

Central Ward

Community Profile

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New Regent Street



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Avebury House, Richmond

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***New Zealand Index of Deprivation (NZDep)**

The NZDep is an area-based measure of socioeconomic deprivation in Aotearoa New Zealand created by Otago University. It measures the level of deprivation for people in each small area. It is based on nine Census variables. To read more about the variables used and view maps in more detail, visit <http://www.ehinz.ac.nz/indicators/population-vulnerability/socioeconomic-deprivation-profile/>

Ward Area Overview

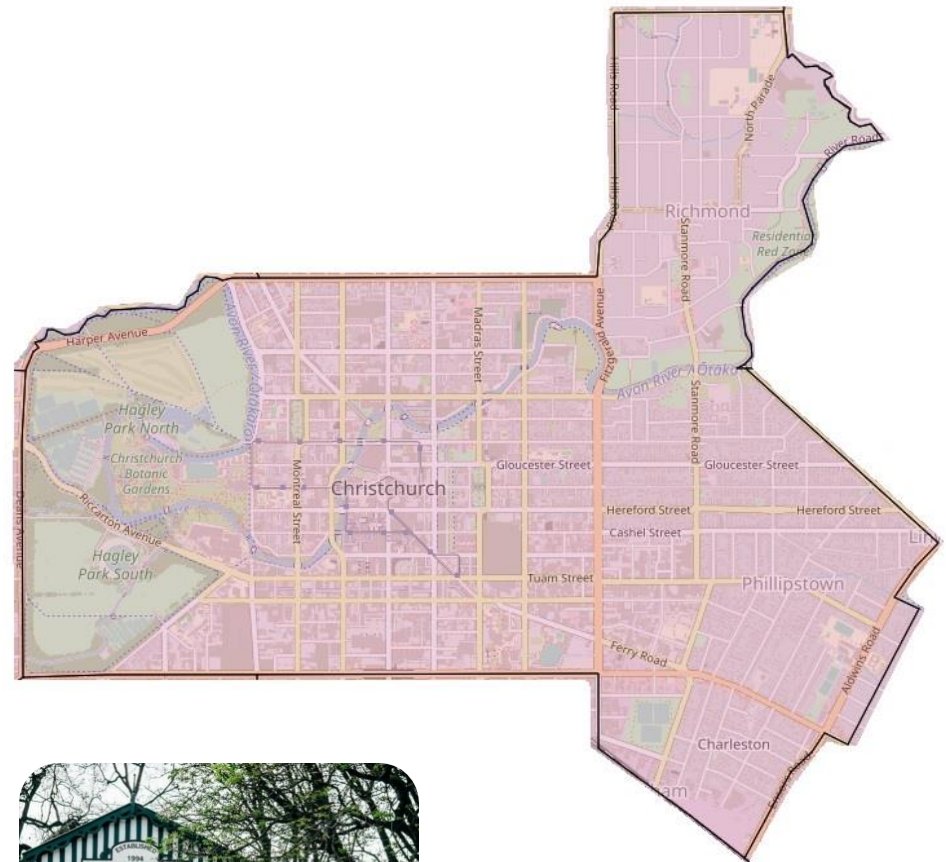
The Central Ward is made up of a number of established neighbourhoods, Richmond, Avon Loop, Linwood Village, Phillipstown, and Charleston, in the west and Victoria in the north, each with their own unique characteristics, strengths and opportunities.

A number of Central Ward neighbourhoods are well established with distinctive character and heritage features while housing intensification across the ward is having a significant impact on housing availability and impacts significantly in respect of changing the established housing type of neighbourhoods.

The ward includes the Central Business District (CBD). As of February 2024, the Central Ward is home to 6,555 businesses (Christchurch City 47,367) and 56,314 employees (Christchurch City 241,049).

The ward is a blend of areas of residential, educational, and commercial and industrial usage, green space, including Hagley Park, the Christchurch Botanical Garden, and the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor which extends to the Residential Red Zone in the east.

Key anchor projects, including Parakiore Recreation and Sports Centre, One New Zealand at Te Kaha (the Canterbury Multi-Use Arena) and South Frame laneways are being completed. Accessibility to green space, infrastructure and community services are well serviced.



