

# HALSWELL WARD PROFILE

February 2022



The Halswell Ward includes the suburbs of Halswell, Wigram, Aidanfield, Kennedys Bush and Westmorland. The ward is one of the largest urban growth areas in the South Island with most of the housing in the area being modern, with few social housing facilities. The Council's South West Area Plan also guides development in this area. The many new subdivisions in the Halswell Ward has progressed it from being an outlying community separated from the city geographically. Development of the rural parts of Halswell continues with Halswell Commons, Halswell Downs and Copper Ridge among the latest developments.

The Halswell Ward is well served for greenspace from the 60.4 hectare Halswell Quarry through to numerous neighbourhood parks that have been created as a part of property development contributions. A considerable number of the greenspaces contain water with lakes, drainage swales and creeks curving through them. Halswell Domain is a popular park used extensively by a large variety of sporting and recreational groups. Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre adjoins the domain with an outdoor swimming pool, library and community facilities.

The Southern Motorway cuts through the middle of the ward, dividing the wider Wigram and Halswell areas. This means there are essentially two hubs within the ward – that around the Halswell shopping area and Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre, and the other falling within the Wigram Skies development area.

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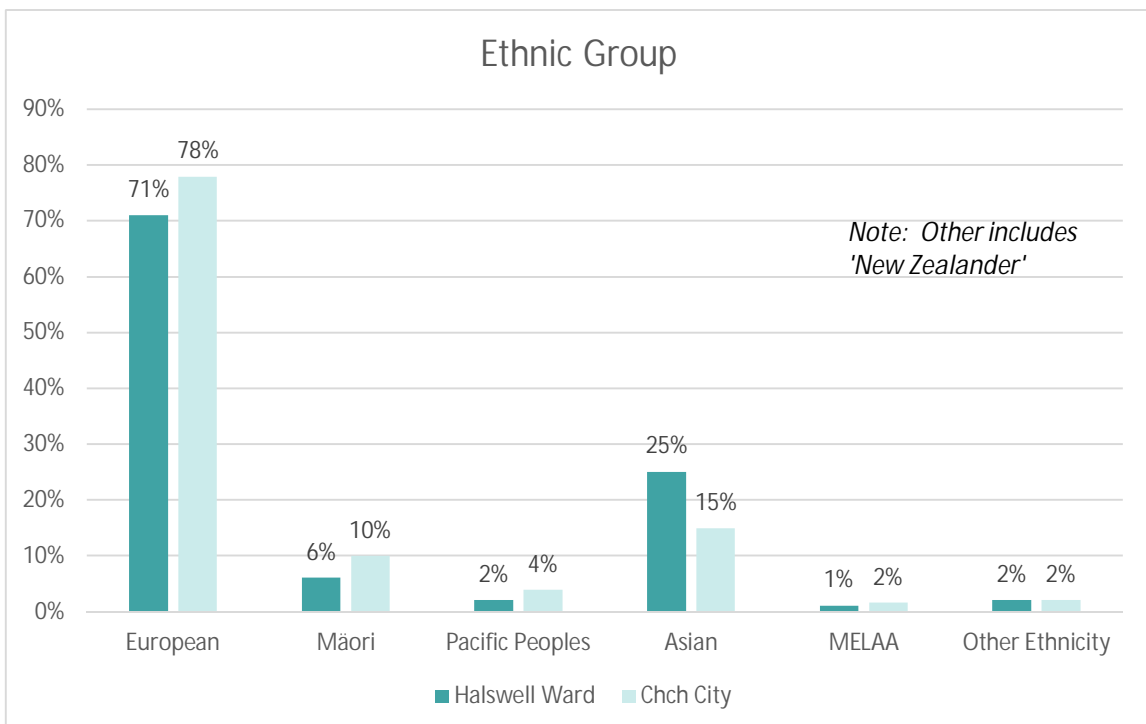
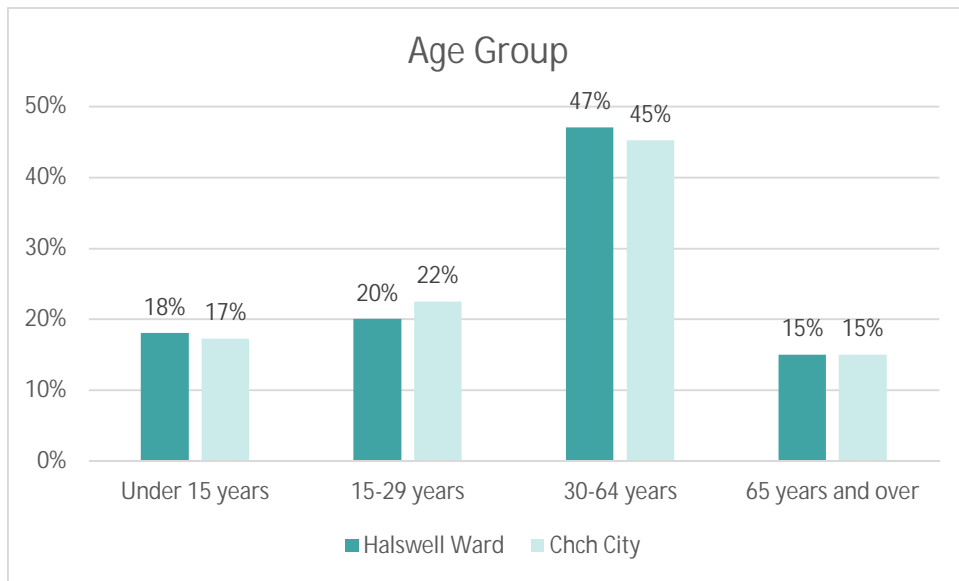
# Facts and figures

