

# Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre

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Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre is a new library and community facility being built alongside the Halswell Aquatic Centre site. The complex, fronting onto Halswell Road, will create a hub for the rapidly-growing Halswell community.

Halswell is a pretty amazing place – isn't it time someone made a record of it? With Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre now just six months away, Christchurch City Libraries is working on a couple of exciting projects to mark the opening – and we'd love for you to play a part. Read on...

### University of Canterbury photo programme

Christchurch City Libraries has teamed up with the University of Canterbury to create a photographic documentary project, The Halswell Project, which will take a snapshot of what the community looks like in post-quake Christchurch.

Mitchell Bright, Ellie Waters and Nick Glen are studying documentary photography at the School of Fine Arts and have been busy walking the Halswell streets, meeting locals and taking photographs in order to produce a documentary record of the area. These images will be included in the Christchurch City Libraries Digital Heritage Collection and will also form a digital exhibition that will be shown at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre throughout December.

The photos so far have been striking – some will be on display at the current Halswell Library from mid-June, so stroll down and have a look.



*This could be you! If you'd like to be the subject of a photo, or open your home, workplace or sports club to our photographers, register your interest with us.*

## Photos of Halswell, past and present

They could be in your treasured family album, or they could be in a box in the garage. As part of the celebrations for the opening of Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, we're inviting you to lend us your historical photographs, stories, documents, audio or video that reflect life in Halswell, past and present. Trust us, photos that seem ordinary today will become very special in 20, 50 or 150 years.

All items will be carefully digitised and returned to their owners. Our copies will be permanently preserved on Kete Christchurch, our community digital archive which lets them be seen and used, within certain conditions, by students, families and anyone researching local history. Visit [ketechristchurch.peoplesnetworknz.info](http://ketechristchurch.peoplesnetworknz.info).

To be part of the University of Canterbury photo programme or contribute to the Digital Heritage Collection, please register your interest and/or drop off your materials at the current Halswell Library. You can also phone 941 7923 or email [library@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:library@ccc.govt.nz).



*What a difference a century makes! Help us in our quest to digitally archive Halswell's history, including the past (and present) of the Halswell War Memorial. Photos from Kete Christchurch (PH14-227b).*

## Fancy a job at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre?

### Library recruitment open evenings this month

The library is recruiting a range of staff for full- and part-time positions delivering community-responsive programs, events and services. Our first open evening saw **60 people** come along to learn about these roles, hear from current Christchurch City Libraries staff and find out how to apply.

Wednesday 10 June,  
6pm–7pm, South Library

Thursday 25 June,  
6pm–7pm, South Library

## Construction update

- The north car park and the tree planting have been completed. Work on the south car park is underway.
- The skeleton of the facility is there – all of the structural steel and roof framing has gone up and is being painted.
- The roofing is being installed.
- The concrete block walls are being laid.
- The first glazing to the aluminium windows is being installed.

## What's next?

Over the next month, as well as continuing with the roof, the concrete block walls and the aluminium windows, we'll be framing the timber external and internal walls, installing the fire sprinkler pipework and wiring (fire alarm, electrical, security and data) and starting to install the plumbing pipework.

### For more information:

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