

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Racecourse Road</b>		Named because of its proximity to Riccarton Racecourse.	Sockburn	First appears in street directories in 1903.			
<b>Radcliffe Road</b>		Named after the Radcliffe estate, a property on this site owned by brothers John Bealey (1822?-1867) and Samuel Bealey (1821-1909).	Belfast, Marshland	Rural Sections 277-295 in the area (1000 acres in all) were taken up by the Bealey brothers. Their farms were operated by managers.  First mentioned in The Press in 1882 when "Mr James Johns waited on the (Avon Road) Board, requesting that Radcliffe Road be formed".		<a href="#">Province of Canterbury, New Zealand: list of sections purchased to April 30, 1863</a> , p 7 <a href="#">Settling near the Styx River</a> , pp 162-163 <a href="#">"Advertisements"</a> , The Lyttelton Times, 6 March 1861, p 6 <a href="#">"Avon"</a> , The Press, 18 November 1882, p 1	<a href="#">"Death of Mr John Bealey"</a> , Wellington Independent, 25 June 1867, p 3 <a href="#">"Obituary, Mr Samuel Bealey"</a> , The Press, 26 May 1909, p 7 <a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : B252
<b>Radiata Avenue</b>		Named after the Radiata pine, a species of pine native to the central coast of California.	Parklands	The suburb was established near the Bottle Lake forest and the street names have a "tree" theme.  First appears in street directories in 1984.	Ashwood Street, Four Elms Place, Heathglen Avenue, Pinaster Place, Sequoia Place and Sophora Place.		
<b>Radley</b>	Normanby	Formerly Normanby	Woolston	Lord Normanby was Governor of New	Ashmole Street, Cumnor Terrace,	<a href="#">"Woolston Borough Council"</a> , Star, 6	<a href="#">Governors-General of</a>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Street	Street	Street. Named after Sir George Augustus Constantine Phipps, 2nd Marquess of Normanby (1819-1890).  Re-named Radley Street. Named after Radley, a property in Isis Street belonging to the Kent family which in turn was named after Radley in Oxfordshire.		Zealand 1875-1879.  Normanby Street is first mentioned in the Star in 1894 in a report of a meeting of the Woolston Borough Council.  First appears in street directories in 1896 as “a continuation of Heathcote Street from Radley bridge”.  Radley Street is first mentioned in The Press in 1910.  First appears in street directories in 1911.  Edward Kent (1820?-1855) and Isaac Luck (1817-1881) took up Rural Section 64, 150 acres on the “South Bank River Heathcote, near Christchurch Quay”. He named his property Isis Farm. When his widow remarried in 1859, her address was Isis Farm, River Heathcote. The	Laura Kent Place and Tavender Place.	February 1894, p 1  <a href="#">Province of Canterbury, New Zealand: list of sections purchased to April 30, 1863</a> , p 2  "Rural Sections chosen", The Lyttelton Times, 22 March 1851, p 6  "Married", The Lyttelton Times, 5 November 1859, p 4  "Advertisements", The Press, 5 March 1881, p 3  "Advertisement", Star, 7 October 1881, p 2  "Woolston", The Press, 20 April 1910, p 4  "European place names", The Press, 8 January 1924, p 8  "Radley Park", The Press, 30 March 1994, p 49	<a href="#">New Zealand G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : K92  "Death notice", The Lyttelton Times, 4 July 1855, p 4  "The late Miss Laura Kent", The Press, 7 April 1925, p 2

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				property was later re-named Radley. When this property was subdivided in 1881 and 164 sections advertised for sale in The Press, the property was named the Village of Radley. Kent's daughter, Laura Selina Kent (1849-1925), lived on in the former family home into the 20th century. Another daughter, Annie Kent (1852?-1934) married Francis Tavender (1847?-1923) in 1882.			
<b>Radnor Street</b>	Part of Springfield Street.	Probably named after Radnor in Wales.	St Albans	Named on 7 March 1904.		<p><a href="#">"Re-naming streets"</a>, The Press, 8 March 1904, p 5</p> <p>Christchurch City Council minute book, June 1903-October 1904, held at Christchurch City Council archives.</p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Raekura Place</b>		Te Rai Kura means: redcliffs.	Redcliffs	Designed by Anna Holmes "Nancy" Northcroft (1913-1980), town planner, and architects Cowie and McGregor.  Developed by Fred Blogg in 1971.  First appears in street directories in 1972.			View the biography of <a href="#">Anna Holmes Northcroft</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a> .  "Foremost developer and donor", The Press, 22 October 2005, p D19
<b>Raglan Street</b>			Phillipstown	Named in 1910.		" <a href="#">News of the day</a> ", The Press, 21 June 1910, p 6	
<b>Raleigh Street</b>			Bishopdale	First appears in street directories in 1966.			
<b>Ramahana Road</b>			Huntsbury, St Martins	First mentioned in The Press in 1924.  First appears in street directories in 1925.		" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", The Press, 1 February 1924, p 15	
<b>Ramore Place</b>			Redwood	First appears in street directories in 1972.			

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Randall Street</b>		Named after Thomas Davidson Randall, 1st Baron Davidson of Lambeth (1848-1930).	Richmond	<p>Randall was Archbishop of Canterbury 1903-1928.</p> <p>Formed in 1912 when land owned by the Anglican diocese was subdivided.</p> <p>First mentioned in The Press in 1912 when land in North Richmond is advertised for sale by the church property trustees.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1916.</p>		<p><a href="#">The Canterbury church property : articles</a></p> <p>“<a href="#">Advertisements</a>”, The Press, 12 March 1912, p 11</p> <p>“Story of 700 acres of church property”, The Press, 25 February 1947, p 6</p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Randolph Street</b>		Named after Randolph George Harper (1850-1937).	Woolston	Harper was born aboard the Randolph, one of the First Four Ships. He was a son of John Harper (d. 1886) who farmed on the land where Randolph Street was later formed. John Harper was also proprietor of the line of Ferry Road coaches prior to the tram and died on the SS Taieroa when it sank in 1886. Randolph Harper spent the whole of his life in Canterbury. On leaving school he worked on his father's farm. When this property was sold for subdivision, Randolph Street was named after him. It was in the district of Ashbourne.	Ashbourne	<p>“<a href="#">Advertisements</a>”, Star, 16 July 1890, p 2</p> <p>“<a href="#">Named after his ship</a>”, The Press, 15 December 1934, p 21</p> <p>“<a href="#">Canterbury pioneer</a>”, Auckland Star, 13 August 1937, p 10</p>	<p><a href="#">Passenger list for the Randolph</a></p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: H195</p> <p>“<a href="#">The Mails</a>”, Star, 13 April 1886, p 3</p> <p>“<a href="#">The late John Harper</a>”, Star, 14 April 1886, p 3</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				<p>First appears in the Star in 1890 when land is advertised for sale in Randolph Street.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1896.</p>			
<b>Randolph Terrace</b>	Upper Reserve Terrace	<p>Formerly Upper Reserve Terrace.</p> <p>Re-named Randolph Terrace. Named after the Randolph, one of the First Four Ships.</p>	Lyttelton	<p>Upper Reserve Terrace was re-named Randolph Terrace in 1912.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1914.</p>		<p>“<a href="#">News of the day</a>”, The Press, 1 October 1912, p 6</p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Randwick Street</b>		Named after the Royal Randwick Racecourse, Alison Road, Randwick, NSW, Australia.	North New Brighton	The names of three famous racecourses - Ascot, Flemington and Randwick - were chosen for streets on the north-east side of the New Brighton Trotting Club's course at North Beach.  First mentioned in The Press in 1921.  First appears in street directories in 1922.	Ascot Avenue and Flemington Avenue.	" <a href="#">County Councils</a> ", The Press, 22 November 1921, p 10  "Naming of streets in new subdivisions", The Press, 1 November 1958, p 10	
<b>Ranelagh Terrace</b>		Probably named after Ranelagh, a suburb of Dublin, Ireland.	Huntsbury	Named in 1955.		"Names chosen for city streets", The Press, 20 September 1955, p 15	
<b>Ranfurly Street</b>		Named after Lord Uchter John Mark Knox Ranfurly (1856-1933).	St Albans	Ranfurly was the Governor-General of New Zealand 1896-1904. He is best known for his donation of the Ranfurly Shield for interprovincial rugby.  The section from Chapel Street (later Bristol Street) to Springfield		<a href="#">St Albans: from swamp to suburbs: an informal history</a> , p 40  " <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", Star, 13 July 1897, p 3	<a href="#">Governor-General of Aotearoa, New Zealand</a>  View the biography of <a href="#">Edward Cephas John Stevens</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a> .



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				<p>Road was developed by Robert West England (1838-1919) in the 1890s and the section from Springfield Road to Caledonian Road was developed by Edward Cephas John Stevens (1837-1915).</p> <p>First appears in the Star in 1897 when building sites, “in a new road, Ranfurly Street, just off Springfield Road”, are advertised for sale.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1898.</p>			
<b>Rangatira Terrace</b>	Part of Major Hornbrook Road.		Mount Pleasant	First appears in street directories in 1947.		<a href="#">Sumner to Ferrymead: a Christchurch history</a> , p 111	
<b>Ranger Street</b>			Mairehau	First appears in street directories in 1950.			

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rannoch Drive</b>		Named after Loch Rannoch in Scotland.	Broomfield	Named to continue the Scottish theme of street names used in adjoining subdivisions.  In Stage Two of the Masham Park subdivision by Enterprise Homes.  Named in 2010.		<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 4 May 2010</a>  "Scottish theme for street names", <a href="#">Nor'West News</a> , 26 May 2010, p 3	
<b>Ranui Street</b>			Hei Hei	First appears in street directories in 1960.  Ranui Street was at first considered to be in Hornby. It was later listed in Hei Hei. Hornby streets are not listed separately until 1960.			
<b>Rapaki Road</b>	Whites Road	Formerly Whites Road. Named after William White (1824-1899).  Re-named Rapaki Road.	Hillsborough	A very old roadway used by the early settlers as an alternative way to Christchurch from Lyttelton.  Named Whites Road because White, a contractor and part-owner of the Mount		" <a href="#">Obituary</a> ", Star, 19 May 1899, p 1  " <a href="#">A change of name</a> ", The Press, 13 May 1914, p 5  "Place names on Port Hills-Akaroa Summit Road", The Star, 20	<a href="#">William White</a> <a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : W415  " <a href="#">Obituary</a> ", The Press, 19 May 1899, p 5

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				<p>Pleasant sheep-run, worked on developing the road.</p> <p>Whites Road first appears in street directories in 1914.</p> <p>Re-named Rapaki Road in 1914. J. Longton, president of the St Martin's Burgesses Association, asked the Heathcote County Council for the re-naming. He said that Rapaki Road means the place of the sun, the estate close to the road was Rapaki and the Rapaki tea-rooms would be established there.</p>		<p>November 1920, p 10</p> <p><a href="#">The Port Hills of Christchurch</a>, p 175</p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rapanui Ridge</b>	Via Maris Way	Rapanui means: Shag Rock.	Redcliffs	In a subdivision developed by Roc Mac Ltd.  Named Via Maris Way in 2005.  Re-named Rapanui Ridge in 2008 at the request of residents.		<a href="#">Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board agenda 13 July 2005</a>  <a href="#">Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board agenda 7 May 2008</a>	
<b>Raranga Street</b>		Raranga means: the art of weaving.	Marshland	In the first stage of the Prestons subdivision.  Named by Ngāi Tahu, developer of the subdivision.  Named in 2014.	Prestons	<a href="#">Burwood/Pegasus Community Board minutes 3 March 2014</a>	<a href="#">Prestons</a>
<b>Rasen Place</b>	Kruse Street	Probably named after Market Rasen, a small town in Lincolnshire, England.	Linwood	Plans, Registers and photos from Housing Corporation of New Zealand, Christchurch, dated 1956, record Rasen Place as formerly Kruse Street. A 1912 map shows it was developed on a section of it.  First appears in street directories in 1972.		<a href="#">Map of Christchurch shewing tram routes and public buildings, 1912</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rastrick Street</b>	Rastrick's Lane	Named after the Rastrick family.	Merivale	<p>Joseph Rastrick (1808?-1874) was a builder of Papanui Road, and his sons, Robinson Rastrick (1838-1900) and William Rastrick (1835?-1898), had a builder's shop at what became 29 Rastrick Street. They were among the principal local building contractors in the late 19th century.</p> <p>The street was often used to avoid the toll-bar opposite the Carlton Hotel.</p> <p>Rastrick's Lane is mentioned in the Star in 1889.</p> <p>Rastrick Street first appears in street directories in 1890.</p>		<p>"Deaths", The Press, 28 September 1874, p 2</p> <p>"Fire off Papanui Road", The Press, 17 September 1889, p 4</p> <p>"Threat to local landmark", <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a>, 22 June 1971, p 11</p>	<p><a href="#">The house built upon a rock: a centennial history of the Church of St. Mary, Merivale, Christchurch, 1866-1966</a>, p 12</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R49</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rata Street</b>	Rata Road	Named after the rata, a New Zealand native tree.	Riccarton	<p>Named to commemorate the Deans families' efforts to conserve the native forest trees in Riccarton. The naming was also designed to showcase the Maori names of trees.</p> <p>Rata Road appears on a 1912 map.</p> <p>Rata Street first appears in street directories in 1914. One resident is listed.</p>		<a href="#">Map of Christchurch shewing tram routes &amp; public buildings, 1912</a>	<p>View the biography of <a href="#">John Deans</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a>.</p> <p>"<a href="#">Obituary</a>", The Press, 20 June 1902, p 2</p>
<b>Ratray Street</b>		Named after Andrew Innes Ratray (1854-1941).	Riccarton	<p>Ratray was the first secretary of the Metropolitan Trotting Club.</p> <p>Formed and named by the Metropolitan Trotting Club in 1930.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1934.</p>		" <a href="#">Borough Councils</a> ", The Press, 25 February 1930, p 9	" <a href="#">Mr A I Ratray</a> ", Auckland Star, 16 August 1941, p 4