Antigua Boat Sheds



Te Pae Convention Centre

Facts and Figures

Central Ward 2023 Census

24,192
Population

33.3
Median
Age

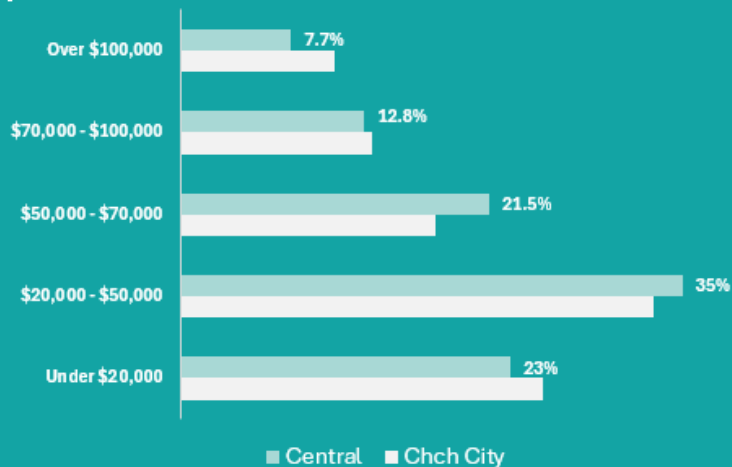
11,178
Dwellings



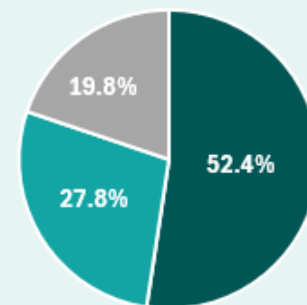
Cultural Diversity

66.7%	European
13.7%	Māori
5.3%	Pacific Peoples
23%	Asian
3.1%	MELAA

\$ Personal Income



Family Type



- Couple without Children
- Couple with Child(ren)
- One Parent with Child(ren)

Businesses

Approximately
6,555 businesses
employing
56,314 people
(Feb 2024)

Community Infrastructure



The Central Ward is home for a number of facilities, community groups and social service providers which service the wider Christchurch region or are locally focused. For the purposes of this profile, Community Development / Support Organisations are those delivering services within the Central ward and within their local central city communities. Local focused community organisations sit within the eastern suburbs of the ward. Resident Associations play a key role in supporting communities throughout the Central Ward and are active in most neighbourhoods.

There are a number of faith-based organisations in the Central ward all delivering different levels of service to the community.

Hagley Park is home to a number of sports groups and organisations with many of the regional sports clubs calling it home while the Lancaster Park site has been established as a green recreational space and community sports fields. The ward also is home to a number of pocket parks, and as above the Margaret Mahy Family Playground.

Tūranga - Christchurch Central City Library is located in the heart of the Central City and is the main public library in Christchurch.

The Council owned community facilities within the Central ward range from large buildings such as the Christchurch Town Hall to medium size community venues such as Avebury House through to smaller community cottages such as Richmond Community Cottage and the Avon Loop Community Cottage, plus a number of community-owned community facilities providing social service provision and social interaction.

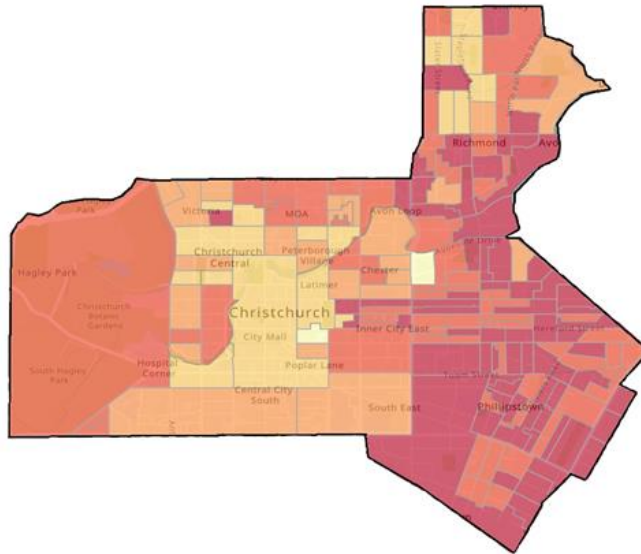
3	21	17	11
Community development/support organisations	Sport/recreation groups	Faith-based organisations	Schools
3	7	8	1
Community-owned facilities	Council-owned facilities	Residents' Associations	Council library

