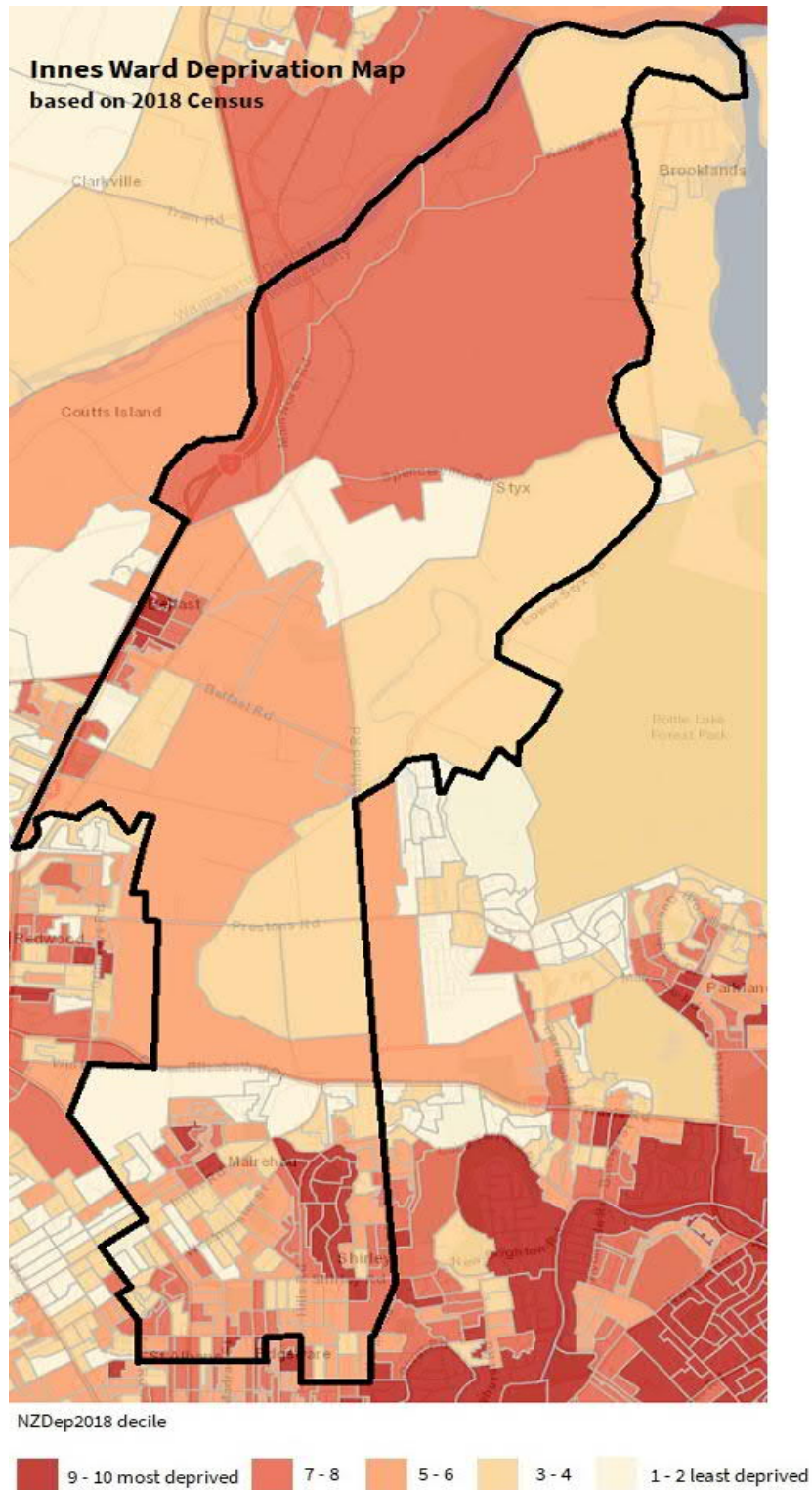
- Application in funding formulas
- Research in especially health and other social services. For example, in the health sector, many researchers use the indexes to describe the relationship between socioeconomic deprivation and health outcomes
- Community groups and community-based service providers to describe the populations they serve, and to advocate for extra resources for community-based services.

The nine variables included in the 2018 deprivation index are as follows:

- People aged 18-64 receiving a means tested benefit
- People living in households with equivalised income below an income threshold
- People with no access to the Internet at home
- People aged 18-64 without any qualifications
- People aged <65 living in a single parent family
- People not living in own home
- People living in household with equivalised bedroom occupancy threshold
- People aged 18-64 unemployed
- People living in dwellings that are always damp and/or always have mould greater than A4 size.

