

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.



Opening Ceremonies for Te Hāpua : Halswell Centre

Last year we celebrated the Whakawātea whēnua or sod turning, the first blessing that prepares the land before construction begins. Our next ceremony is the Whakawātea whare, or blessing of the building, which takes place after construction but before public use. This ceremony spiritually prepares the building for ordinary use, removing spiritual restrictions.

On the left, Councillor Vicki Buck and a local student at last year's sod turning.

This blessing is scheduled to take place on site at 10am on 11 November.

Finally, the Whakatūwhera, or official opening ceremony, is a symbolic handover from the Council and Iwi as owners to the public as users. This is planned for late November and we will promote this date once it is confirmed.

Opening Week celebrations for Te Hāpua : Halswell Centre

We have had an overwhelming response from community groups, clubs, businesses and schools in the greater Halswell area to the invitation to participate in Opening Week celebrations for Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre. Thanks to all the groups who responded! The committee will be contacting the successful groups shortly to confirm days and times. We want to create a week of fun and interesting events. The key themes for Opening Week, which follows Opening Day celebrations, include:

Family Day, Older Person's Day, Heritage Day, Youth evening and Multi-Cultural Day

Opening Week is shaping up to be a fantastic event for the community. We'll keep you posted as the schedule takes shape.



Would you like to tell us more about your expectations for Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre or ask a question? If so, please fill out this short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HalswellCentrepreopening>

We want your photos!

A community is made up of more than just houses and streets; it is the people, the events, the clubs, the markets, the schools and all their stories that make each community unique.

We'd love to see and share the stories that have shaped your community. Kete Christchurch is collecting photographs, documents, audio and video that tell the stories of Halswell for future generations.

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 anyone interested in Christchurch history. Drop your photos at the current Halswell Library, or phone 03 941 7923 or email library@ccc.govt.nz. Visit: ketechristchurch.peoplesnetworknz.info



Petanque Day at Halswell Quarry Park, 1999



Before the Halswell Pottery Group's 1986 Christmas sale

Space for hire

Meeting spaces will soon be available for a variety of social, educational and recreational activities.

Take your pick from:

- Two large venues catering for up to 400 people (250 in one space and 150 in the other).
- A medium sized 'business suite' for up to 40 people.
- Three small meeting rooms with seating for 6 people and one larger room seating 12.

All spaces will be bookable and available beyond normal library hours. Kitchen and function room facilities are included.

Enquiries about hiring the spaces can be made by contacting the Council on 941 8999 or 0800 800 169 or emailing TeHapua@ccc.govt.nz

For more information:

Visit www.ccc.govt.nz/tehapua

Email tehapua@ccc.govt.nz

Phone (03) 941 7923

Construction update

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

- Aluminum windows have been installed in eight of the 16 blocks.
- Internal and external painting is continuing.
- Roofing has been completed for 15 of the 16 blocks.
- Laying sewer and storm water drains is underway.
- The ceiling and wall linings are being installed internally, alongside the installation of western red cedar exterior cladding.
- Installation of mechanical services such as electrical, data, security and plumbing continue.



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The Halswell Library will close its doors on Saturday 3 October 2015 at 1pm while preparations continue for the opening of the library at Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, at 341 Halswell Road in late November 2015. During the period of closure, the closest alternative libraries include:

- *Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road*
- *Hornby Library, Goulding Avenue, Hornby*

- *South Library, 66 Colombo Street*
- *Spreydon Library, 266 Barrington Street*

Customers can still return items to the after-hours slot at the current Halswell Library after the closure, until the 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.