Facilities and Amenities

- 1 Council library: Tūranga (Central Library)
- 1 Council service centre: Civic Offices
- Te Pae Convention Centre and Christchurch Town Hall
- Key Arts and Cultural facilities: Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna O Waiwhetū, Canterbury Museum, The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora, Isaac Theatre Royal, The Piano, Toi Moroki Centre of Contemporary Art (CoCA), Ravenscar House Museum, Linwood Community Arts Centre, The Court Theatre, the Free Theatre
- 5 shopping centres: The Crossing, South City Shopping Centre, Linwood Village, Richmond, Ferry Road/Barbour Street
- 11 schools: 5 primary, 4 secondary, 1 Composite 1 Special
- 2 public hospitals: Christchurch, Christchurch Women's
- 2 private hospitals: Southern Cross, Forté Health
- Ara Institute (formerly known as CPIT- Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology)
- Multiple major sport and recreation amenities: Hagley Park and Oval, Botanic Gardens, Victoria Square, Cathedral Square, Margaret Mahy Family Playground, Parakiore Recreation and Sport Centre (planned opening 2025) and One New Zealand at Te Kaha, (planned opening 2026)

Socio-economic Deprivation Index

NZDep2023 decile (weighted average)



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.

Relative to the rest of Christchurch City, Central Ward had higher levels of deprivation overall.

In the Central Ward, around 38 per cent of the population lived in the 'most deprived' areas (i.e. deciles 9 and 10), compared with 16 per cent of all of Christchurch City's population.

Only 1 per cent of this ward's population lived in the 'least deprived' areas (i.e. deciles 1 and 2), compared with 23 per cent of all of Christchurch City's population.

In respect of employment, 56.4 per cent of residents employed full time which is above the Christchurch City figure of 50.15 per cent. 27.5 per cent are not included within in the workforce. 3.7 per cent are unemployed which is above the Christchurch City figure of 2.7 per cent).

Within the Central Ward, 52.4 per cent of families consist of couples without children which is higher than the Christchurch figure of 43.3 per cent. Families consisting of one parent with child(ren) is 19.8 per cent, which again is higher than the Christchurch City figure of 16.5 per cent.

In the Central ward 33.6 per cent of dwellings are owned or partly owned. This is lower than the Christchurch City figure of 64.8 per cent.

Of those currently renting their homes, 14.7 per cent pay under \$200 a week in rent whilst at the other end of the spectrum, 1.2 per cent are paying over \$800 per week.

The highest levels of deprivation (9-10 and 7-8) are within the inner city east and southeast of the ward in the suburbs of Richmond, Linwood, Phillipstown, and Charleston. These areas consist of many social housing properties, including Council-owned units managed by the Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust and Kāinga Ora.

Across the ward there are 240 social housing units managed by the Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust and 486 Kāinga Ora properties.

With regard to housing affordability within the Central Ward, the median sales price of houses in the area for the 12 month period of February 2024 to February 2025 was as follows:

Central City - \$570,000
 Richmond - \$569,882
 Phillipstown - \$489,000
 (realestate.co.nz)

Strengthening Communities Together Strategy

This section of the Community Profile provides a narrative of the Ward in relation to the four Pillars of the strategy. You can view the full strategy document on the Council's website by clicking [here](#).



Te Pou Tua Tahi: Te Tāngata

Pillar 1: People

The city actively promotes a culture of equity by valuing diversity and fostering inclusion across communities and generations.



Maea Ukulele club at Phillipstown Fall Gala

The availability of services varies across the Central Ward. While some neighbourhoods have close and accessible services others have further distances to travel.