## Demographic Summary (2018 Census Data)

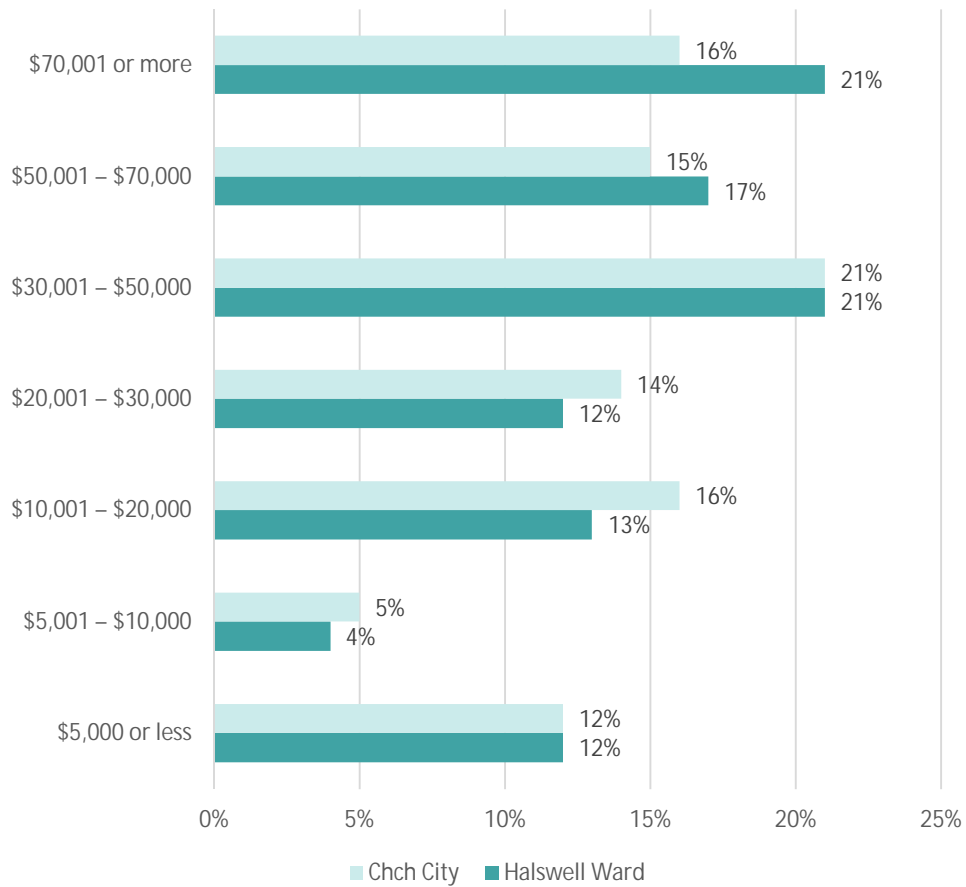


### Population

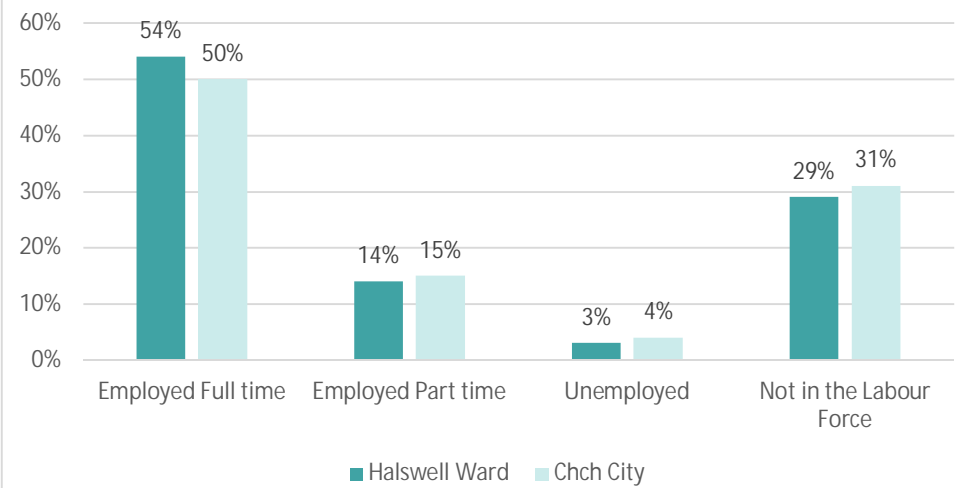