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ravenna Street</b>		Probably named after Ravenna, a city in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy.	Avonhead	First appears in street directories in 1966.			
<b>Ravensdale Rise</b>		Named after Ravensdale Park, a village and civil parish in the Derbyshire Dales district of Derbyshire.	Westmorland	Named to continue the theme in the subdivision of naming streets after places in historic Westmorland in England, since 1974 part of Cumbria.  First appears in street directories in 1984.		<a href="#">The Port Hills of Christchurch</a> , p 248	
<b>Rawei Place</b>		Named after Rawei Harold Hill (1895?-1965).	Harewood	Hill was the founder of Becmead Industries and father and grandfather of the present shareholders.  Developed at 519 Harewood Road.  Named in 1999.	Becmead Drive, Le Roi Way, Napoleon Drive and Rawei Close.	<a href="#">Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board agenda 2 February 1999</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rawhiti Avenue</b>		Named because it was developed through the Rawhiti subdivision, land belonging to Edgar Fraser Stead (1881-1949).	New Brighton	Its formation was discussed by the New Brighton Borough Council in 1915.		“ <a href="#">New Brighton</a> ”, The Press, 8 June 1915, p. 10	
<b>Rawlings Lane</b>			Spreydon	First appears in street directories in 1984.			



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rawnsley Terrace</b>		Named after Ivan Edward Rawnsley (1898-1993).	Wigram	<p>Rawnsley was a farmer of 25 Brougham Street, Wellington. He graduated from the Canterbury Flying School on 27 January 1918.</p> <p>In the Wigram Aerodrome subdivision by Ngāi Tahu Property Ltd where the street names are either of aircraft or taken from the list of the first 100 students at the Flight School established by Sir Henry Wigram in 1917.</p> <p>Named in 2012.</p>	Wigram Skies	<p><a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 28 February 2012</a></p> <p><a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board minutes 28 February 2012</a></p>	<p>Great Britain, Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificates, 1910-1950 as found on <a href="http://www.ancestry.com">www.ancestry.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Canterbury (NZ) Aviation Co. Ltd: the first one hundred pilots</a></p> <p><a href="#">Wigram Skies</a></p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rawson Street</b>		Named after Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson (1843-1910).	New Brighton	Rawson was also the 21st governor of New South Wales.  This name continues the theme of naming streets in New Brighton after British Admirals, explorers and fighting seafarers.  First mentioned in The Press in 1910 when sections for sale there are advertised.  First appears in street directories in 1912.	Beresford Street	" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", The Press, 13 October 1910, p 12	" <a href="#">Obituary</a> ", The Press, 5 November 1910, p 9
<b>Raxworthy Street</b>		Named by Joseph Irvine Colligan (1910-1965), a hairdresser and chairman of the Waimairi County Council 1960-1965, in honour of the Raxworthy family and its	Ilam	John Robert Raxworthy (1897-1917) and Charles Herbert Raxworthy (1891-1917) were killed in action during World War I; Hugh James Raxworthy (1903-1942) was killed during World War II.  They were all sons of Thomas Herbert Raxworthy, a fellmonger,	Bullock Place, Burrows Place, Guinness Crescent, Parkinson Place, Powell Crescent, Pulford Place and Seagrave Place.	<a href="#">Beyond the city: the land and its people, Riccarton, Waimairi, Paparua</a> , p 116  Information supplied in 2004 by Aileen Colligan (d. 2010) and Maurice Carter (d. 2011) in interviews with Margaret Harper.  Waimairi County	"Obituary, Mr J. L. Colligan was Waimairi chairman", The Press, 3 July 1965, p 16  <a href="#">John Raxworthy</a> <a href="#">Charles Raxworthy</a> <a href="#">Hugh Raxworthy</a>  "Maurice Carter leaves behind"

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
		sacrifices during two World Wars.		<p>and his wife, Isadore, who lived at 89 Waimairi Road, Riccarton, where this street was later developed.</p> <p>One of the streets developed in the 1960s by Maurice R. Carter Ltd., a company which built 138 houses in a block of land off Grahams Road bought from the PGG superannuation fund. Differs from the others in the subdivision in that it is not named after a Pyne Gould Guinness employee.</p> <p>Named in 1961.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1966.</p>		Council minutes book CH357/50, 1961, p 403 held at Christchurch City Council archives.	immense legacy”, The Press, 10 May 2011, p A3

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Rayburn Ave	Ingmire Street		Papanui	<p>Ingmire Street is referred to as a “new street” in The Press in 1913.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1924.</p> <p>Re-named Rayburn Avenue in 1926 after 11 ratepayers petitioned the city council asking for the change. Ingmire Street had been named because it had once been a swamp. Now that the land had been drained the residents were very anxious that the street be re-named.</p>		<p>“<a href="#">Advertisements</a>”, The Press, 25 January 1913, p 19</p> <p>“<a href="#">Advertisements</a>”, The Press, 1 February 1913, p 19</p> <p>"<a href="#">General news</a>", The Press, 2 March 1926, p 8</p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Raycroft Street</b>	Reycroft Street. Also part of York Street.		Waltham	<p>First mentioned in The Press in 1898.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1909 as Reycroft Street. Becomes Raycroft Street in 1914.</p> <p>York Street north of Opawa Road was incorporated into and re-named Raycroft Street on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named.</p>		<p>“<a href="#">Advertisements</a>”, The Press, 7 February 1898, p 1</p> <p>"Street names changed: City council approves final list", The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3</p>	<p>“New names for streets” The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3</p> <p>“New street names”, The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2</p>
<b>Raymond Road</b>	Raymonds Road		Bromley	<p>Raymonds Road appears on a 1912 map.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1922.</p> <p>Becomes Raymond Road in 1964.</p>		<p><a href="#">Map of Christchurch shewing tram routes and public buildings 1912</a></p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Reaby Street</b>		Named after William Edgar "Bill" Reaby (1868-1950).	Burwood	<p>Reaby was a market gardener and the father-in-law of Leonard Goodman (1912-1956), who also subdivided his market garden in Queensbury Street.</p> <p>The name of Reaby Road was suggested by Councillor Liggins at a meeting of the Waimairi County Council on 26 October 1932. Reaby Street was named formally on 8 February 1933.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1955.</p>	Goodman Street and Irene Street.	<p><a href="#">Burwood All Saints' Church 1877-1977</a>, p 42</p> <p>"<a href="#">County Councils</a>", The Press, 27 October 1932, p 13</p> <p>Waimairi County Council, minute book, 1931-1936, p 308, held at Christchurch City Council archives.</p>	<p>"<a href="#">Messrs Craddock McCrostie Company</a>", The Press, 11 November 1912, p 8</p> <p>"Trees of the east: big beauties", The Press, 3 August 2013, supplement, p 32</p>
<b>Rearsby Drive</b>		Probably named after the village of Rearsby in Leicestershire.	Halswell	First appears in street directories in 1981.	Rearsby		

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rebecca Avenue</b>	Rebecca Lane	Named after Rebecca Brooker, née Jenner, (1819-1887).	Burwood	Rebecca Brooker was a missionary nurse in the North Island and wife of Stephen. She was also a signatory to the Treaty of Waitangi.  Rebecca Lane first appears in street directories in 1995. Becomes Rebecca Avenue post-1997.	Brooker Avenue. Also New Brighton.		“History of New Brighton”, <a href="#">The Lyttelton Times</a> , 5 December 1925, p 8  <a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : B777
<b>Redbridge Lane</b>			Sydenham	Formed in 1970. First appears in street directories in 1972.		<a href="#">Beckenham: a suburb of Christchurch, New Zealand</a> , p 16	
<b>Redbrook Road</b>				The name has no significance. Named in 2015.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 2 December 2015</a>	Extra information supplied by Bob Pritchard, subdivisions officer, Christchurch City Council in 2015.

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Red Checkers Place</b>		Named after the Red Checkers, the RNZAF aerobatic team.	Hornby	The team frequently performed over Wigram Air Force Base.  Continues the theme of naming the streets in the subdivision after military aircraft and/or names having a connection with the former Wigram Air Force Base. The developers sought advice from the Air Force Museum.  Named in 2005.		<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 14 November 2005</a>	
<b>Redcliffs View Lane</b>			Redcliffs	Named in 1997.		<a href="#">Meeting of the Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board, 2 July 1997</a>	



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Redfern Street</b>			Northwood	Developed by Belfast Developments Ltd and Styx Developments Ltd. The developers “chose names suitable for the length of the road rather than trying to establish a common theme throughout the subdivision”.  Named in 2000.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 March 2000</a>  <a href="#">Report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Council 19 April 2000</a>	
<b>Red Rock Lane</b>		Named because the street is on the site of the old quarry from which the red rock, readily seen in Sumner and Redcliffs, was extracted.	Moncks Bay	A right-of-way named in 2003.		<a href="#">Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board agenda 5 March 2003</a>  <a href="#">The Port Hills of Christchurch</a> , p 71	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Redruth Avenue</b>		Probably named after Redruth in Cornwall, England.	Spreydon	Named in 1910 when Mr J. W. Switham submitted plans and specifications to the Spreydon Road Board for a new street called Redruth Avenue, running from Strickland Street to Selwyn Street. These plans were approved.  First appears in street directories in 1912.		" <a href="#">Tramway Board</a> ", The Press, 5 July 1910, p 3  " <a href="#">Spreydon</a> ", The Press, 23 July 1910, p 11	
<b>Redwood Place</b>			St Albans	Named in 1966.  First appears in street directories in 1970.		Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 13 December 1966.	
<b>Rees Street</b>		Named after Evan Devereux Rees (1844?-1931).	Central city	Rees, a boat builder, is listed as living at 283 Oxford Terrace on the 1893 electoral roll. His house was next to the Union Rowing Club and he was the first custodian of the CRC sheds.  Rees Street is first		" <a href="#">City Council</a> ", Star, 23 September 1884, p 3  "Quarter-acre section and two "aged colonial cottages in original" condition in the Avon Loop sold for \$59,500 on November 26", The	<a href="#">Union Rowing Club, Christchurch, NZ : from its foundation in 1864 to its 75th anniversary, 1939</a>  " <a href="#">I remember: old rowing days</a> ", The Press, 5 February

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				<p>mentioned in the Star in 1884 in a report of a meeting of the city council.</p> <p>In 1984 a ¼ acre section and two “aged colonial cottages in original condition” in the Avon Loop area were sold for \$59,500. They were on Rees Street and the corner of Bangor Street and were offered on behalf of the estate of Kate Alicia Rees (1901-1984). She was the daughter of Augustus John Rees and granddaughter of Evan Rees.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1893.</p>		<p>Press, 1 December 1984</p> <p>“Kate Rees – daughter of the boatsheds”, by Elsie Locke, in the <a href="#">New Zealand biographical clippings</a>, 1985, Vol. 11, p 163</p>	<p>1912, p 2</p> <p><a href="#">"Mr E. D. Rees, a well-known figure among boating men on the River Avon, and a veteran poultry fancier."</a>, The Press, 14 January 1931, p 11</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Reeves Road</b>	Reeves Lane	Named after the Honourable William Reeves (1825-1891).	Opawa	<p>Reeves was a politician and the chief proprietor of <a href="#">The Lyttelton Times</a> 1861-1891. He was also a director of the New Zealand Shipping Company and a member of the Legislative Council 1884-1891. He was the father of William Pember Reeves (1857-1932) and lived at Risingholme in Opawa.</p> <p>Reeves Lane first appears in street directories in 1892.</p> <p>Reeves Road is first mentioned in the Star in 1903.</p>		" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", Star, 11 December 1903, p 3	<p>View the biography of <a href="#">William Reeves</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a></p> <p>"William Reeves", <a href="#">The Lyttelton Times</a>, 6 April 1891, pp 4 &amp; 5</p> <p>"<a href="#">William Reeves</a>", Star, 7 April 1891, p 4</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R111</p>
<b>Regents Park Drive</b>			Casebrook	<p>In the Regents Park subdivision where the streets were given London street names.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1993.</p>	Regents Park		

