

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.

Excitement is growing as construction continues and opening week plans take shape!

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre Opening Week Programme

We have a week of activities from Sunday 29 November to Saturday 5 December to showcase what the centre offers you and highlight the talent and organisations in the Halswell community.

Family Day - Sunday 29 November: Round up the kids or grandchildren for a day of performances, children's activities and storytelling, demonstrations of 3D printing, information stalls highlighting the clubs and organisations in the area and a POOL Party!! Make a splash as you spend the day at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre.

Older Persons' Day - Monday 30 November: Enjoy midday dance lessons, gentle exercise classes, iPad taster sessions and information stalls. Bring along your antiques or war memorabilia for expert analysis between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Facility tours - Tuesday 1 December and Wednesday 2 December: Opportunities to walk through the entire facility, including guided tours by the architect or landscape architects.

Heritage Day - Thursday 3 December: A day filled with events and activities celebrating local and family history, including a St Mary's Cemetery visit and Halswell War Memorial talk.

Youth Evening - Friday 4 December: Head over from 4pm for Zumba classes, art displays, minecraft, 3D printing demonstrations, music, activities and a pool party 'till 7pm.

Multicultural Day - Saturday 5 December: Check our community's diversity with performances and information stalls from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Make sure you join us for opening week.

Opening hours for Te Hāpua Halswell Centre

Halswell Centre will vary seasonally and in accordance with Public Holidays. Normal opening hours are below:

Pool

Monday – Friday	12 – 7pm
Weekends	11am – 7pm
Public Holidays	11am – 7pm

Library

Monday – Friday	9am – 7pm
Weekends	10am – 4pm
Closed Show Day	

Service Desk

Monday – Friday	9am – 7pm
Weekends	11am – 7pm

For more information on opening hours, please visit www.ccc.govt.nz

For information on community rooms or venue hire, please email tehapua@ccc.govt.nz or call 03 941 7923



Left: Friendly library staff

Make a splash at the Summer Pool soon

Dive in for some outdoor swimming fun with the pools at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre from Saturday 14 November. Formerly known as the Halswell Aquatic Centre, the pools you know and love remain the same but with a fresh, new entrance, reception area and changing rooms to enjoy.



Pam Fisher (left) and Lisa Evlampieff (right).

Meet the library's new leaders

Hi all, my name is Lisa Evlampieff and I am very excited to be one of the Team Leaders at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre. My role is to lead and support the library team to work as part of one team and provide excellent customer service to you. It is also to ensure we are providing the services, programmes, spaces, events, collection and technology the community needs. We have a team of 18 library staff; some are familiar faces from the former Halswell Library, others are from other libraries around the city or new to Christchurch City Libraries. Until recently, I was a Team Leader at Linwood Library. Training is underway so we can answer any questions you have, find any information you need, assist you with your technology needs and help you find the reading material that you are looking for. We all look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, so do come and visit and say hello when we open. Regards Lisa and the team.

Many of you will know me from your visits to Halswell Library. My name is Pam Fisher and I am privileged to be part of the new team at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre. I have worked in the Halswell Library for the past five years as well as for seven years from 1999 to 2006. My role is Associate Team Leader and my responsibilities include supporting Lisa and the rest of the team as we respond to the needs of the Halswell community in this wonderful new facility. I have developed strong connections in the Halswell community through meeting and talking with customers and hope to welcome as many of you as possible when you come and visit. Pam.

Space for hire

Spaces in the new centre will be available for hire and we're taking enquiries and bookings now.

Take your pick from:

- Two large venues catering for up to 400 people (seating 300 in one space with a hard floor and 150 in a carpeted area), suitable for mini-conferences, weddings and other family celebrations. These could be booked out together to make a very pleasant space. The larger space with hard floor is suitable for activities such as dancing, yoga, martial arts etc. Both spaces have full kitchens.
- A medium-sized 'business suite' seating 30 people. This carpeted space would be ideal for smaller community meetings or business meetings and has a kitchenette
- Two small meeting rooms seating six people, a middle-sized meeting room seating eight and a larger meeting room seating 12.

To make an enquiry or booking please <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/venues-for-hire/te-hapuahalswell-centre/> or call the Booking Line on 941 8999. For more than six consecutive bookings, please contact Sue Mather on 941 8999.

After opening day, enquiries for all bookings may also be taken through the Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre Service Desk or through the web form or booking line as above. Casual bookings will also be taken by the Service Desk staff.

For more information:

Visit www.ccc.govt.nz/tehapua
Email tehapua@ccc.govt.nz
Phone (03) 941 7923

Progress update

Construction work is progressing well, here is a progress update:

- Aluminium windows have been installed to twelve of the sixteen blocks.
- The final flashings are being installed to the roof.
- Most external and internal walls have been framed and western red cedar exterior cladding is being installed.
- Internal ceiling and wall linings are being fitted in the library and internal painting continues.
- Carpet tiles are being laid in the library area.
- Mechanical services, electrical, data, security and plumbing are in the first stage of being fixed, while the second fix continues in the library area.
- Drain laying has nearly finished and work on the outdoor spaces, including landscaping, has started.



Options for the future of Halswell Library

Halswell Library has closed its doors as the community has a say on the building's future use. Riccarton-Wigram Community Board has been inviting community proposals about possible alternative uses for the former Halswell Library building. The Council is currently the building's owner, however, there is no ongoing budget to run, operate or maintain it. For more information please contact Barbara. Strang@ccc.govt.nz

Even though Halswell Library has closed, if you have items to return they can go into the after-hours slot until the new library at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre opens in late November 2015. We apologise for any inconvenience during this period and we look forward to welcoming you to our new facility.