The population within the Halswell Ward boundary is: 29,643

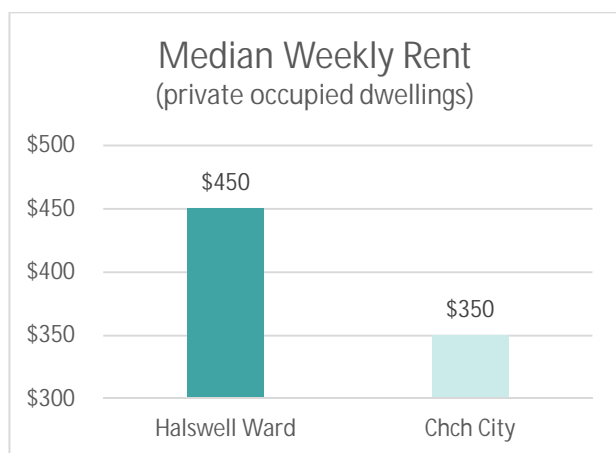
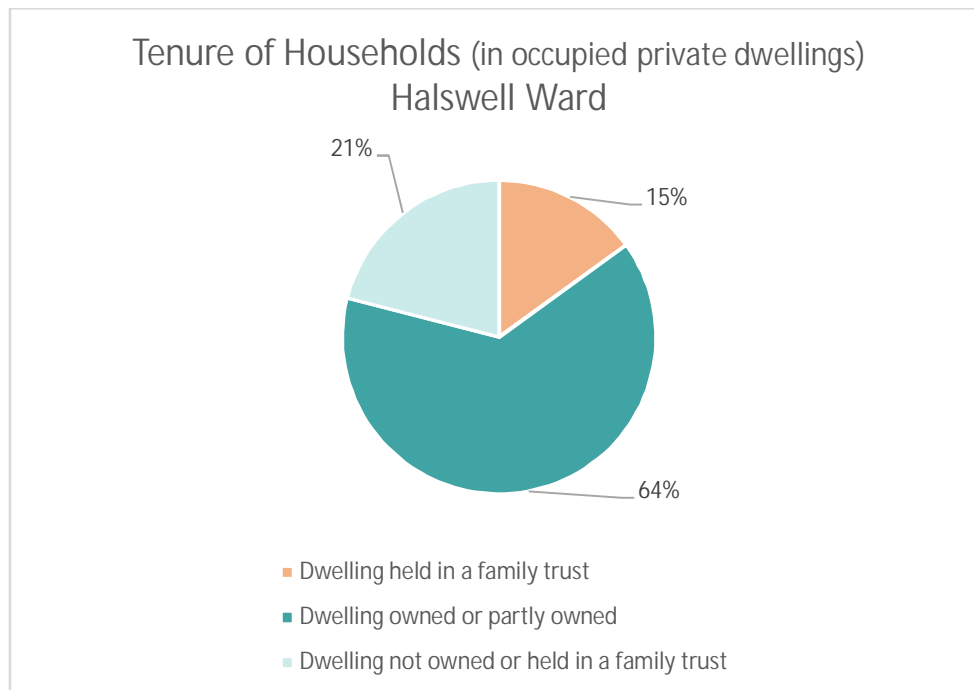