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Reginald Place</b>		Named after Reginald Gordon Vivian Muirson (1913-1990).	Burwood	Muirson was a builder of "spec" houses in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. First appears in street directories in 1957.	Edna Street, Glenrowan Avenue, Sharlick Street, Vivian Street and Woolley Street.	Information researched during the 1970s by Guy Bliss, a teacher and local historian.  Muirson's dates supplied in 2008 by Marie Shears, formerly Woolley.	
<b>Reg Stillwell Place</b>		Named after Reginald Henry Stillwell (1892-1975).	New Brighton	Stillwell was a city councillor 1962-1971, and on the Drainage Board for 16 years.  Named as a tribute to his lifelong service to the community.  There is a 34-unit council pensioner housing complex there which was built in 1974.  First appears in street directories in 1981.		"Pensioner village opened", The Press, 30 November 1974, p 16  <a href="#">City housing news</a>	"Popular showman dies", The Press, 24 April 1975, p 16
<b>Reka Street</b>		Reka means: nice, palatable.	Parklands	Developed by Ngāi Tahu Property Group Ltd.  Named in 2004.		<a href="#">Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 26 April 2004</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rembrandt Place</b>		Named after Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606-1669).	Burnside	Rembrandt was a Dutch artist. First appears in street directories in 1983.			
<b>Rempstone Drive</b>		Named after Rempstone, a village and civil parish in the Rushcliffe district of Nottinghamshire, England.	Halswell	Named because it runs alongside the Nottingham Stream. First appears in street directories in 1995.			
<b>Remuera Avenue</b>	Remuera Road		Cashmere	Remuera Road first appears in street directories in 1955. Becomes Remuera Avenue in 1964.			
<b>Renfrew Street</b>			Upper Riccarton	First appears in street directories in 1950.			

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Repton Street</b>		Named after Repton School in Derbyshire.	Merivale	One of a number of streets in the area named after English public schools.  First appears in the Star in 1905 when “cheap building sections” in Repton Street are advertised for sale.  First appears in street directories in 1910.	Cheltenham Street, Naseby Street, Stoneyhurst Street, Rossall Street, Rugby Street, Sherborne Street, Shrewsbury Street, Tonbridge Street and Winchester Street.	" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", Star, 15 July 1905, p 8  “Would road by any other name stay as street”, <a href="#">Pegasus Post</a> , 12 July 1978, p 16	
<b>Reserve Close</b>		Named because the cul-de-sac leads to St Lukes Reserve.	Woolston	Developed at 66B St Johns Street.  Named in 2002.		<a href="#">Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board agenda 4 September 2002</a>	
<b>Reserve Terrace</b>		Named after the land set aside in this area as the Town Reserve by the Canterbury Association’s planners.	Lyttelton	Formed on Reserve 68 and named in 1900.  First appears in street directories in 1901.		“ <a href="#">Borough Councils</a> ”, Star, 29 May 1900, p 3	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Reservoir Lane</b>		Named because it is next to a Christchurch City Council reservoir.	Hillsborough	Named in 2006.		<a href="#">Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board agenda 16 May 2006</a>	
<b>Resolution Place</b>		Named after HMS Resolution.	Bryndwr	Captain William Bligh became Sailing Master on the HMS Resolution which was commanded by Captain James Cook. Named in 1977.	Blighs Road, Bounty Street, Christian Street and Pitcairn Crescent.	"Pretty Polly Place easier?", <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a> , 19 July 1977, p 8 "Sea cook, not captain", <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a> , 6 September 1977, p 2	



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Restell Street		Named after John Pain Restell (1825-1885).	Papanui	Restell was an inspector of schools for 23 years. He lived at Strowan in Papanui Road and owned land in different areas of Christchurch, including where Restell Street was developed.  The name of the street was decided on by its residents. It was referred to in newspaper reports of the time as Restall Street.  First appears in street directories in 1934.	Grants Road	" <a href="#">Papanui Progress League</a> ", The Press, 18 April 1929, p 2  " <a href="#">General news</a> ", The Press, 1 August 1932, p 8  " <a href="#">Papanui news</a> ", The Press, 21 January 1933, p 3  " <a href="#">Papanui Progress League</a> ", The Press, 16 February 1933, p 12  " <a href="#">City Council</a> ", The Press, 11 April 1933, p 7	<a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : R141  " <a href="#">The late poisoning case</a> ", Thames Advertiser, 3 November 1885, p 3  " <a href="#">Papanui Progress League</a> ", The Press, 19 September 1935, p 20

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Retreat Road</b>		Named after The Retreat, the property there of Thomas Hichens (1795-1868).	Avonside	<p>Hichens, a gentleman, was living at The Retreat in 1853. He had bought part of Rural Section 90, 50 acres on the "South Bank River Avon, near Slaughterhouse Road" (later Woodham Road and Mile Road), land which had earlier been selected by A. P. Perceval.</p> <p>By 1863, John Gwalter Palairt (1798-1878) had bought the property. He is listed in the Avon electoral roll for 1863 as living at The Retreat, Avonside.</p> <p>Retreat Road first appears in the Star in 1877 in a report of a meeting of the Heathcote Road Board.</p>	Woodham Park and Woodham Road.	<p>"<a href="#">Rural Sections chosen</a>", The Lyttelton Times, 29 March 1851, p 6</p> <p>"<a href="#">Electoral roll for the district of Christchurch</a>", The Lyttelton Times, 16 July 1853, p 9</p> <p><a href="#">Province of Canterbury, New Zealand: list of sections purchased to April 30, 1863</a>, p 3</p> <p>"<a href="#">The Heathcote Road Board</a>", Star, 28 April 1877, p 2</p> <p>"<a href="#">Road Boards</a>", Star, 24 April 1880, p 3</p>	<p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: H529 &amp; P30</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				<p>At a meeting of the Heathcote Road Board held 16 April 1880 tenders were called for forming Retreat Road. At the same meeting Messrs Garrick and Cowlshaw said that Retreat Road had been in use for so long there was no need to dedicate it.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1903.</p>			
<b>Revelation Drive</b>	An extension of Clifton Drive.	Named by the developers, Ken Loader and his wife, at the suggestion of Kit Iversen, city surveyor. When he first visited the site and saw the view he exclaimed "What a revelation!"	Clifton	First appears in street directories in 1987.		Information supplied in 2007 by Peter Champion, then of White Fox & Jones in an interview with Margaret Harper.	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Revell Street</b>			Halswell	In the Oaklands subdivision. First appears in street directories in 1981.	Oaklands		
<b>Rex Street</b>	Phillips Street		Riccarton	Phillips Street is first mentioned in The Press in 1924. First appears in street directories in 1947. Re-named Rex Street on 27 September 1948. [An alternate name suggested at the time was Orton Street.]		" <a href="#">Borough Councils</a> ", The Press, 26 February 1924, p 12 "Changes in Riccarton street names" The Press, 28 September 1948, p 6 <a href="#">Riccarton, the founding borough: a short history, Canterbury's founding settlement</a> , p 150	
<b>Reynolds Avenue</b>		Named after Hedley Jeffries Cheshunt Reynolds (1903-1976).	Bishopdale	Reynolds was a farmer and Harewood riding member of the Waimairi County Council from 1956. Named in 1956.		"Waimairi County news", The Press, 19 May 1956, p 2 "Reynolds Avenue", The Press, 19 August 1960, p 12	"Councillor dies", The Press, 22 November 1976, p 4

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rhodes Street</b>		Named after Arthur Edgar Gravenor Rhodes (1859-1922).	Merivale	Rhodes was a lawyer, politician and property investor. He also built Te Koraha, now the nucleus of Rangi Ruru School.  Rhodes Street is first mentioned in the Star in an advertisement in 1906.  First appears in street directories in 1909. Rhodes is a resident.		" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", Star, 26 May 1906, p 6	" <a href="#">Death of Mr A. E. G. Rhodes</a> ", The Press, 27 December 1922, p 7  <a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : R166
<b>Rhodesvale Terrace</b>		Named because it was formed on land formerly belonging to the Rhodes Memorial Convalescent Home.	Cashmere	Named in May 1980 by the committee of the Home.		<a href="#">Rhodes on Cashmere: a history of the Rhodes Memorial Convalescent Home, 1886-2001</a> , p 148	
<b>Rhona Street</b>			Linwood	First mentioned in The Press in 1923.  First appears in street directories in 1927.		" <a href="#">City Council</a> ", The Press, 24 July 1923, p 4	

*Christchurch Street Names: R*

<b>Current name</b>	<b>Former name</b>	<b>Origin of name</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Additional information</b>	<b>See</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Further information</b>
<b>Rhyl Place</b>		Named after Rhyl, a seaside resort town and community in Denbighshire, situated on the north east coast of Wales, at the mouth of the River Clwyd.	Bryndwr	Rhyl was a favourite place to holiday for Frederick Charles Williams (1887-1963) and his family. He was the developer of the street about 1956.  First appears in street directories in 1970.	Aorangi School and Colwyn Street.	Information supplied in 2015 by Mason Williams, great-grandson of Fred Williams.	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Riccarton Avenue</b>	Middle Park Road and Riccarton Road.	Named after Riccarton, a village and parish in East Ayrshire, Scotland.	Central city	<p>Named to continue the theme of naming Riccarton streets after places in Ayrshire, Scotland, from whence the Deans family originated.</p> <p>The section of Riccarton Road from Hagley Avenue into the city is first mentioned in the Star in 1879 and appears on an 1879 map.</p> <p>Also named Middle Park Road, probably because it runs through Hagley Park. This was re-named Riccarton Avenue by the Waimairi County Council in 1916.</p>	Riccarton	<p><a href="#">"The Hagley Park roads"</a>, Star, 16 June 1879, p 3</p> <p><a href="#">"County Councils"</a>, The Press, 12 September 1916, p 5</p> <p><a href="#">"General news"</a>, The Press, 21 October 1916, p 8</p> <p><a href="#">"Street names"</a>, The Press, 13 September 1924, p 13</p> <p><a href="#">Plan of Christchurch and suburbs, 1879</a></p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				In 1916 "the Riccarton Road, from the hospital to Deans Avenue (West Belt)" was re-named Riccarton Avenue.  Becomes Riccarton Avenue in street directories in 1928.			
<b>Riccarton Road</b>	Harewood Road	Named to continue the theme of naming Riccarton streets after places in Ayrshire, Scotland, from whence the Deans family originated.	Riccarton, Upper Riccarton	First mentioned in the Lyttelton Times in 1852.	Riccarton	" <a href="#">Christchurch</a> ", Lyttelton Times, 8 May 1852, p 5  " <a href="#">Changes in old place names</a> ", The Press, 28 January 1936, p 17	



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rich Terrace</b>		Named after William Gordon Rich (1897-1989).	Wigram	<p>Rich was a student of 5 Webb Street, St Albans. He graduated from the Canterbury Flying School on 6 February 1918. He later served as a lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps.</p> <p>In the Wigram Aerodrome subdivision by Ngāi Tahu Property Ltd where the street names are either of aircraft or taken from the list of the first 100 students at the Flight School established by Sir Henry Wigram in 1917.</p> <p>Named in 2012.</p>	Wigram Skies	<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 4 September 2012</a>	<p>Great Britain, Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificates, 1910-1950 as found on <a href="http://www.ancestry.com">www.ancestry.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Canterbury (NZ) Aviation Co. Ltd: the first one hundred pilots</a></p> <p><a href="#">Index of NZMJ Obituaries 1887-2014</a></p> <p><a href="#">Wigram Skies</a></p>
<b>Richard Pearse Drive</b>		Named after Richard William Pearse (1877-1953).	Harewood	<p>Pearse was an inventor, aviator, farmer and builder.</p> <p>Formed post-1997.</p>			View the biography of <a href="#">Richard William Pearse</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a> .