Council staff collaborate closely with communities to support them to undertake initiatives that make their local area a better place to live. There are strong community social networks across some of the more established neighbourhoods. Active participation in civic life is encouraged with Resident and Neighbourhood Associations playing a lead role in this. Opportunities are provided for residents to be involved in decisions that are important to them through regular Council led Central Ward resident forums.

Community safety is a priority conversation for many Central Ward neighbourhoods. The Phillipstown Safety Panel which comprises representatives from Police, the local community, Kāinga Ora, Phillipstown Hub management, Charlestown Residents Association and Council staff meet monthly to raise and address issues within the community.

The We are Richmond, Residents Association is very active, they have been instrumental in advocating for better roading and repairs, road safety, community safety and a community cycle way in the Richmond area while also supporting community lead developments within area.

Groups and organisations across the Central Ward continue to celebrate their identity through

community development, arts, culture, heritage, sport and recreation which addresses and reduces loneliness and social isolation.

The Central City hosts a number of larger events that attract people from across the city, however at a neighbourhood level, there is a keenness for more localised community events that connect neighbours.

Avebury House and the Richmond Community Garden are a hive of activity for community events, education, activities and volunteerism. Phillipstown Hub in the grounds of the disestablished Phillipstown School is the home for 11 community organisations plus more than 30 other groups who use the spaces more informally.

Organisations such as Delta Trust and Te Whare Roimata have been working shoulder to shoulder with the with the most disenfranchised of the community for over 30 years. These two longstanding local focused groups along with We are Richmond, Avebury House, Riverlution, and the Phillipstown Hub work collectively to identify and address issues of social exclusion and to reduce loneliness and social isolation.

The Central Ward is also home for a number of City-wide focused community groups, for example the Youth and Cultural Development Trust, The Women's Centre, and Community House which houses over 20 tenant organisations.



Te Pou Tua Rua: Te Whenua

Pillar 2: Place

We support and help build connections between communities and their places and spaces to foster a sense of local identity, shared experience and stewardship.



Riverlution Farmers Market

The Central City Residential Programme - Project 8011 aspires to achieve a Central City population of 20,000 people by the end of 2028, with a focus on encouraging longer term residents, both renters and owner occupiers. Attracting longer term residents into the Central City is essential to build strong communities and to provide consistent year-round support for Central City businesses and facilities.

Good quality affordable housing continues to be an issue across the Central Ward. There continues to be steady residential development. While Central Ward residents are not opposed to development, they are frustrated by high density housing and wish for a city with diversity in its housing stock which attracts a wide range of people and families.

At a local level, there remains enormous potential to transform the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor into the jewel in Christchurch's crown, creating a place for residents and visitors to explore, play, connect, and learn. The Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan (2019) developed by Regenerate Christchurch is of significance to the area. The plan is intended to support the regeneration of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, providing a vision and objectives for short, medium, and long-term future land uses and opportunities for the 602-hectare area in the heart of east Christchurch.

Organisations such as We are Richmond, Riverlution and Avebury House are actively involved in the activity around the Ōtākaro Avon

River Corridor and are showing strong local leadership in this space.

Through the dedication of staff and volunteers, a three-acre area of red-zone land has been turned into a thriving garden and meeting place for the community. Projects include a storm water catchment and rain garden, community recycling drop off station, an Eco Hub a compost and trapping project, an olive oil cooperative and a café.

'We are Richmond' and the local community also continue work in respect of reincorporating, via replanting, the old Richmond Bowling Club's bowls green back into green space within Petrie Park.

Food resilience, community gardens, fruit orchards and self-sustaining neighbourhoods are all popular conversations across the Central Ward. Various projects and collaborations are underway to support easier access to locally grown fruit and vegetables with several activities, events, workshops, and volunteer opportunities available across the Central Ward.

Community organisations, community representatives, elected members and staff are currently working together around the development of a community facility at Shirley Community Reserve and also the re-opening of the two pools at Te Oraka Shirley Intermediate.



Te Pou Tua Toru: Te Mahi

Pillar 3: Participation

Residents and groups in the wider community are socially and actively engaged and able to initiate and influence decisions affecting their lives.