The scale of deprivation ranges from 1 to 10: 1 represents the areas with the least deprived scores. 10 represents the areas with the most deprived scores.





The Innes Ward contains areas ranging from the most deprived to the least deprived. In the north sector and south-east are the highest area of deprivation.

Work Force and Labour Force statistics within the Innes Ward show that an average of 52 percent of the population are employed full time, 14 percent are employed part time 4 percent are unemployed and 30 percent identify as not being in the work force. In respect of total personal income, 15 percent earn more than \$70,000 while 11 percent earn less than \$5,000. The average median Income is \$34,212.

In respect of Household tenure 10 percent of the households are in a family Trust, 54 percent are owned or partly owned and 34 percent are not owned or held in a family Trust.

The Median Weekly Rent across the ward is \$326 with the highest in the areas of Belfast East and Mairehau South (\$370), and the lowest in Styx (\$250).

# Community Infrastructure



The Innes Ward is home to a number of long standing community organisations that deliver 'hands on' support, and programmes to the community they serve. Neighbourhood Trust, Belfast Community Network, Shirley Community Trust, Community Focus Trust, Belfast Community Network and Delta Community Support Trust are well respected non-government organisations who provide a depth and reach of services and are highly regarded by the community members who utilise their assistance.

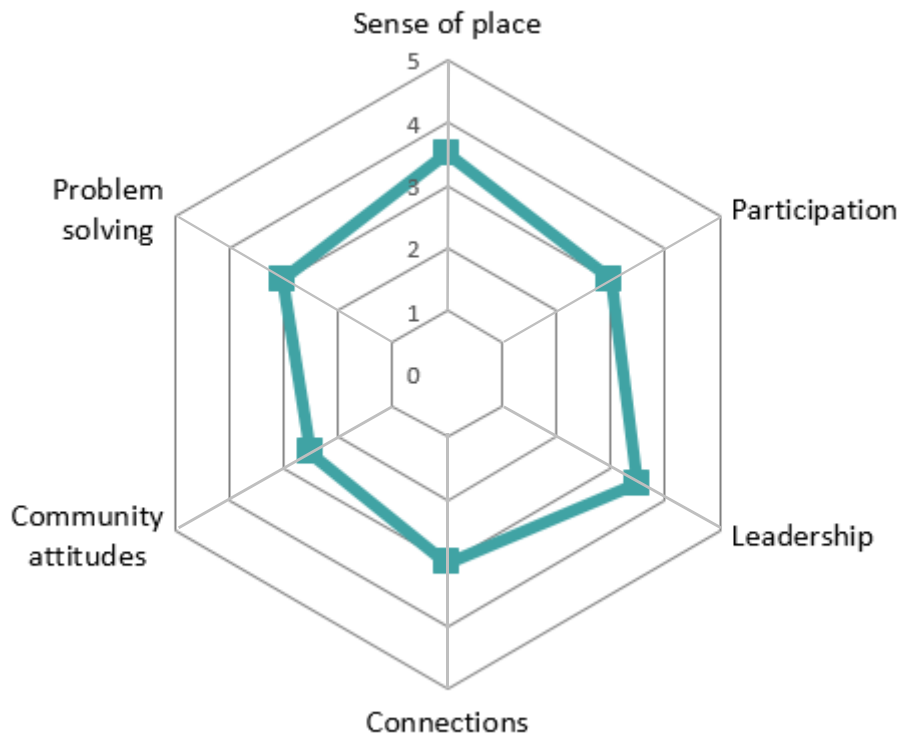
Innes Ward have eight Residents Associations. The St Albans Residents Association (SARA) has been in operation for over 25 years. SARA will operate the soon to be completed Council facility: Kohinga – St Albans Community Centre. The Richmond Resident and Business Association is a relatively new but very active Resident Association, they have been instrumental in advocating for better roading and repairs, road safety and a community cycle way in the Richmond area.

There are a large number of organisations offering recreational and sporting activities to the community from large scale sporting organisations through to smaller leisure and recreational activities.

There are five Council owned community facilities – MacFarlane Park Centre, Kohinga – St Albans Community Centre and Ouruhia Hall and the Mairehau Community Library are all run by the community. Westminster park facility is currently in need of repair and needs a change in resource consent and at this stage cannot be hired out.