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Richard Seddon Drive</b>		Named after Richard Seddon Freeman (1910?-1952).	Northwood	<p>Freeman owned an orchard, Grovella, in Belfast and was known as one of the most successful fruit growers in New Zealand.</p> <p>Bayliss Nurseries had existed on the site for many years and its land was subdivided to form the street.</p> <p>Developed by the Freeman Partnership. The streets in the subdivision are named after varieties of fruit and personalities associated with the orchard.</p> <p>Named on 6 September 2000.</p>	Bayliss Close, Fantasia Gardens, Oratia Grove and Panache Place.	<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 6 September 2000</a>	<p>“Obituary”, The Press, 4 July 1952, p 8</p> <p>"Firmly rooted in history", The Press, 30 October 1999, Weekend, p 21</p> <p>"100 plants for 100 years - wholesaler's offer", Christchurch Star, 17 December 1999, p C2</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Richards Avenue</b>		Named after Reginald James Richards (1893-1950).	Papanui	Richards was the 11th headmaster of <a href="#">Christ's College</a> 1931-1950.  One of the Papanui streets developed on land belonging to <a href="#">Christ's College</a> . 500 houses were planned for the 80 acre block.  First appears in street directories in 1953.	Blanch Street, Bourne Crescent, Condell Avenue, Flower Street, Harris Crescent, Hudson Street, Merton Place and Tothill Place.	“Street naming practices”, The Press, 1 June 1957, p 4  “Papanui's newest shopping centre”, <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a> , 16 January 1959, p 4	“Death of Mr R. J. Richards”, The Press, 17 July 1950, p 6

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Richardson Terrace</b>	River Road South and River Road West.	Named after John Richardson (1847?-1927).	Opawa, Woolston	<p>River Road South first appears in street directories in 1896. Becomes River Road West in 1900.</p> <p>Re-named Richardson Terrace in 1904.</p> <p>John Richardson, a tanner, was the first mayor of Woolston when the borough was created in 1893. He was mayor until 1896, and again from 1902. He lived at Regent Street (later part of Ferry Road), Woolston, until shortly before his death. Richardson Terrace runs off this.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1911.</p>		<p><a href="#">Z Arch 766</a></p> <p>“<a href="#">Woolston</a>”, The Press, 19 February 1904, p 2</p> <p>“<a href="#">Borough Councils</a>”, Star, 28 May 1909, p 2</p> <p>“<a href="#">Street names</a>”, The Press, 3 September 1929, p 9</p>	<p><a href="#">The Cyclopedia of New Zealand</a>. Vol 3, p 393</p> <p>“<a href="#">Obituary</a>”, The Press, 14 July 1927, p 4</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R199</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Richill Street</b>	Bedford Street	Formerly Bedford Street. Named after a street in the business area of Belfast, Ireland.  Re-named Richill Street. Named after Richhill, a large village and townland in County Armagh, Northern Ireland.  [The name has been mis-spelt in the street name.]	Belfast	Bedford Street was one of the first streets formed when the area was first subdivided in 1882.  First mentioned in the Star in 1888.  Re-named Richill Street in June 1948 when 24 streets in the Waimairi County were re-named. Named to continue the Irish theme of street names in Belfast.		<a href="#">A short history of Belfast, 1949</a>  " <a href="#">Magisterial</a> ", Star, 26 October 1888, p 3  "Street names changed", The Press, 25 June 1948, p 9	"Street names", The Press, 25 June 1948, p 6

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Richmond Hill Road</b>			Richmond Hill, Sumner	<p>Named by George Humphreys (1848-1934) after he purchased the land where this road was formed from the estate of Mary Ann Rule (1875-1909) in 1909.</p> <p>In 1960 the council decided that “Richmond Avenue, Richmond Hill, Richmond Hill Road and Richmond Hill Avenue should become Richmond Hill Road, the official name of the Sumner Road”.</p>	Richmond Hill	<p><a href="#">Sumner-Redcliffs Historical Society</a></p> <p>"<a href="#">Borough Councils</a>", The Press, 15 September 1909, p 5</p> <p>“Names for new streets”, The Press, 17 March 1960, p 15</p>	“ <a href="#">Obituary</a> ”, The Press, 8 March 1934, p 7
<b>Richmond Avenue</b>		Named after Richmond Park, the largest of London's eight Royal Parks.	Halswell	<p>In the Knights Stream Park subdivision where streets have been named with a common theme of World Heritage sites and national and major parks around the world.</p> <p>Named in 2012.</p>	Knights Stream Park	<p><a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 3 April 2012</a></p> <p><a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board minutes 3 April 2012</a></p>	<a href="#">Knights Stream Park</a>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ridder Place</b>		Named after the Ridder family.	Halswell	<p>Douglas James Frank Ridder (1917-2002) was a prominent Halswell identity. He had a long involvement with St Mary's Anglican Church in Halswell and made a valuable contribution to the establishment of Halswell Quarry Park. He was widely known as "the Halswell historian".</p> <p>His parents, John Frank Ridder (1883-1974) and his wife, Elsie, née Voice, (1895-1975), were residents of Halswell as was his grandfather, John Frederick Christopher Ridder (1823?-1902).</p>			<p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R214</p> <p>"Obituary: Mr E. H. C. Ridder", The Press, 26 December 1961, p 14</p> <p>"Popular Halswell historian", The Press, 9 November 2002, p D14</p> <p><a href="#">A short history of Halswell</a>, pp 62 &amp; 65, 93-94</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				<p>Other members of the Ridder family were residents of Halswell. Edward Henry Christian "Ted" Ridder (1876?-1961), an instructor in engineering and carpentry, was prominent in Halswell community affairs.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1987.</p>			
<b>Ridgeview Lane</b>		Named to reflect the topographical features of the site.	Mount Pleasant	<p>Developed at 310 Mt Pleasant Road by Cambridge Terrace Ltd.</p> <p>Named in 2004.</p>		<a href="#">Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board agenda 1 September 2004</a>	



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ridgewood Place</b>		Named after the Ridgewood Golf Club in Cleveland, Ohio.	Shirley	An extension of Fairway Drive.  The streets in the Fairway Park subdivision are named after American golf courses because it is near the Shirley Links, at the Christchurch Golf Club.  Named in 1998.	Baltimore Green, Birkdale Drive, Fairway Drive, Falconridge Place, Ironwood Lane, Pepperwood Place, Wild Dunes Place, Wildhawk Lane and Wilmington Place.	<a href="#">Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda July 1998</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Riegler Place</b>		Named after Claudia Riegler (1976-).	Belfast	<p>Riegler, born in Austria, is an alpine skier who competes in slalom skiing. She competed for Austria until the age of 17 before switching to New Zealand.</p> <p>Named by property developer Graeme Kennerley. He wished to make recognition of the contribution that Claudia Riegler has made to skiing in Canterbury, and her representation of New Zealand in the sport.</p> <p>The subdivision consists of 25 sections with an average size of 550 sq m.</p> <p>Named in 2000.</p>		<p>“Riegler Place”, The Press, 12 July 2000, p 38</p> <p><a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 2 February 2000</a></p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rifleman Lane</b>		Named after the schooner, Rifleman.	Redcliffs	<p>Thomas William Ritchie (1843?-1934) had a fascination for ships and salvaging shipwrecks. He bought the schooner Rifleman about 1868 to ply the New Zealand trade. The three-masted schooner is mentioned in the Star in 1871. It was later lost near Cape Campbell.</p> <p>Continues the theme in the subdivision of naming streets after the small boats and scows that used to cross the Sumner bar from Lyttelton and deliver goods to Sumner and Ferrymead and up the Heathcote River.</p> <p>Named in 1999.</p>	Daring Lane and Gazelle Lane.	<p>“<a href="#">Lyttelton</a>”, Star , 17 January 1871, p 2</p> <p><a href="#">Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board agenda 3 November 1999</a></p> <p><a href="#">Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Agenda 3 September 2003</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Moriuri: a people rediscovered</a>, p 106</p> <p><a href="#">Z Arch 230</a></p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Riley Crescent</b>			Woolston	First mentioned in The Press in 1945 in a birth announcement.  First appears in street directories in 1946.		" <a href="#">Births</a> ", The Press, 22 September 1945, p 1	
<b>Rimu Street</b>	Rimu Road	Named after the rimu, a New Zealand native tree.		Named to commemorate the Deans families' efforts to conserve the native forest trees in Riccarton. The naming was also designed to showcase the Maori names of trees.  Rimu Road appears on a 1912 map.  Rimu Street first appears in street directories in 1917. One resident is listed.		<a href="#">Map of Christchurch shewing tram routes &amp; public buildings, 1912</a>	View the biography of <a href="#">John Deans</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a> .  " <a href="#">Obituary</a> ", The Press, 20 June 1902, p 2

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rindle Lane</b>		Named after a rindle, a small water course.	Northwood	Named because the countryside and waterways are the common theme used for naming streets in the first stages of the subdivision, and the applicants proposed to continue the theme for two new stages.  In the Styx Mill Country Club subdivision.  Named in 2004.	Millcreek Lane and Springbrook Lane.	<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 5 May 2004</a>	
<b>Ringwood Place</b>		Named after Ringwood, a house there developed into a school, Kent Lodge, by John Harkness (1858-1940).	Avonhead	First appears in street directories in 1984.	Harkness Place and Kent Lodge Avenue.		<a href="#">“The Riccarton coach goes by”</a> , The Press, 22 January 1938, p 17  <a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : H170

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ripon Street</b>		Named after the bishopric of Ripon in North Yorkshire.	Lyttelton	<p>One of the original streets of Lyttelton named in 1850 by <a href="#">Captain Joseph Thomas</a> (b. 1803?) and <a href="#">Edward Jollie</a> (1825-1894). The names were taken from bishoprics listed in <a href="#">Burke's Peerage</a>.</p> <p>First mentioned in The Lyttelton Times in 1852 when 1/4 acre sections are advertised for sale there.</p>		<p><a href="#">Reminiscences of a surveyor, runholder and politician in Canterbury and Otago, 1841-1865</a>, pp 28-29</p> <p>"<a href="#">Advertisements</a>", The Lyttelton Times, 7 August 1852, p 2</p>	<p>"<a href="#">Obituary</a>", The Press, 9 August 1894, p 5e</p> <p>"<a href="#">Obituary</a>", Star, 9 August 1894, p 1</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: J169 &amp; T144</p> <p>View the biography of <a href="#">Joseph Thomas</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a>.</p>
<b>Risby Place</b>		Named after Risby, a village in Suffolk, England.	Burnside	<p>About 1963 Waimairi County Council minuted a policy that all its streets be named after English place names.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1964.</p>	Gregan Crescent	"Street names", <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a> , 17 April 1973, p 9	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Riselaw Street			Mairehau	<p>Developed on land previously a farm owned by Arthur William Emmett (d. 1948) and sold after his death. Part of the land was bought by the government for a state housing area "laid out on modern town-planning lines". It was referred to as Emmetts Block.</p> <p>Named on 24 June 1948.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1950.</p>	Emmetts block	<p>Waimairi County Council minute book, January 1947-February 1949, p 512, held at Christchurch City Council archives.</p> <p>“Major housing development in the Shirley district”, The Press, 31 March 1953, p 3</p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Riverlaw Terrace</b>	River Road	Formerly River Road, St Martins. This was the section of road running along the southern side of the River Heathcote, between Wilson's Bridge and the eastern boundary of the city, opposite Hill Grove street, St Martins.  Re-named Riverlaw Terrace. Named after Riverlaw, the wood and sod house built there about 1852 by Colonel Alexander Lean (1824-1893).	St Martins	Re-named in 1917.  Lean was a run-holder, architect, military volunteer and musician and owned the property 1853-1859. He is listed in the 1853 electoral roll as living at Riverlaw.  Hugh Percy Murray-Aynsley (1828-1917) owned the property 1863-1905 and built a replacement Riverlaw after 1885.  Riverlaw Terrace, from Wilsons Road to Beckford Street, first appears in street directories in 1934. No residents are listed.  Riverlaw Terrace, from Wilsons Road south to Beckford Street, was formed in 1941.	Murray Aynsley Hill	<p><a href="#">“Electoral roll for the district of Christchurch”</a>, The Lyttelton Times, 16 July 1853, p 8</p> <p><a href="#">“Alterations to street names”</a>, The Press, 26 June 1917, p 11</p> <p><a href="#">“Making a new riverside street in St Martins”</a>, The Press, 29 March 1941, p 14</p> <p><a href="#">The Port Hills of Christchurch</a>, pp 166-171</p>	<p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: M774</p> <p>View the biography of <a href="#">Alexander Lean</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a></p> <p><a href="#">"Obituary"</a>, Star, 20 November 1893, p 3</p> <p><a href="#">“Street names”</a>, The Press, 13 September 1924, p 13</p> <p><a href="#">“The colourful characters of Murray Aynsley Hill”</a>, The Press, 22 March 1975, p 11</p> <p><a href="#">“Hillside haven”</a>, The Press, 19 February 2005, p G1</p>