Richmond Community Garden

The Central Ward is home to a number of engaged Residents Associations including the Victoria Neighbourhood Residents Association (VNA), Inner City West Neighbourhood Association (ICON), the MOA Neighbourhood Group, We Are Richmond (WAR), Charleston Neighbourhood Association and the Avon Loop Planning Association.

The Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board represents and acts as advocates for the interests of the community, maintaining an overview of services provided by the council within the community and communicating with community organisations and special interest groups. The Community Board offers grants to assist local groups undertake small community projects through its Discretionary Response Fund, which is open all year, as is the Board's Youth Development Fund. The Board also annually considers applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund to support community-focused organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing in the area.

The Community Board also sets its priorities for its term, a number of these priorities are within the Central Ward, namely the Revitalisation of Petrie Park, advocating for a permanent home for the Phillipstown Community Hub, advocating for community facilities, sport and recreation facilities, greenspace, and amenities in areas of high intensification, and areas earmarked for future intensification in partnership with the community.

The Connected Transport Network in Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central area (road, cycleways, paths) including the completion of the connecting cycleway link from Richmond to the Central City is also a priority.

Council staff work with the community to support, encourage and empower organisations and individuals to engage with Council and to participate in decisions affecting their communities and neighbourhoods. Residents are encouraged to attend the Public Forum part of the Community Board meeting agenda, make a Deputation to the Board.

Staff organise Liaison meetings and information sessions with the Community groups on a regular basis.

The community, sporting and recreational organisations and groups within the Central Ward are heavily supported by volunteers, not only does this volunteer commitment support the work done by organisations but also provides a pathway for those who might be socially isolated to join and contribute.

The Community Board and Council seek to support and increase volunteering opportunities within the wider community and supports the organisations providing such opportunities.

Figures from the 2023 Census show that 1,833 people or 10.4 per cent of people in the Central Ward state they undertake voluntary work for an organisation, group, or marae. This figure is slightly lower than previous years (2013 - 11.4 per cent and 2018 - 11.1 per cent).



Te Pou Tua Rua: Te Whenua

Pillar 4: Preparedness

People feel safe in their communities and neighbourhoods and work together to understand, adapt and thrive in the context of change and disruption.

Climate Change Resilience

Climate change is the biggest challenge of our time. It is already affecting our weather, health and wellbeing, natural environment, taonga species, mahinga kai, food production, biosecurity, infrastructure, and the economy.

The Christchurch City Council is responding to climate change in Ōtautahi Christchurch by working towards targets for reducing emissions, and by helping our communities prepare for and adapt to our changing climate.

Key risks identified include hot weather and drought, strong winds, wildfires, heavy rain and flooding, and rising sea level, coastal and ocean changes.

Inland communities of Christchurch faces key risks from increasing temperatures, drought, and more intense rainfall, which threaten terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, while flash flooding from extreme rainfall and river flooding impacts built assets and infrastructure.

Staff are working with a number of community organisations within the Central Ward on their Emergency Response /Community Resilience Plans that will support their communities during adverse events.

The understanding is that strong, connected communities are better prepared to respond to and recover from disasters. In the event of a major emergency, official responders will prioritise the most urgent issues, so it is likely that for the first few day's people will need to help each other within the local community

Within the Richmond area, organisations including We are Richmond, Avebury House, Eastern Community Sport and Recreation Inc, Delta Trust and Riverlution have worked together to develop their area specific Plan while the Phillipstown Hub has also developed their Plan.

The collegial work between organisations has been a highlight of the process with each organisation contributing together to develop their plans. Cross area support and engagement with Shirley who are developing their own plan has meant that collateral, ideas, and solutions have been shared and where appropriate, relevant information is used by all.

The team from Christchurch Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) have provided advice and guidance in the development of these Plans and CDEM have also been on the ground at numerous local events.

The Plans have been developed by the community to help community groups and organisations and the general public to keep safe, prevent further harm and access available local resources.

The Plans include maps showing the location of Community Hubs within the area, location of Defibrillators and stresses the importance of making a plan in the event of an emergency, the importance of having an emergency kit with at least three days supplies of food, water, medications, baby care, pet food, toilet paper, torch, first aid kit, radio (battery or wind up), a grab bag of warm clothes and essential documents.