# Community Capacity Map



Scale: 1 = Low 5 = High

## Measures and Indicators

Sense of place - Residents are familiar with their town's (local) history and have an affinity with the place. (3.5)

Participation - Residents support local groups with their money or time. (3)

Leadership - Leadership is strong and participatory; leaders are accessible. (3.5)

Connections - Residents are trusting and inclusive of others. (3)

Community attitudes - Residents have a positive attitude towards their community and its future. (2.5)

Problem assessment - Residents communicate to identify problems and take action. (3)

Note: The above ratings have been allocated based on a number of factors including:

- Residents' responses to the above indicators in the Christchurch City Council's annual Life in Christchurch Survey.
- The Council's Community Development Adviser's and Community Recreation Adviser's knowledge and experience of working in the local area.



# Community Outcomes

The Community Outcomes have been developed as part of the Council's Strategic Framework, which provides a big picture view of what the Council is trying to achieve for the community.

The Community Outcomes describe what we aim to achieve for Christchurch. They are:

- Resilient communities
- Liveable city
- Healthy environment
- Prosperous economy

You can view the Council's Strategic Framework and read more about the Community Outcomes here: <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/20182028-vision/strategic-framework>

The narrative below provides an overview of the area in relation to each of the outcomes.

## Resilient Communities

The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board hosts a bi-monthly networking/ liaison meeting, which allows all groups within the ward to come together, network, and speak openly about projects and concerns. A wide range of community groups and central government agencies attends. The liaison meeting highlights local services and activities and encourages ongoing collaboration between groups the local community and council staff. The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board provides funding to a range of community projects across the ward via the Strengthening Communities Fund, The Discretionary Response Fund and the Youth Development Fund which provides a small contribution to young people undertaking recreational or personal development activities. Members of the public and groups have the opportunity to address the Community Board in person at community board meetings about issues that have an impact on their or their community's wellbeing.

Belfast is a significant suburb of Christchurch, serving as the gateway to the city from the north and its population is estimated to double in the next 20 years with new subdivisions planned. There is a large number of well-used reserves and river walkways with strong historical and cultural importance that contribute to the area's appeal. The Supa Centa has two major supermarkets and 33 retail stores with plans for further development in the future. Belfast also has a strong sense of community and reliance, born from historical separation from the city. There are well organised sports, recreation/leisure and community groups in the immediate area. The completion of the Western Belfast Bypass has had a major impact of decreasing the traffic volumes through Belfast. The opening of the Christchurch Northern Corridor will enhance the area's identity as a semi-rural village and significantly improve liveability. Recent research into the decline of play among children included Belfast, leading to the pilot pocket Park play programme Kia Kori Waitaha.

The St Albans area is a largely residential area characterised by densely populated housing featuring a mix of house styles including late 19<sup>th</sup> century villas, Californian-style bungalows, modern houses, units and town houses in tree-lined avenues. It is one of the older suburbs of Christchurch and has some excellent reserves and facilities, complemented by well-used sports venues such as Rugby, St Albans, Westminster and English Parks. There is an adequate selection of local meeting and eating places, and the St Albans Community Centre will open April 2020. St Albans has a strong and articulate community voice in its St Albans Residents Association (SARA), local community-based organisations, and businesses. The suburb has a long history of activism in social justice and environmental advocacy. It is well served by its local community newsletter (St Albans News) distributed to over 7,000 households and a community website offering community information to locals. St Albans hosts a significant number of social housing

units whose residents benefit from a strong network of community support available including a locally based community development trust.

The Shirley/Northwest Richmond area is largely residential area with the major retail precincts being the Palms and Homebase on Marshland Road. It has a high percentage of children and young people compared to other areas of the city, with a correspondingly high number of schools. This may eventually have an impact in the community and the age ratio. The Richmond Resident and Business Association has strongly advocated for roading repairs and renewal, and safety in the wider Richmond area.

## Liveable City

Innes Ward is located four kilometers north-west of the Centre Business District (CBD) of Christchurch and its location provides access to most services and regular public transport options.

The Christchurch-Papanui Parallel Cycle way - Puari Ki Papanui way was the first of 13 Major Cycle Routes linking the Central city to the suburbs. Opened in 2017 the 4.9 km route consists of two-way and one way separated cycle ways, an off road shared path between Grassmere Street and Rutland Street and a low speed neighbourhood greenway on Trafalgar Street. The project included intersection upgrades and signalised crossings at Main North Road/Sawyers Arms Road, Sissons Drive/Sawyers Arms Road and Rutland Street/St Albans Street.