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rivers Edge</b>		Named because the street is near the Styx River.	Northwood	Named in 2008.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board Greenspace Traffic Works Committee agenda 18 August 2008</a>	
<b>Riverside Lane</b>			Brooklands	A right-of-way at 341 Lower Styx Road. Named in 2000.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 2 February 2000</a>	
<b>Riverton Terrace</b>			Halswell	First appears in street directories in 1993.			
<b>Riverview Street</b>		Named because the subdivision off Colombo Street south was originally named the Riverview Estate.	Beckenham	Land in the Riverview Estate is advertised for sale in the Star in 1907. Riverview Street first appears in street directories in 1918.		<a href="#">Beckenham: a suburb of Christchurch, New Zealand</a> , p 16 " <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", Star, 21 September 1907, p 7 <a href="#">Riverview Estate</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Riverwood Boulevard</b>			Redwood	The main street in the Redwood Springs subdivision.  An extension of Grimseys Road.  Named in 2001.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 6 June 2001</a>	
<b>Roa Road</b>			Fendalton	Roa Road is described as a "new" street in The Press in 1927 when the "5th part of the eighth subdivision of the Riccarton Estate" is advertised for sale by auction.		" <a href="#">Sale of Riccarton sections</a> ", The Press, 24 March 1927, p 10	
<b>Robalan Way</b>		Named after Robalan, a champion pacer.		In Stage 6 of the Longhurst subdivision.  Named in 2014.	Longhurst	<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 15 April 2014</a>  <a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board 6 May 2014 agenda</a>	<a href="#">Longhurst</a>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Roberta Drive</b>			Somerfield	In a subdivision developed by Maurice F. Carter Ltd. The name has no particular significance. It just "sounded nice".  Named in 1960.		"Names for new streets", The Press, 22 September 1960, p 14  Information about naming supplied in 2009 by Maurice Carter (d. 2011) in an interview with Margaret Harper.	"Maurice Carter leaves behind immense legacy", The Press, 10 May 2011, p A3
<b>Robin Street</b>	Kelvin Street		Burwood	Kelvin Street first appears in street directories in 1952.  Re-named Robin Street in 1956.		"New street names", The Press, 2 April 1956, p 7	
<b>Robinia Place</b>	Northern section of Awatea Gardens		Hornby	Continues the theme of flower names used to name streets in the first stage of the Awatea Gardens subdivision. One of the partners in the development company, <a href="#">Enterprise Homes</a> , is a keen gardener.  Re-named by special order procedures in 2002.	Awatea Gardens, Begonia Lane, Clematis Place, Jasmine Place and Protea Place.	<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 4 September 2002</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Robin Mann Place</b>		Named after Dr Robin Mann.	Harewood	Mann was deputy-chairman of the Christchurch International Airport board of directors in 2000.  Formed post-1997.			
<b>Robinsons Road</b>		Named after William Robinson (1832?-1867).	Halswell	Robinson was a farmer of Halswell.  Robinson's Road is first mentioned in The Press in April 1874. Tenders were invited for the formation of the road later that month.		" <a href="#">Road Boards</a> ", The Press, 8 April 1874, p 5  " <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", The Press, 14 April 1974, p 4	" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", Lyttelton Times, 5 May 1868, p 1
<b>Robin Tait Drive</b>		Named after Robin Tait (1941-1984).	Parklands	Tait was a discus thrower who won a gold medal at the 1974 Commonwealth Games.  First appears in street directories in 1991.			"Tait's 20-year Canty mark", The Press, 21 March 1984, p 56

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Robson Avenue</b>		Named after Thomas Turnbull Robson (1858-1940).	Avonside	<p>Robson, a wool buyer and scourer, lived at 388 Avonside Drive. His son, Frank, owned racehorse Reta Peter and, with her, was the winning owner of the New Zealand Cup in 1920 and 1921.</p> <p>The Government called the area the Robson Housing Block, broke it up for housing purposes and gave one street the name Robson Avenue.</p> <p>First mentioned in The Press in 1943.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1946.</p>		First mentioned in The Press in 1943.	<p><a href="#">A salute to trotting</a>, pp 108-109</p> <p>"<a href="#">Deaths</a>", The Press, 16 August 1940, p 1</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rochdale Street</b>		Named after Rochdale in Lancashire, England.	Fendalton	John Ingledeew Royds (1870-1949) bought land there when Annie Townend's Mona Vale estate was auctioned in 1915. His family came from Rochdale in Lancashire. The street was formed when his land was subdivided.  First mentioned in The Press in 1926.  First appears in street directories in 1927.	Royds Street and Roydvale Avenue.	<a href="#">Beyond the city: the land and its people, Riccarton, Waimairi, Paparua</a> , p 122  <a href="#">"Big property sale"</a> , Sun, 1 February 1915, p 11  <a href="#">"General news"</a> , The Press, 22 December 1926, p 10	"Obituary", The Press, 26 July 1949, p 6
<b>Roche Avenue</b>			Upper Riccarton	In a block of 28 acres bought by the government for state housing in 1953. The land was formerly owned by Pyne, Gould Guinness Ltd and was in Curletts Road between Blenheim Road and Riccarton Road.  First appears in street directories in 1958.		"New state housing block", The Press, 30 January 1953, p 6	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rochester Street</b>		Probably named after Rochester, a town in Kent, England.		First appears in the Star in 1901 when sections for sale there are advertised.  First appears in street directories in 1907.		" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", Star, 14 May 1901, p 4	
<b>Rockcrest Lane</b>		Named to reflect the topography of its site.	Cashmere	A right-of-way which rises steeply off Bowenvale Avenue.  Named in 2000.		<a href="#">Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board agenda 5 September 2000</a>	
<b>Rock Hill Drive</b>		Named because Rock Hill was the original name of the Halswell Quarry site.	Kennedys Bush	Named in 2003.		<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 6 August 2003</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rocking Horse Road</b>		Named because Peter Skellerup told his small son, George Waldemar Skellerup (1942-), who was dubious about travelling on the road before it was levelled and metalled, that it was like being on a rocking-horse.	Southshore	<p>Peter Jensen Reid Skellerup (1918-2006) bought the land where the road was formed in 1939.</p> <p>Named in 1948 by Skellerup and the Southshore Ratepayers Association who had succeeded in getting this road formed.</p> <p>Officially recognised on 10 November 1948.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1955.</p>		<p><a href="#">Sand dunes to suburb</a>, p 56-57</p> <p><a href="#">The Estuary of Christchurch: a history of the Avon-Heathcote estuary, its communities, clubs, controversies and contributions</a>, p 194</p>	“Caring benefactor and city father”, The Press, 20 May 2006, p D19
<b>Rockport Place</b>		Named "to reflect the locality of the subdivision together with the materials used to enhance it".	Parklands	<p>In the Waitikiri Lake subdivision.</p> <p>Name proposed by the development company, Smith Developments Ltd.</p> <p>Named in 2004.</p>	Waitikiri	<p><a href="#">Burwood Pegasus Community board agenda 1 March 2004</a></p>	<p>"Waitikiri subdivision", The Press, 7 November 2000, p 18</p> <p><a href="#">Waitikiri</a></p>



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Roderick Alleyn Lane</b>		Named after Detective Chief Inspector Roderick Alleyn, the main series character of the author Ngaio Marsh (1895-1982).	Papanui	The character made his debut in 1934 in the novel <a href="#">A Man Lay Dead</a> . The street is next to the Ngaio Marsh Retirement Village. Named in 2001.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 6 June 2001</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rodney Street</b>	Elizabeth Street	Formerly Elizabeth Street. May have been named after a member of James George Hawkes' family.  Re-named Rodney Street. Named after Admiral Lord George Rodney, 1st Baron Rodney (1790-1792).	New Brighton	Elizabeth Street was formed in 1890 but never appears in street directories.  Re-named Rodney Street at a special meeting of the New Brighton Council on 12 August 1907. Rodney was a leading British admiral.  Harry Hawker (1868-1947), a councillor 1905-1909, had suggested that New Brighton street names be changed to the names of British sea captains who had fought in the 18th and 19th century - a gesture linking Christchurch with the home country, was patriotic and emphasised the fact that New Brighton was a seaside suburb.  Rodney Street first appears in street directories in 1913.	Hawke Street	<p>“<a href="#">New Brighton Notes</a>”, Star, 28 August 1890, p 3</p> <p><a href="#">New Brighton monthly magazine</a>, Vol 1, No 11, 1 September 1907, pp 1 &amp; 4</p> <p>“Borough Councils”, <a href="#">The Lyttelton Times</a>, 14 August 1907, p 3</p> <p>“<a href="#">News of the day</a>”, The Press, 14 August 1907, p 6</p> <p><a href="#">New Brighton: a regional history, 1852-1970</a>, pp 28 &amp; 137</p>	<p>“Plan shewing area affected by proposed New Brighton Loan”, <a href="#">Z Arch 201</a></p> <p><a href="#">Deeds that won the Empire</a></p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rogers Street</b>		Named after Samuel Rogers (1763-1855).	Sydenham	Rogers was a poet. One of the "poets and writers" streets of Sydenham, Addington and Waltham named by a committee of the Sydenham Borough Council on 19 January 1880. First appears in street directories in 1908.		Report of the street naming committee, Sydenham Borough Council minute book 1879-1880, p 217, held at Christchurch City Council archives. “ <a href="#">Borough Council</a> ”, Star, 20 January 1880, p 3	
<b>Roimata Place</b>			Woolston	Named on 19 February 1973. First appears in street directories in 1976.	Roimata	Date of naming supplied in 2001 by Bob Pritchard, subdivisions officer, Christchurch City Council.	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Roker Street</b>	Stark's Road was incorporated into Roker Street.	Probably named after Roker in North East England.  The section of Roker Street running west off Selwyn Street was formerly Stark's Road. Named after James Stark (1833?-1895).	Roker	Roker Street first appears in street directories in 1910.  Stark was a judge of draught horses. His address at the time of his death was Willow Bank, Starks Road. He was living on Lincoln Road in 1880.  Stark's Road is mentioned in the Star as early as 1887 but never appears in street directories. At a meeting of the Sydenham Borough Council in 1896 reported in the Star, it was decided to purchase 15 acres adjoining Starks Road for a cemetery. The land was "offered by" Harman and Stevens, land and commission agents.		" <a href="#">Road Boards</a> ", Star 1 December 1887, p 3  " <a href="#">Sydenham Borough Council</a> ", Star, 11 February 1896, p 2	<a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : S692  " <a href="#">Obituary</a> ", The Press, 25 November 1895, p 2

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Roland Lane</b>	Roland Street	Named after the first purchaser of one of the sections in the street. This person has not been able to be identified.	Mount Pleasant	Named at the suggestion of Michael John Wood Davis (1926-), a surveyor and chairman of Cannon Estate Ltd., developers of this subdivision.  Roland Street first appears in street directories in 1973. Becomes Roland Lane in 1977.	Brigid Place, Challis Place, Clementine Lane, Freeman Street, Hatherly Lane, Hilltop Lane, Janice Place, Michael Avenue and Osmond Lane.	“Cannon Estate thirty years in development”, The Press, 23 August 1989, p 49	
<b>Rolfe Place</b>			Bishopdale	First appears in street directories in 1970.			
<b>Rollesby Street</b>		Named after Rollesby, a village and parish in Norfolk, England.	Hoon Hay	Edmund Henry Ensor (1840-1884) emigrated from Rollesby to Lyttelton in 1860.  The street was formed on land which had been farmed by his descendants from 1911.  Named on 29 March 1956.  First appears in street directories in 1964.	Rydal Street. Also Ensors Road and Isabella Place.	“New street names”, The Press, 2 April 1956, p 7	<a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : E132  “ <a href="#">Latest Locals</a> ”, Star, 23 October 1884, p 2  “ <a href="#">Death of Mr E. H. Ensor</a> ”, Star, 24 October 1884, p 2