Key Community Issues

Issue	Actions being taken
<p>The National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) 2020 Intensification.</p>	<p>The National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) 2020 came into effect on 20 August 2020. It replaced the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2016. This change in policy has led to concerns for Central Ward residents, who are challenged by the increasing number of high-density housing developments.</p> <p>The National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) 2020 came into effect on 20 August 2020. It replaced the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2016.</p> <p>In September 2022 the Christchurch City Council voted against a government directive to introduce new housing intensification standards. Christchurch was the only tier one council in the country not to notify a plan change in response to government housing directives in the national policy statement on urban development (NPS-UD) and the medium density residential standards (MDRS).</p> <p>This issue continues to be of concern to inner city residents in respect of high-density housing developments and the loss of the existing historical nature of the neighbourhoods. The concern about the loss of neighbourliness and community connectedness continues to be an issue. Neighbourhood organisations, residents' groups, and individuals continue to raise concerns.</p>
<p>Greening the East</p>	<p>The Greening the East plan has been developed. The plan requires budget allocation through the long-term plan process.</p> <p>Several greenspace projects are under way, with more improvements planned as funding becomes available through the 2024-35 Long-Term Plan. The desire to support the development of green corridors, more trees and walkways, spaces that encourage biodiversity, nature play areas, pocket parks, and interweaving cultural history are all part of the integrated plan to boost the natural habitat to support ecological health and community well-being in the city's inner east.</p> <p>More trees, green spaces, and enhanced pedestrian routes are part of the vision for Christchurch's South-East Central neighbourhood.</p> <p>South-East Central covers the area bordered by Fitzgerald Avenue, Moorhouse Avenue, Colombo Street, St Asaph Street, Manchester Street and Armagh Street.</p> <p>Key landmarks include One New Zealand at Te Kaha, Latimer Square, Te Pūkenga (New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology), and the SALT District. It also includes many commercial properties.</p> <p>The 2023 Census shows a population of 2,346 residents within the South-East-Central, a 65% increase since 2018.</p>

Issue	Actions being taken
Greening the East cont.....	<p>It is envisaged that the population could reach 9,000 residents over the next decade due to lower land values and mixed-use zoning, the largest potential for population growth in the Central City.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the South-East's residential growth will help create a thriving neighbourhood and support the Council's aspiration of 20,000 people living in the Central City. Although the population has grown significantly since 2018, this is a small and transient community potentially due to Short-term accommodation e.g. Airbnb (especially once One New Zealand at Te Kaha opens) and lower home ownership rates.</p> <p>It is therefore imperative that access to green space, pocket parks and access to the natural environment are included in any development plans.</p>
Community Safety	<p>This is an ongoing challenge with safety concerns arising regularly across the Central Ward. Anti-social behaviours, alcohol and drug abuse, rough sleeping, begging and mental health are all issues of concern.</p> <p>Street beggars are visible across the Central Ward locating themselves in the Central City, Linwood Village, and Richmond Village. They were becoming a significant nuisance for local businesses and members of the public.</p> <p>The Inner-City Collaborative Action Group was formed in 2021 The group brings together the Council, Police, the Christchurch City Mission and the Central City Business Association who are working to understand the issue and develop long term solutions to address street begging, homelessness and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>The Inner-City Collaborative Action Group continues working together towards understanding the long-term issues facing members of the street community based in the City Centre to provide supportive solutions and recognise more can be achieved working together with a coordinated, collaborative approach to ensure the City Centre is a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for everyone.</p> <p>The Phillipstown Community Safety Panel continues to meet and highlight issues of concern within the area.</p> <p>Reports of begging are down in the Phillipstown and Linwood village and Richmond village areas.</p> <p>Metro staff are working with local staff, the Police and the Christchurch City Mission Street Outreach Service around local issues and the Central City Mission to seek solutions for those who are experiencing hardship and living on the streets.</p> <p>The Phillipstown Hub in partnership with Orange Sky New Zealand also provide access to washing machines, dryers and showers for people who need them. Wrap around support is also provided by Housing First Ōtautahi.</p> <p>There has been an increased Police visibility through the community beat team's and the Christchurch City Mission workers have been present on the streets offering support when required.</p>