The Christchurch Northern Corridor (CNC) will extend the Northern Motorway through to QEII Drive and Cranford Street and includes:

- The addition of a third north and southbound lane on the Waimakariri Motorway Bridge and a clip-on cycle path.
- A new four-lane motorway starting just south of the Waimakariri River to connect with QEII Drive near Winters Road and then continue through Cranford Basin to link with Cranford Street
- An upgrade of QEII Drive to four lanes between Main North Road and Innes Road.
- An upgrade of Cranford Street to four lanes to Innes Road and an improved Cranford/Innes intersection.
- Off-road pedestrian and cycle facilities linking to existing and new cycle facilities in the area.

## Healthy Environment

In total there are there are 18 parks and reserves in the Innes Ward area, with the major green space including: English Park, MacFarlane Park, Sheldon Park, Shirley Reserve, St Albans Park and Westminster Park.

The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board has supported the work of the Styx Vision 2000-2040 for the past 20 years. The vision is for the protection of the Pūharakekenui/Styx river as a viable spring fed river ecosystem, the provision of a source to the sea experience along the river as a living laboratory by identifying and protecting suitable routes, the provision of riparian and wetland restoration.

Regeneration of the Cranford Basin is being undertaken by Conservation Volunteers New Zealand who have received Department of Conservation funding to coordinate the planting of 40,000 kahikatea trees in Cranford Basin, which is land managed by the Three Waters unit of Christchurch City Council.

Post-earthquake the damage to the local environment was considerable with a major issue being the flooding of the Flockton Basin residences in heavy rains. The Christchurch City Council completed the Dudley Creek project in August 2018 which has mitigated the effects of the land drop causing the issues.

The Styx/Chaney/Kainga is a predominantly rural area between the Styx River to the south-east and the Otukaikino Stream and Main North Road to the northwest that includes the communities of Kainga/Chaney, Riverlea Estates, Stewarts Gully and Ouruhia. It is a mixture of residential, horticultural, agricultural and lifestyle developments as well as conservation reserves.

## Prosperous Economy

As at February 2019, the Innes Ward had approximately 1,900 businesses employing 6,600 people.

Out of those 1,900 businesses, the top six industry types (in order) are as follows:

Top six industry types:

1. Construction
2. Rental, hiring and Real Estate services
3. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
4. Retail trade
5. Health Care and Social Assistance
6. Financial and Insurance Services

The median house prices in the Innes Ward are as follows (February 2021 – homes.co.nz)

- Shirley: \$460,000 - Capital gain of 16.1 percent over last 12 months
- Richmond: \$420,000 – Capital gain of 16.3 percent over last 12 months
- St Albans: \$595,000 – Capital gain of 14.1 percent over last 12 months
- Belfast: \$490,000 – Capital of 15.2 percent over last 12 months
- Mairehau: \$450,000 - Capital gain of 11.8 percent over last 12 months

Most of these are lower than the Canterbury median house price of \$526,000.

Innes Ward has a large retail centres in Northwood Super Centa and Homebase Shirley, and a smaller retail area in Edgeware. There is a proposed development plans for Homebase Shirley. Although 'The Palms' is not in the Innes Ward it provides shopping services to many residents in the Shirley and Richmond area.

# Current Community Issues

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
Post COVID19 social isolation, adequate income, increasing housing costs and food security.	<p><u>February 2021:</u> The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board provides funding support to relevant community organisations including additional support for increased demand post COVID 19, and organisations collaborate to share capacities to reach and help the most vulnerable people.</p>
Northern Arterial route impact	<p><u>February 2021:</u> The Christchurch Northern Corridor (CNC) opened in December 2020 accompanied by impact concerns from local residents. A number of traffic calming and traffic management projects undertaken and currently underway. Special purpose bus priority lanes on Cranford Street will be trialed from February 2021 for three months, prioritising buses at peak traffic times.</p>
Sheldon Park Netball Courts and Facilities Condition	<p><u>February 2021:</u> The courts at Sheldon Park are in poor condition. There is a bid in the draft 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan for Sheldon Park for renewal of the netball courts, the north and south driveway and carparks FY24-27. Belfast Netball Club and Belfast Rugby club are currently using the toilet/changing facility through an informal arrangement. There is currently no budget for repair and remedial works.</p>
High Density Housing	<p><u>February 2021:</u> The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board has listened to residents about the effects of high density housing on aspects such as local character, traffic and on-street parking. While precluded from Resource Management Act (RMA) processes, the community board noted that the act is under national review.</p>
10 Shirley Road	<p><u>February 2021:</u> In the Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board plan a priority is to engage with the community on the future development of 10 Shirley Road. This feedback will help guide the Board's 2021-31 Long Term Plan submission.</p>