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rolleston Avenue</b>	Part of Antigua Street from Cambridge Terrace to Armagh Street.	Named after the Hon. William Rolleston (1831-1903).	Central City	<p>Rolleston was a public administrator, politician, provincial superintendent and educationalist. He was the fourth and last superintendent of Canterbury.</p> <p>Named because of Rolleston's association with Canterbury College which adjoined Antigua Street and also because it was proposed to erect his statue there.</p> <p>Developed on a strip of land reserved for a mill race.</p> <p>Named Rolleston Avenue on 11 January 1904.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1905.</p>		<p>“<a href="#">Re-naming the Belts</a>”, The Press, 15 December 1903, p 4</p> <p>“<a href="#">Re-naming the Belts</a>”, The Press, 15 December 1903, p 6</p>	<p>View the biography of <a href="#">William Rolleston</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a>.</p> <p>“William Rolleston”, <a href="#">The Lyttelton Times</a>, 10 February 1903, p 4</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R332</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rollin Street</b>	Smith Street	Formerly Smith Street. Named after Alfred Lee Smith (1838-1917).  Re-named Rollin Street. Named after Samuel Rollin Webb (1848-1933).	Heathcote Valley	In 1873 Smith developed three streets in the Heathcote Valley, naming them Lee Street, Smith Street and Vogel Street. He operated a malt house on the site.  Smith Street was re-named Rollin Street in 1933 by the Public Utilities Committee of the Heathcote County Council at the request of the Post and Telegraph Department.  Webb was mayor of Lyttelton 1883-1884, 1888-1889 and 1904-1908.	Flavell Street and Marsden Street.	<a href="#">Malting in Heathcote Valley 1871-1981</a> pp 11-13  "Street names", The Press, 15 October 1932, p 14  "Street names", The Press, 31 January 1933, p 3	<a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : S466 & W279
<b>Romar Lane</b>		Named after the developer's wife's parents, Ron and Margaret.	Heathcote Valley	A small private right-of-way serving 10 properties.  Developed at 110 Port Hills Road by Texco Developments Ltd in 2006.		<a href="#">Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board agenda 20 December 2006</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ron Place</b>		Named after Ronald Hamilton Gee (1913-1983).	Bishopdale	Gee was chief health inspector for the Waimairi County County until 1977.  For a time it was a policy of the Waimairi County Council to give cul de sacs short names to fit printed maps.  Named in 1973.		“Street names”, <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a> , 12 April 1973, p 9	"Ron finishes up", <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a> , 31 May 1977, p 1
<b>Ron Guthrey Road</b>		Named after Albert Ronald Guthrey (1916-2008).	Christchurch Airport	Guthrey was mayor of Christchurch 1968-1971.  First appears in street directories in 1991.			“War hero left mark in civic affairs”, <a href="#">The Press</a> , 13 September 2008, p D15
<b>Ronald George Place</b>		Named after Ronald George “R G” Mauger.	Parklands	Named by a relative, Linda Mauger.  Formed post-1997.		Information supplied in 2004 by Linda Mauger in an interview with Margaret Harper.	



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ronaldson Terrace</b>		Named after Robert Lindsay Ronaldson (1897-1970).	Wigram	<p>Ronaldson was a law student of 96 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch. He graduated from the Canterbury Flying School on 6 February 1918.</p> <p>In the Wigram Aerodrome subdivision by Ngāi Tahu Property Ltd where the street names are either of aircraft or taken from the list of the first 100 students at the Flight School established by Sir Henry Wigram in 1917.</p> <p>Named in 2012.</p>		<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 4 September 2012</a>	<p>Great Britain, Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificates, 1910-1950 as found on <a href="http://www.ancestry.com">www.ancestry.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Canterbury (NZ) Aviation Co. Ltd: the first one hundred pilots</a></p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rookwood Avenue</b>		Named after Rookwood Comport Bishop (1847-1925).	New Brighton	<p>Bishop arrived on the Charlotte Jane in 1850. He became the first mayor of New Brighton in 1897 and for many years was head of the Christchurch Gas Company.</p> <p>First mentioned in The Press in 1921.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1923.</p>		" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", The Press, 1 October 1921, p 20	<p>"<a href="#">Mr R. C. Bishop</a>", The Press, 4 July 1925, p 12</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: B466</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rooney Place</b>		Named after Sister Ignace "Agnes" Rooney (1905-1973).	Halswell	Sister Rooney was born in Melbourne and went to work at the Good Shepherd Convent at Waikowhai in Auckland in 1932.  The street names in the Aidanfield subdivision are those of former Sisters of the Good Shepherd Order and former residents of the Good Shepherd Sisters' Home at Halswell.  Named on 3 March 2004.	Aidanfield	<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 3 March 2004</a>  Biographical information supplied in 2007 by Fraser Faithfull, archivist with the Good Shepherd Provincialate in Abbotsford, Victoria in correspondence with Margaret Harper.	<a href="#">Pitch your tents on distant shores: a history of the Sisters of Good Shepherd in Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand and Tahiti</a> <a href="#">Mount Magdala : 80 years of care... with a short history of the institution</a>
<b>Roosevelt Avenue</b>	Courtenay Street from Westminster Street to Innes Road.	Named after Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945).	St Albans	Roosevelt was 32nd President of the USA 1933-1945.  First appears in street directories in 1947.	Courtenay Street		

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rope Street</b>	Lyttelton Street, Stafford Street and Truro Street.	<p>Formerly Lyttelton Street. Named at the request of the residents to honour the visit to Christchurch of George William Lyttelton, 4th Baron Lyttelton (1817-1876), in 1868.</p> <p>Re-named Stafford Street. Probably named after Edward William Stafford (1819-1901).</p> <p>Re-named Truro Street. Named after Truro, a cathedral town in Cornwall.</p> <p>Re-named Rope Street.</p>	Central city	<p>Lyttelton Street was a blind alley laid out in 1862. Taken over officially as a public street in 1881.</p> <p>Re-named Stafford Street in 1894. From 1896 Lyttelton Street appears with a see ref. to Stafford Street. This change was made official on 7 March 1904.</p> <p>Stafford was Premier 1856-1861, 1865-1869 and 1872.</p> <p>Re-named Truro Street in 1909.</p> <p>Re-named Rope Street on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named.</p>		<p>“<a href="#">City Council</a>”, The Press, 3 March 1868, p 2</p> <p>“<a href="#">City Council</a>”, Star, 9 May 1871, p 3</p> <p>“<a href="#">City Council</a>”, Star, 13 September 1881, p 4</p> <p>“<a href="#">City Council</a>”, Star, 30 October 1894, p 4</p> <p>“<a href="#">Re-naming streets</a>”, The Press, 8 March 1904, p 5</p> <p>Christchurch City Council minute book, June 1903-October 1904 held at Christchurch City Council archives.</p> <p>“<a href="#">Street naming</a>”, The Press, 3 November 1909, p 3</p> <p>"Street names changed: City council approves final list", The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3</p>	<p>“<a href="#">Dinner to Lord Lyttelton and Mr Selfe</a>”, The Press, 6 February 1868, p 3</p> <p>“<a href="#">Visit of Lord Lyttelton to Lyttelton</a>”, The Press, 11 February 1868, p 3</p> <p>View the biography of <a href="#">Edward William Stafford</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a>.</p> <p>“<a href="#">Street names</a>”, The Press, 6 October 1909, p 6</p> <p>“<a href="#">Street names</a>”, The Press, 13 September 1924, p 13</p> <p>“New names for streets”, The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3</p> <p>“New street names”, The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rosamund Place</b>			Halswell	In a joint development by Andrew James Cunningham (1906-1985), a farmer of 250 Halswell Road, and International Homes.  The street was legalised on 10 September 1970.  First appears in street directories in 1972.		Information supplied in 2014 by Bob Pritchard, subdivisions officer, Christchurch City Council.	
<b>Rosario Place</b>		May be named after Sister Rosario Battung.	Halswell	Sister Rosario was professed in 1968 in Te Horo.  Continues the theme in the Aidanfield subdivision of street names recognising former Sisters of the Good Shepherd Community, and place names with a strong association to the community.  Named in 2010.		<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 2 February 2010</a>	<a href="#">Mount Magdala : 80 years of care...with a short history of the institution</a>  <a href="#">Pitch your tents on distant shores: a history of the Sisters of Good Shepherd in Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand and Tahiti</a>

*Christchurch Street Names: R*

<b>Current name</b>	<b>Former name</b>	<b>Origin of name</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Additional information</b>	<b>See</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Further information</b>
<b>Roscoe Street</b>			Hillsborough, St Martins	Appears on a 1922 map. First appears in street directories in 1950.		<a href="#">Map of Christchurch and suburbs 1922</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Rose Street		Named after Conway Lucas Rose (1817-1910).	Somerfield, Hoon Hay	Rose emigrated as a Canterbury Association settler about 1851 and purchased Rural Section 76, 700 acres on the "Lower Lincoln Road, Heathcote Bridge" in partnership with Frederick Spencer, 4th Earl Spencer (1798-1857). He returned to England in 1855 and died in Chard, Somerset. Sewell's journal says: Although he had more capital than most settlers, he was unenterprising, did not farm and built a large house in Manchester Street, Christchurch. Spencer's interest in the land was passed on to his nephew, the Hon. George William Spencer Lyttelton (1847-1913).  First appears in street directories in 1908.	Conway Street	<p><a href="#">The Canterbury Association: a study of its members' connections</a>, p 67</p> <p><a href="#">Province of Canterbury, New Zealand : list of sections purchased to April 30 1863</a>, p 2</p> <p>"<a href="#">Rural Sections chosen</a>", The Lyttelton Times, 29 March 1851, p 6</p> <p>"<a href="#">List of magistrates for the islands of New Zealand</a>", New Zealand Spectator and Cook's Strait Guardian, 19 March 1853, p 4</p> <p><a href="#">The journal of Henry Sewell, 1853-7</a>, p 243</p>	<p><a href="#">A history of Canterbury</a>, Vol II pp 5, 7, 66</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R349</p> <p><a href="#">Beyond the city: the land and its people, Riccarton, Waimairi, Paparua</a>, p 15</p> <p>"Upper Heathcote Mill was Spreydon landmark", The Press, 12 December 1991, p 13</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Roseanna Place			Aranui	Named on 15 March 1961. First appears in street directories in 1976.		Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 17 March 1961.	
Rosebery Street		Named after Archibald Philip Primrose Rosebery, 5th Earl of Rosebery (1847-1929).	Spreydon	The earl was British Foreign Secretary 1886 and 1892-1895 and British Prime Minister for one year and 109 days 1894-1895.  Land for sale in the "Rosebery Street subdivision" is advertised in The Press in 1901.  First appears in street directories in 1904.		" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", The Press, 7 December 1901, p 11	



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Rosefield Lane			Northcote	Developed at 53-59 Vagues Road. No obvious names with historical connections to the property were found.  At first intended to be named Laurel Lane but this name was not liked by existing home owners.  Named in 1999.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 1 July 1998</a>  <a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 3 February 1999</a>	
Rosella Street			Broomfield	First appears in street directories in 1964.			
Roseneath Place			Cashmere	First appears in street directories in 1970.			

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rosewarne Street</b>	Rosewarne's Paddock	Named after Joseph Rosewarne (1829-1909).	Spreydon	<p>Rosewarne was a butcher of Victoria Street who died at his residence 261 Montreal Street. He owned several parcels of land in Christchurch; a butcher would have needed paddocks for stock.</p> <p>A resident is listed in the 1893 electoral roll as living at Rosewarne's Paddock. This never appears in street directories.</p> <p>Land is advertised for sale in "Rosewarne Street, Addington" in the Star in 1880.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1902.</p>		<p>Information about ownership of land on a certificate of title for 24 Rosewarne Street. [Rosewarne had bought the land in 1881 from Charles Simeon.]</p> <p>Researched by Nicky Dever, of Christchurch City Libraries, in 2008.</p> <p>"<a href="#">Advertisements</a>", Star, 26 August 1880, p 2</p>	<p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R358</p> <p>"Old resident recalls day of horse-drawn steam fire engines", <a href="#">Christchurch Star-Sun</a>, 30 April 1956, p 11</p>
<b>Rosewood Place</b>			Bryndwr	Named in 1967.		"Mabel Howard Place", The Press, 22 August 1967, p 14	
<b>Roslyn Avenue</b>			Mairehau	First appears in street directories in 1957.			

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ross Place</b>			Northwood	Developed by Belfast Developments Ltd and Styx Developments Ltd. The developers “chose names suitable for the length of the road rather than trying to establish a common theme throughout the subdivision”.  Named in 2000.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 March 2000</a>  <a href="#">Report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Council 19 April 2000</a>	
<b>Ross Terrace</b>	Selwyn Terrace	Named after John Ross (1839-1902) and his wife, Jane.	Lyttelton	Selwyn Terrace was declared by the Lyttelton Borough Council to be a public street from 1 August 1898.  Ross Terrace first appears in street directories in 1917. Ross was the second master and later headmaster at Lyttelton High School.  Mrs Jane Ross is a resident of the street in 1917.		“ <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ”, The Press, 18 June 1898, p 10	<a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : R371  “ <a href="#">Personal</a> ”, Star, 17 November 1902, p 3

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rossall Street</b>	Boundary Road	Formerly Boundary Road. Probably named because it was the boundary between the Christchurch City Council area and maybe the Avon or Riccarton Road Board areas.  Re-named Rossall Street. Named after Rossall School in Lancashire.	Merivale, Strowan.	Boundary Road first appears in street directories in 1887.  Re-named Rossall Street in 1909.  One of a number of streets in the area named after English public schools.	Cheltenham Street, Naseby Street, Repton Street, Rugby Street, Sherborne Street, Shrewsbury Street, Stoneyhurst Street, Tonbridge Street and Winchester Street.	“ <a href="#">Street naming</a> ”, The Press, 3 November 1909, p 3  “Would road by any other name stay as street”, Pegasus Post, 12 July 1978, p 16	“ <a href="#">Street names</a> ”, The Press, 6 October 1909, p 6  “ <a href="#">Street names</a> ”, The Press, 13 September 1924, p 13
<b>Rossiter Avenue</b>		Probably named after Frederick Rossiter (1876?-1969).	Redwood	Rossiter is listed living at 432 North Road (later Main North Road) in 1960.  First appears in street directories in 1958.			