Issue	Actions being taken
Community Safety cont...	<p>This work has seen a decrease in aggressive begging being reported. In 2023, Council provided grant funding for three years to the Central City Business Association (CCBA) to provide security guards to address concerns about safety issues in Cashel Mall and near surrounds. A condition of the funding was to ensure a kaitiaki approach is taken with people sleeping rough, to liaise with the Community Connectors from the City Mission, the Police and Council staff around collaborative solutions.</p> <p>The Bus Exchange was a space where youth behaviour was causing concerns. Council partnered with Youth and Cultural Development (YCD) to develop a programme where trained youth workers would have a presence in the building to moderate behaviour and create a safe space for rangatahi while waiting for their bus. A youth hub called 'The Igloo' was created in the vacant ticketing office. In a short space of time, the number of incidents reduced, behaviours improved, there was a significant increase in the number of people using the Bus Exchange and the space has become a popular gathering space.</p> <p>Events and activations in the Central City bring increased numbers of people into the city which also helps with the perception of safety. Throughout the year, Council staff liaise with community groups and organisations who want to have pop-up events and activations to bring vibrancy and people into the city. Examples include Gap Filler's current 'Pae Tākaro Place of Play' project where traditional games from around the world are placed at locations across the city and Circability's free pop-up circus activities at Sparks Corner in Cathedral Square.</p>
Phillipstown Hub	<p>The Community Board identified Phillipstown Hub as one of its priorities for the 2023-25 term.</p> <p>The Phillipstown Hub operates from the old Phillipstown Primary School site, which closed after the 22 February 2011, earthquake and is still owned by the Ministry of Education (MoE). The Phillipstown Hub is the permanent home for 11 community organisations plus more than 30 other groups who use the spaces more informally. The Hub also provides a wide range of programmes and activities for the people of Phillipstown and is seen as a vital asset to the local community.</p> <p>In December 2024 the Phillipstown Hub has received information from the MoE that the Ministry had decided not to place the property/land which the Phillipstown Hub currently occupies into the disposal process due to the possibility that it would be required for future education purposes.</p> <p>The Phillipstown Hub Trust Board and Council are currently reflecting on what this development would mean for the future of the site, tenure and funding secured in the long term plan for the Phillipstown Hub.</p>

Issue	Actions being taken
Petrie Park	<p>The Community Board identified Petrie Park as one of its priorities for the 2023-25 term. Residents who live local to Petrie Park have a strong desire to see the park revitalised, to better serve their community. The Richmond Bowling Club's green was destroyed in the Canterbury earthquakes 12 years ago and the land will be incorporated into the park. This project offers a blank canvas for the community to develop and implement its vision.</p> <p>In October 2023 the latest soil testing had been completed, history and visual were displayed in the park, and ongoing community planting days have continued.</p> <p>In 2024 Petrie Park was included in the Urban Forest Planting Schedule and budget was secured. CCC Urban Forest engaged Boffa Miskell who with We are Richmond developed a Concept masterplan for the Urban Forest Tree Planting of Petrie Park Reserve.</p> <p>The plan recommends the revamping of the southern half of Petrie Park, once a bowling green, with a redesigned concept that incorporates the Urban Forest Tree Plan. The plan also includes amenities for dog walkers. The formal fence of the bowling green will once again be activated. Along the fence, there will be murals and plants espaliered and seating. A shelter has been strategically located away from the historical sheds, known to have soil contaminated with reported arsenic concentrations.</p> <p>Soil samples were gathered from the former bowling green clubrooms area at the southwestern corner of the park, revealing the presence of asbestos in the near-surface soil. An asbestos management plan will be devised for this section.</p> <p>The Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board received information around the plan and the progress of the planting and remediation in 2025.</p>
Richmond Cycleway	<p>The Community Board identified the Richmond cycleway as one of its priorities for the 2023-25 term. The Richmond Cycleway is part of a ward-wide approach by the Community Board in identifying that a city with a good transport network is vital for a connected and accessible community. The Board will ensure that community safety is at the forefront of all transport recommendations and decisions it makes, including the need for safe speeds and safe streets for all residents.</p> <p>The Board is also committed to supporting the Climate Resilience Strategy and will continue to advocate strongly for active transport modes and networks to support walking, cycling, and public transport.</p> <p>The two intersections, Averill Street/Stapletons Road and Averill Street/Petrie Street, which are part of the Richmond CRAF Neighbourhood Greenway Cycleway, was completed in March 2024.</p>