### Total Personal Income - aged 15 years and over



### Work and Labour Force Status





Number of Occupied Private Dwellings: 10,227

## Facilities and Amenities

- 1 Council library and service centre: Halswell (Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre)
- 1 Council owned social housing complex with 15 units
- 2 shopping centres: Halswell and The Landing
- 8 Schools: 5 primary, 1 composite year 1-13, 1 special
- 20 early learning centres
- 3 medical centres and 2 aged care facilities
- Approximately 2,800 businesses employing 12,100 people (2019)
- 209 greenspace reserves including, multiple major Sport and Recreation amenities: Halswell Domain, Te Hāpua Halswell Summer Pool, Halswell Quarry, Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub, Canterbury Park, and Carrs Road Raceway.

# NZ Deprivation Index

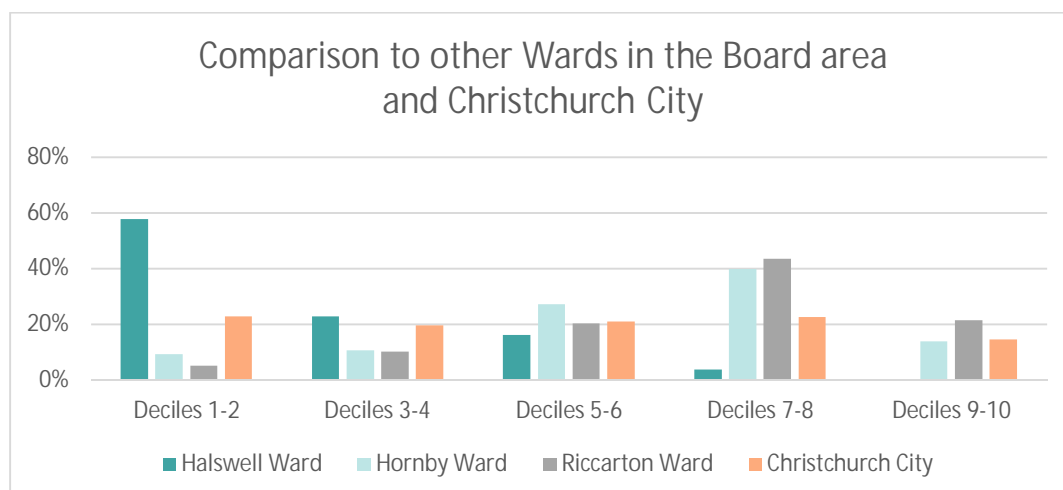
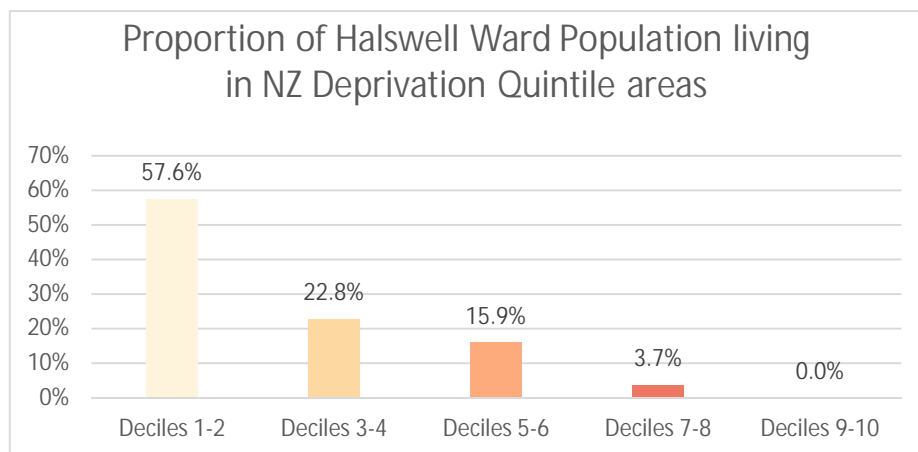
The aim of the NZ deprivation index research programme is to develop indexes of socioeconomic deprivation for New Zealand, to support and inform:

