

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.



Rumour Control

A little birdy has told us that the current Halswell Library, which has been around since 1968, has been sold and will be turned into a pub. We can confirm that this rumour is not true, and that the building's future has not yet been decided. When Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre is up and running, the current building will go through the standard Council process – assessed, valued and if not required for any other Council purposes, sold on the open market.

See you poolside!

While construction's underway, the pool area is getting a bit of a facelift. This summer, you'll see new changing rooms, toilets and showers, a BBQ area, additional poolside seating, all set on some freshly landscaped grounds and partially covered by cool, breezy shade-sails. The Halswell Swimming Club building, which had previously been located above the pool plant room, has been removed.

Space for hire

Meeting spaces are available for a variety of social, educational and recreational activities, and we're taking expressions of interest. Take your pick from:

- Two large venues catering for up to 400 people (250 in one space with hard floor and 150 in the other carpeted area), suitable for mini-conferences, weddings and other family celebrations. These could be booked out together to make a very pleasant space for a function. The larger space with hard floor is suitable for activities such as dancing, yoga, martial arts etc. and the smaller carpeted space suitable for smaller functions and meetings.
- A medium sized 'business suite' for up to 40 people. This would be ideal for smaller community meetings or business meetings, and could be hired in conjunction with one of the larger rooms for a break-out space.
- Three small meeting rooms with seating space for six people, and one larger room seating 12.

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

Expressions of interest and enquiries about the spaces for hire can be made by calling the Council on 941 8999 or 0800 800 169 or visiting www.ccc.govt.nz



Photos of Halswell, past and present

Do you remember the Junction Hotel? Or maybe what replaced it when it partially burnt down in 1954? Or Knight's Dairy on the corner of Lillian Street, and Oaklands Fish Supply? Or the Nottingham Avenue Butchery? Shops and business are central to everyday life – wherever people have settled, retailing has followed. Do you have any photographs that have captured what it was like to live and work in Halswell?

The Library is collecting historical 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 you can phone 03 941 7923 or email library@ccc.govt.nz. Visit ketechristchurch.peoplesnetworknz.info.



*Image caption:
Top Left, The Halswell Quarry Manager's Residence today.
Bottom Left, the Junction Hotel many yesterdays ago
Christchurch City Libraries collection.*

Construction update

- Aluminium windows have been installed to three of the 16 blocks, with another block due next week.
- 75 per cent of the roof has now been installed.
- Work is continuing on the external and internal wall framing.
- Concrete blockwork has almost been completed.
- Painting of the steelwork is continuing.



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