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rossmore Terrace</b>		Named after the Rossmore family.	Cashmere	<p>The Rossmores were aristocrats with connections to the Westenra family. Captain Richard Westenra (1794-1880) was a “grandson of a former Lord Rossmore”.</p> <p>Frederick Herbert Wilson (1832-1902) and Frances Sarah Wilson, née Westenra, (1831-1903) named their eldest son Rossmore Cracroft Wilson (1863-1942).</p> <p>First mentioned in The Press in 1912.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1921.</p>	Westenra Terrace. Also Cashmere.	<p><a href="#">The Port Hills of Christchurch</a>, p 238</p> <p>“<a href="#">Local and General</a>”, Wanganui Chronicle, 10 February 1880, p 2</p> <p>"<a href="#">Advertisements</a>", The Press, 4 July 1912, p 11</p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rostrevor Place</b>		Named after Rostrevor, a village in County Down, Northern Ireland.	Mairehau	Charles Haughey (1816?-1912) came from Rostrevor and gave his dairy farm this name. It was the first large farm in the area. Haughey delivered milk to most of the north side of Christchurch in the late 1800s.  Named in 2012.	Haughey Drive	<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 14 March 2012</a>	" <a href="#">Obituary</a> ", Star, 5 December 1912, p 1
<b>Roswell Place</b>			Islington	First appears in street directories in 1970.			

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rothesay Road</b>		Named after Rothesay, the property of Edward Reece (1834?-1885) which in turn was named after Rothesay, a town on the Isle of Bute, Scotland.	Parklands	<p>First mentioned in The Press in 1890 when the executors of the late Edward Reece advertised 240 acres of his property, Rothesay, for sale.</p> <p>Appears in the Star in 1899 when the Volunteers were described undertaking a sham fight in their Easter encampment.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1981.</p> <p>[It had been in existence for a long time as a “paper” road.]</p>		<p>"<a href="#">Advertisements</a>", The Press, 8 March 1890, p 8</p> <p>"<a href="#">The Volunteers</a>", Star, 4 April 1899, p 4</p>	<p>"<a href="#">Obituary</a>", Star, 16 September 1885, p 3</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R86</p>
<b>Rotoiti Lane</b>		Named after Lake Rotoiti, near Rotorua.	Northwood	<p>Lake Rotoiti is known for the quality of the trout caught there.</p> <p>Named at the suggestion of Diana, Lady Isaac (1921-2012) who was involved with the Clearwater Development.</p> <p>Named in 2000.</p>	Harts Creek Lane and Mayfly Lane.	<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 6 September 2000</a>	"Colourful First Lady's legacy endures", The Press, 26 November 2012, p A4

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Roulet Lane</b>		Named after Paul Roulet and his family.	Yaldhurst	Paul Roulet had married into the Delamain family forming a partnership, Roulet & Delamain. This later became Delamain & Co.  In the Delamain subdivision.  Named in 2007.	Delamain	<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Transport and Roading Committee agenda 29 June 2007</a>	<a href="#">Delamain cognac</a>
<b>Rountree Street</b>		Named after Albert William Rountree (1876?-1931).	Upper Riccarton	Rountree is listed as a farmer of 47 Ilam Road in street directories of 1930. This was on the corner of Carleton Road (later Kirkwood Avenue) and Ilam Road, where Rountree Street was later formed.  First appears in street directories in 1960.			<a href="#">"Farmer found dead"</a> , The Press, 17 September 1931, p 5
<b>Rowallan Avenue</b>			Addington, Spreydon	First appears in street directories in 1957.			



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rowan Avenue</b>	Burton's Road and Burton Road.	Formerly Burton Road. Named after George Kyngdon Burton (1859?-1957).  Re-named Rowan Avenue. Named after the rowan trees planted there.	Aranui	Burton was a market-gardener in Bromley. He was a member of the Heathcote County Council 1910-1911 and chairman 1919-1921.  Burton's Road first appears in street directories in 1914. Becomes Burton Road in 1920. Formally recognised as a public road by the Heathcote County Council in 1922.  Re-named Rowan Avenue on 22 September 1934 by the Heathcote County Council. The Aranui Burgesses' Association protested against the change as they felt  George Burton had "taken a very keen interest in the welfare of the district".		" <a href="#">County Councils</a> ", The Press, 15 July 1922, p 14  " <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", The Press, 15 November 1934, p 8  " <a href="#">Aranui affairs</a> ", The Press, 10 January 1935, p 15  <a href="#">Aranui School 50th jubilee, souvenir booklet</a> , p 7	<a href="#">Along the hills: a history of the Heathcote Road Board and the Heathcote County Council 1864-1989</a> , pp 60, 129, 131, 260-261

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				Rowan Avenue first appears in street directories in 1936.  The rowan trees were planted there by Arthur Colin Priest, a salesman who lived at 25 Rowan Road, and his neighbour, Andrew Ernest Young, a jeweller.			
<b>Rowanwood Close</b>			Halswell	In the Oaklands subdivision.  First appears in street directories in 1992.	Oaklands		
<b>Rowcliffe Crescent</b>			Avonside	In a government housing subdivision.  Named in 1945.  First appears in street directories in 1947.		<a href="#">"Health camp buildings"</a> , The Press, 11 September 1945, p 3 (In this article, Rowcliffe is wrongly written as Radcliffe.)	
<b>Rowe Place</b>		Named after James Rowe (1845-1923).	Burwood	Rowe emigrated to Canterbury in 1874 and opened a shop in Madras Street north. In 1897 he established a stud pig farm, Windsor Park, at	Windsor	<a href="#">Shirley Methodist Church: one hundred years of Christian witness, 1866-1966</a> , p 11	<a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : R411  <a href="#">"Obituary"</a> , The

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				<p>86 New Brighton Road, where Ajax Street was later developed. His house was still there in 2014.</p> <p>Rowe was elected to the city council in 1891 and was also a member of the Avon Road Board, the Waimairi County Council and the Canterbury A &amp; P Association. His obituary says he was the "founder of the new Methodist Church at Shirley". In his will, Rowe left money for the building of a church tower as provided for in the original plans. The Methodist Sunday School Hall was also known as the Rowe Memorial Hall.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1941. In 1941 it is described as being in Burwood; in 1943 it is in Shirley.</p>			<p>Press, 17 December 1923, p 14</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Rowley Avenue		Named after the Rev. Thomas Rowley (1797?-1877).	Hoon Hay	Rowley was the son of the Rev. Richard Rowley of Middleton Scriven, Shropshire. He had been Dean-designate of Christchurch Cathedral but never came to take up his position. He bought several blocks of land, among which was Rural Section 85, 200 acres on Riccarton Road. His son, Thomas, arrived in Canterbury in 1853 and claimed the land on behalf of his father. He built a cob cottage, Middleton, which is now the site of Middleton Grange School.  First appears in street directories in 1962.		<p><a href="#">Province of Canterbury, New Zealand: list of sections purchased to April 30, 1863</a>, p 3</p> <p>"<a href="#">Rural Sections chosen</a>", The Lyttelton Times, 29 March 1851, p 6</p> <p>Information supplied in 2008 by Lindsay Carswell, a descendant of Rowley, in an interview with Margaret Harper.</p>	<p><a href="#">Government Buildings</a></p> <p><a href="#">The Canterbury Association: a study of its members' connections</a>, p 85</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R428</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rowses Road</b>		Named after William Henry Rowse (1851?-1901).	Aranui	<p>Rowse was a pig farmer of Shirley. He was also the first foreman at the Bromley sewage farm in 1882.</p> <p>After his death his widow, Catherine Rowse (1850?-1922), lived at "135 Breeze's Road, Bromley, just south of Page's Road". This property was auctioned after her death.</p> <p>Rowse's Road is referred to in The Press in 1922 as a "blind and unformed road" where no work had been done for three years.</p> <p>"Rouse Road" first appears in street directories in 1931.</p>		<p>"<a href="#">Advertisements</a>", The Press, 22 April 1922, p 20</p> <p>"<a href="#">County Councils</a>", The Press, 15 July 1922, p 14</p> <p>"<a href="#">Jones McCrostie Company Ltd</a>", The Press, 30 November 1925, p 11</p>	<p><a href="#">The Estuary of Christchurch: a history of the Avon-Heathcote estuary, its communities, clubs, controversies and contributions</a>, p 149</p>

*Christchurch Street Names: R*

<b>Current name</b>	<b>Former name</b>	<b>Origin of name</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Additional information</b>	<b>See</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Further information</b>
<b>Roxburgh Street</b>	Regent Street		Sydenham	Regent Street first appears in street directories in 1931.  Re-named Roxburgh Street on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named.		"Street names changed: City council approves final list", The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3	"New names for streets", The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3  "New street names", The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2
<b>Royalist Avenue</b>		Named after the HMNZS Royalist, a war time Dido-Class Cruiser.	North New Brighton	This name continues the naval theme of street names in the North New Brighton area.  Named in 1967.		"Naval names for streets", The Press, 28 April 1967, p 12	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Royds Street		Named after John Ingledeu Royds (1870-1949).	Fendalton	<p>Royds was managing director of Royds Bros &amp; Kirk, produce merchants.</p> <p>Royds bought his land when land owned by Annie Townend of Mona Vale was auctioned in 1915.</p> <p>The street was formed after Royds sold his property, Royden, at 136 Straven Road to Ernest Edward Coombes (1900-1968). The street was developed through what had been a horse paddock and tennis court.</p> <p>Formed in 1936.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1939 with Coombes listed as its only resident.</p>	Rochdale Street and Roydvale Avenue.	<p><a href="#">Beyond the city: the land and its people, Riccarton, Waimairi, Papanui</a>, p 122</p> <p><a href="#">Fendall's legacy: a history of Fendalton and north-west Christchurch</a>, p 98</p> <p>"<a href="#">Big property sale</a>", Sun, 1 February 1915, p 11</p> <p>"<a href="#">Advertisements</a>", The Press, 17 October 1936, p 15</p> <p>"Plaque for Street", The Christchurch Star, 17 February 1961, p 2</p>	<p>"Obituary", The Press, 26 July 1949, p 6</p> <p>"Obituary", The Press, 26 June 1968, p 7</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				[Given a plaque in 1961 because of its first place in the street and gardens competitions conducted by the Christchurch Beautifying Association.]			
<b>Roydvale Avenue</b>	Part of Wooldridge Road.	Named after the Royds family.	Burnside	<p>Geoffrey Edward Royds (1872-1959) farmed land on both sides of Burnside Road between Grahams Road and Greers Road.</p> <p>From 1934 his son, Richard Slater Royds (1908-1942), and his wife, Margaret Isobel Royds (1910-2000), farmed this land. In 2007 their former house was still at 362 Memorial Avenue.</p> <p>Named in 1966.</p> <p>[Much to the family's annoyance, the "s" was omitted as it was thought the name flowed better without it.]</p>	Rochdale Street and Royds Street.	<p><a href="#">Beyond the city: the land and its people, Riccarton, Waimairi, Papanui</a>, p 118</p> <p><a href="#">Fendall's legacy: a history of Fendalton and north-west Christchurch</a>, p 98</p> <p>"Where do all the 'esses' go", <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a>, 16 November 1966, p 12</p> <p>"Roydsvale", <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a>, 8 February 1967, p 4</p> <p>"Name change not wanted", <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a>, 5 April 1967, p 7</p>	<p>"Fifty years in grain trade", The Press, 2 February 1952, p 2</p> <p>"Obituary", Otago Daily Times, 2 July 1959</p> <p>"Well-known parishioner had strong local spirit", The Press, 30 March 2000, p 5</p>