Issue	Actions being taken
Richmond Cycleway cont...	<p>The remaining sections of the Richmond CRAF - Neighbourhood Greenway Cycleway was constructed in two stages. The first stage of work was line markings, along Nicholls Street, Dudley Street, Stapletons Road and part of Averill Street (from Averill Street/Stapletons Road to Petrie Street) this was completed in March 2024.</p> <p>The second stage of work includes constructing speed humps along Averill Street between Chrystal Street and North Parade, and line markings along Averill Street between Petrie Street and North Parade. It was envisaged that this work would be completed by late April 2025.</p>
Shirley Community Reserve	<p>The Community Board identified the Shirley Community Reserve as one of its priorities for the 2023-25 term</p> <p>The Shirley Community Centre was a well-used facility located on Shirley Community Reserve. The facility was damaged in the 2010/2011 Canterbury earthquakes and subsequently demolished in 2012. A pre-school, playground, half basketball court, trees and path remain on site along with a relocatable pump track and table tennis/picnic table which have since been added.</p> <p>A working group made up of elected members, community representatives and council staff are currently working together to build a community facility on the reserve that will enable a mixed use of the reserve and support recreation, play and social connections.</p> <p>The building of the facility will enhance the reserve and provide a destination of choice for the community, a safe space, a place that enhances wellbeing, and provides a place for social connection.</p> <p>This project aligns with the Board's 2023-25 Community Board Plan vision of: "The Community Board will advocate for the inclusion of community facilities, sporting facilities, parks, greenspace, and amenities in areas of high intensification, and areas earmarked for future intensification."</p>
Te Oraka Community Pools	<p>This project is to revitalise the two swimming pools at Shirley Intermediate School and open it for use by not only the school but the wider community, school community as well as community organisations and Trusts. The pool has been non-operational for the past three summers.</p> <p>Shirley Intermediate School, established in 1934, is the oldest intermediate school in Christchurch.</p> <p>The pools were constructed in 1968 through community fundraising efforts supported by local businesses, the school's pools have played a crucial role in the community for 57 years.</p>

Issue	Actions being taken
<p>Te Oraka Community Pools cont...</p>	<p>Following repairs post-earthquakes in 2011, the pools reopened in 2013. Unfortunately, in 2022, the Ministry of Education ceased funding, resulting in closure and disrepair. Financial constraints prevent the school from funding the repairs and upgrades, prompting a willingness to collaborate with local organisations for community benefit.</p> <p>Responding to community voices, the School Board of Trustees and the community have formed a pool committee. The goal is full utilisation, sustainability, and community leadership by a collective of organisations and residents committed to this vision.</p> <p>Various consultations over the past two decades highlight the community's longstanding desire for a pool. In a recent consultation for Shirley Reserve, 64 Shirley Primary and Shirley Intermediate students expressed a desire for a pool.</p> <p>With the only remaining school pool in the area, Shirley Intermediate aims to establish a pool complex serving students from Shirley Intermediate, Pareawa Banks Ave School, Shirley Primary School, and the broader Richmond, Shirley, and Dallington community. The pool will extend its services to include the Helen Anderson Trust, Laura Fergusson Trust, and Ferndale School.</p> <p>The pool committee comprised of representatives from We are Richmond, Dallington Residents Association, Shirley Community Trust, Shirley Village Project, residents and representatives from Shirley Intermediate are working through the stages of researching and reporting the current state of the pools and progressing pool repairs and improvements, identifying, and liaising with funding opportunities and partners, and coordinating users and maintenance.</p> <p>Recommendations will be made to the Shirley Intermediate School Board, which will make key decisions and liaise with the Ministry of Education.</p>