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Royleen Street</b>			Casebrook	In a subdivision developed by International Homes. Named in 1966.		"Naming of new street", <a href="#">The Papanui Herald</a> , 16 November 1966, p 13	
<b>Roys Street</b>		Named after Roys Lagoon, a water area in the Mackenzie District, Canterbury.		The development company chose a theme of Canterbury lakes, rivers, lagoons and other water bodies for the street names in the subdivision.  In stage 1 of the Prestons Park subdivision on the south side of Prestons Road, opposite the Prestons subdivision.  Named in 2015.		<a href="#">Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 21 September 2015</a>  <a href="#">Burwood/Pegasus Community Board minutes 21 September 2015</a>	
<b>Ruapani Street</b>		Named after ruapani, a variety of harakeke or flax grown in the subdivision.	Marshland	In the first stage of the Prestons subdivision. Named by Ngāi Tahu, developer of the subdivision.  Named in 2014.	Prestons	<a href="#">Burwood/Pegasus Community Board minutes 3 March 2014</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rubens Place</b>		Named after Pieter Pauwel Rubens (1577-1640).	Burnside	Rubens was a Flemish painter. First appears in street directories in 1987.			
<b>Rubicon Place</b>		Named after the Rubicon River, a tributary of the Waimakariri River.	Hei Hei	This name continues the theme of the adjoining subdivision to the south where the street names used are those of West Coast lakes and reservoirs. Named in 2004.		<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 31 March 2004</a>	
<b>Ruby Avenue</b>			Northwood	Developed by Belfast Developments Ltd and Styx Developments Ltd. The developers “chose names suitable for the length of the road rather than trying to establish a common theme throughout the subdivision”. Named in 2000.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 March 2000</a> <a href="#">Report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Council 19 April 2000</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ruddenklau Lane</b>		Named after the Ruddenklau family.	Bishopdale	John George Ruddenklau (1829-1891) was the mayor of Christchurch 1882-1883. He also established Ruddenklau's City Hotel on High Street.  First appears in street directories in 1981.			“ <a href="#">Obituary</a> ”, The Press, 16 December 1891, p 5  <a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : R441
<b>Rue Balguerie</b>	Balguerie Road and Balguerie Street		Akaroa	Balguerie Street is first mentioned in the Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser in 1877.  Becomes Rue Balguerie post-1939.		" <a href="#">Akaroa Borough Council</a> ", Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser, 16 February 1877, p 2	
<b>Rue De La Mere</b>		Named after Ronald Cyril de la Mare (1925-1975).	Parklands	De la Mare was the managing director of the Bower Egg Farm Ltd., 467 Bower Avenue.  Formed post-1997.	Carteret Place, Casquet Lane, Channel Place, Cornet Lane, Guernsey Street, Pateley Lane and St Heliers Crescent.		

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rugby Street</b>		Named after Rugby School in Warwickshire.	Merivale	<p>One of a number of streets in the area named after English public schools.</p> <p>Named on 20 March 1899 at a St Albans Borough Council meeting when its formation was discussed. A report of this meeting appears in the Star.</p>	Cheltenham Street, Naseby Street, Repton Street, Rossall Street, Sherborne Street, Shrewsbury Street, Stoneyhurst Street, Tonbridge Street and Winchester Street.	<p>St Albans Borough Council minute book, 1893-1903, held at Christchurch City Council archives.</p> <p>"<a href="#">Borough Councils</a>", Star, 21 March 1899, p 2</p>	
<b>Rupert Place</b>		Named after Reginald Rupert Thorpe (1889?-1971).	Dallington	<p>Thorpe, a dairyman, is listed in 1955 street directories living at 10 Gayhurst Road where this street was later developed. He milked cows on his property and then delivered milk by bicycle, and later, by van. The street was formed after his death and after his house, Arawa, was demolished.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1977.</p>		<p><a href="#">Early Dallington</a>, p 2</p> <p><a href="#">Dallington Community News</a>, 2nd quarter 2006</p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ruru Road</b>	Berry's Road and Appleyards.	Formerly Berry's Road and Appleyards. Named after the Berry and Appleyard family who were early settlers in Bromley.  Re-named Ruru Road.	Bromley, Linwood	Berrys Road first appears in street directories in 1906. Henry Berry (d. 1907) was a builder of Bromley. The death notice of his son, Walter Berry of Berrys Road, Bromley, appears in the Star in 1903. From 1910 to 1912 Berry's Road has the alternate name of Appleyards.  In 1913 it appears as Ruru Road with the alternate name of Appleyards. Jeremiah Appleyard (1834-1885) was a wheelwright and later a farmer of Bromley.  From 1914 it is just named Ruru Road.		" <a href="#">Advertisements</a> ", Star, 13 May 1870, p 4  " <a href="#">Deaths</a> ", Star, 6 April 1903, p, 3	<a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : A239  " <a href="#">Death</a> ", The Press, 5 November 1885, p 2

*Christchurch Street Names: R*

<b>Current name</b>	<b>Former name</b>	<b>Origin of name</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Additional information</b>	<b>See</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Further information</b>
<b>Rushden Rise</b>		Named after Rushden in Hertfordshire, England.	Westmorland	Named to continue the theme in the subdivision of naming streets after places in historic Westmorland in England, since 1974 part of Cumbria.  Named in 2005.	Westmorland	<a href="#">Report of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to the Council meeting of 21 April 2005</a>	
<b>Rushmore Drive</b>			Belfast	Developed off 44 Darroch Street.  Named in 1997.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 October 1997</a>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Ruskin Street		Named after John Ruskin (1819-1900).	Addington	<p>Ruskin was an artist, scientist, poet, environmentalist, philosopher, and the pre-eminent art critic of his day.</p> <p>One of the “poets and writers” streets of Sydenham, Addington and Waltham named by a committee of the Sydenham Borough Council on 19 January 1880.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1887.</p>		<p>Report of the street naming committee, Sydenham Borough Council minute book, 1879-1880, p 217, held at Christchurch City Council archives.</p> <p>“<a href="#">Borough Council</a>”, Star, 20 January 1880, p 3</p>	

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Russell Street</b>	Jubilee Street	Named after John Russell, 1st Earl Russell (1792-1878)	Linwood	Jubilee Street first appears in street directories in 1910.  Re-named Russell Street on a map dated 1912. First appears in street directories in 1913.  Probably named because it is near Cuba Street (formerly Gladstone Avenue). Both Russell and Gladstone were British Prime Ministers.		<a href="#">Map of Christchurch shewing tram routes and public buildings, 1912</a>	
<b>Russley Road</b>	Part of Harewood Road.	Named after Russley Farm, the home of William Chisnall (1827-1886).	Avonhead, Burnside, Harewood, Russley	Russley Road is first mentioned in the Star in 1898.  First appears in street directories in 1901.	Chisnallwood Intermediate School	" <a href="#">Hunting</a> ", Star, 11 July 1898, p 4	<a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a> : C286



Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rutherford Street</b>	Princes Street	Probably named after Sir Ernest Rutherford (1871-1937).	Woolston	Princes Street first appears in street directories in 1887.  Re-named Rutherford Street on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named. Rutherford was a scientist.  [It was extended in 1985 as the only vehicular bridge across the Woolston Cut.]		“Naming our roads”, <a href="#">The Christchurch Mail</a> , 2 February 1999, p 8  "Street names changed: City council approves final list", The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3	View the biography of <a href="#">Ernest Rutherford</a> in the <a href="#">Dictionary of New Zealand Biography</a> .  “New names for streets”, The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3  “New street names”, The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3  “Street-name changes proposed in Woolston”, The Press, 4 October 1985, p 5
<b>Rutherglen Avenue</b>			Ilam	First appears in street directories in 1972.			

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Rutland Street</b>	Chinamen's Lane, Churchill Street and Church Road.	Formerly Chinaman's Road. Re-named Churchill Street. Named after the Most Rev. Churchill Julius (1847-1938). Also formerly Church Road. Named because the Anglican diocese owned land in this area. Re-named Rutland Street. Named after John Rutland (1825-1897).	St Albans	Chinaman's Lane was completed in 1889 and the street naming committee was asked to recommend a name for the street. Re-named Churchill Street in 1891. Church Road first appears in street directories in 1887. The streets were combined and re-named Rutland Street on 7 March 1904. Rutland was a builder and clerk of works. He built Craigie-Lea, a large house there. This later became the boarding hostel for the Christchurch Girls' High School. He also designed the Wesleyan (Methodist) Church in St Albans.		<p><a href="#">"St Albans Borough Council"</a>, The Press, 9 April 1889, p 6</p> <p><a href="#">"St Albans"</a>, The Press, 17 March 1891, p 3</p> <p><a href="#">"Re-naming streets"</a>, The Press, 8 March 1904, p 5</p> <p>Christchurch City Council minute book, June 1903 - October 1904 held at Christchurch City Council archives.</p> <p><a href="#">"New Wesleyan Church at St Albans"</a>, The Press, 17 October 1868, p 2</p> <p><a href="#">The Canterbury church property : articles</a></p> <p><a href="#">St Albans: from swamp to suburbs: an informal history</a>, p 42</p>	<p><a href="#">"Obituary"</a>, The Press, 9 April 1897, p 4</p> <p><a href="#">"Obituary"</a>, Star, 9 April 1897, p 2</p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R485</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Ryan Street		Named after Maurice Buckley Ryan (1878-1940).	Phillipstown	<p>Ryan was a roading contractor. He subdivided his land which had belonged to Christchurch Nurseries to form the street which he named in 1928.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1930.</p> <p>Ryan was living at 38 Ryan Street at the time of his death. He was an uncle of Bernie and Jack Ryan (land developers).</p>		<p>"<a href="#">City Council</a>", The Press, 17 April 1928, p 4</p> <p>"Street creator's green touch", The Press, 2 April 2005, p D23</p>	
Ryans Road		Probably named after Patrick Ryan.	Yaldhurst	<p>Ryan was a farmer of Broomfield, near Yaldhurst. He was declared bankrupt in 1895.</p> <p>Ryan's Road is first mentioned in The Press in 1877.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1957.</p>		<p>"<a href="#">Advertisements</a>", The Press, 15 September 1877, p 2</p> <p>"<a href="#">Meeting of creditors</a>", The Press, 23 January 1895, p 6</p> <p>"<a href="#">Local &amp; general</a>", Star, 29 January 1895, p 3</p>	<p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: R491</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
Rydal Street		Named after Rydal Hall, an early 19th century Grade II listed house near the village of Rydal, Cumbria, in the Lake District, England.	Hoon Hay	<p>The Le Fleming family owned Rydal Hall. Isabella Maria Le Fleming (1830?-1900) met Edmund Henry Ensor (1840-1884) when they emigrated to Canterbury on the William Miles in 1860. They married in 1861.</p> <p>The street was developed on land farmed by their descendants from 1911.</p> <p>Named on 29 March 1956.</p> <p>First appears in street directories in 1964.</p>	Northaw Street and Rollesby Street. Also Ensors Road and Isabella Place.	“New street names”, The Press, 2 April 1956, p 7	<p><a href="#">Passenger list for the William Miles</a></p> <p><a href="#">G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies</a>: E132</p> <p>“<a href="#">Latest Locals</a>”, Star, 23 October 1884, p 2</p> <p>"<a href="#">Death of Mr E. H. Ensor</a>", Star, 24 October 1884, p 2</p> <p>“<a href="#">Deaths</a>”, Star, 1 December 1900, p 5 (Official records give her name as Isabella).</p>

Christchurch Street Names: R

Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
<b>Ryland Avenue</b>		Named after the Ryland, an English breed of sheep not common in New Zealand.	Ilam	The land on which the street was developed was owned by John W. Smith who lived at what is now 213 Ilam Road. He was a manager with one of the Stock and Station Agents and ran a stud sheep flock on this land, probably the Ryland breed.  [The “e” was an addition to the street name.]  First appears in street directories in 1962.		Information supplied in 2005 by John and Marjorie Smart in an interview with Margaret Harper.	
<b>Ryjac Lane</b>			Northwood	Developed by Belfast Developments Ltd and Styx Developments Ltd. The developers “chose names suitable for the length of the road rather than trying to establish a common theme throughout the subdivision”.  Named in 2000.		<a href="#">Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 March 2000</a>  <a href="#">Report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Council 19 April 2000</a>	

*Christchurch Street Names: R*

<b>Current name</b>	<b>Former name</b>	<b>Origin of name</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Additional information</b>	<b>See</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Further information</b>
<b>Ryton Way</b>		Named after Ryton Station, situated at the head of the Ryton River which feeds into Lake Coleridge.	Halswell	The streets in the Broken Run subdivision are all named after high country stations.  Named by the developers, Brian Gillman Ltd.  Named in 2005.	Broken Run, Cromdale Place, Glen Arrife Place, Grassington Lane, Highpeak Place and Longspur Avenue. Also Broken Run.	<a href="#">Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 12 July 2005</a>	