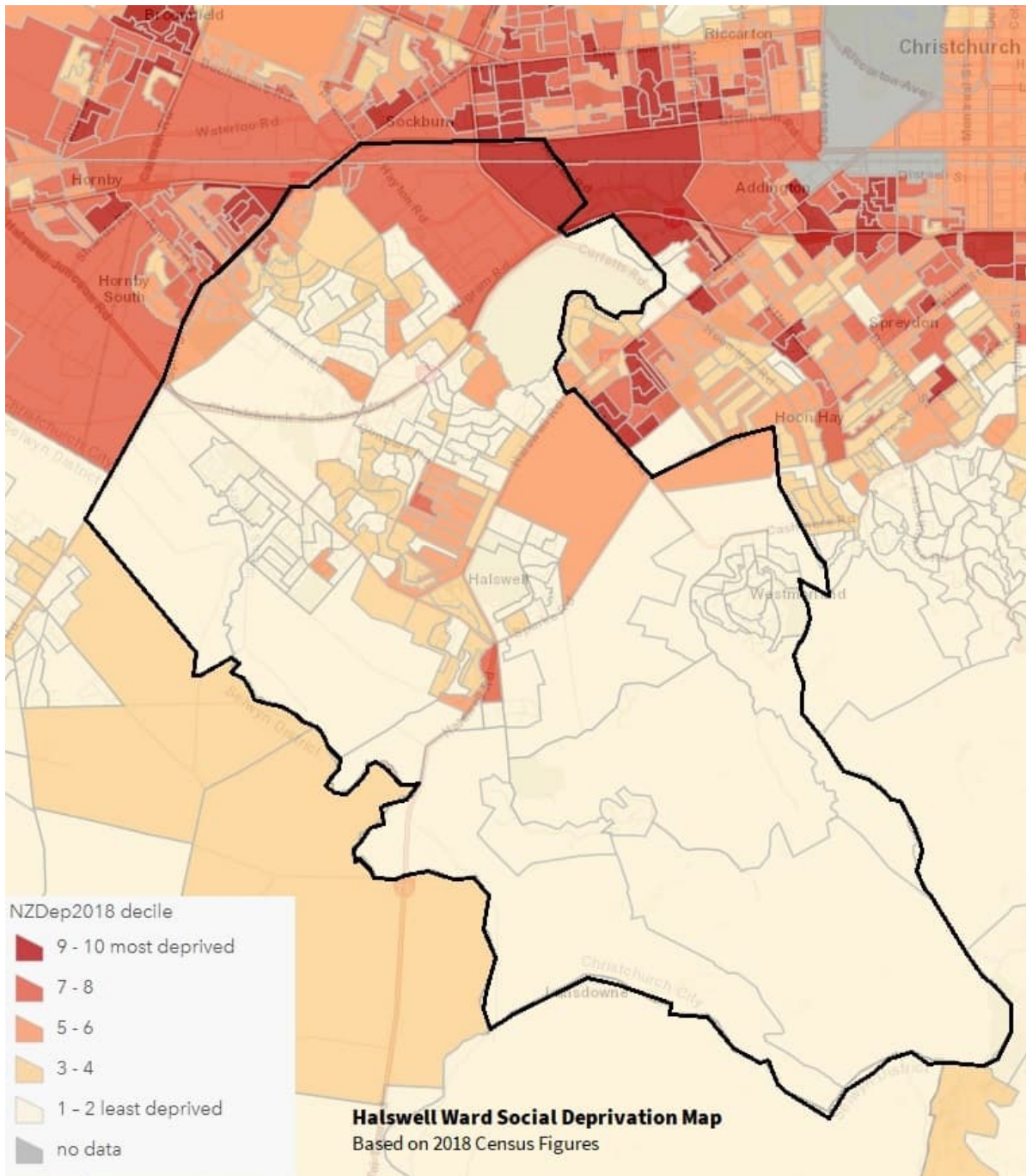
- Application in funding formulas
- Research in especially health and other social services. For example, in the health sector, many researchers use the indexes to describe the relationship between socioeconomic deprivation and health outcomes
- Community groups and community-based service providers to describe the populations they serve, and to advocate for extra resources for community-based services.

The nine variables included in the 2018 deprivation index are as follows:

- People aged 18-64 receiving a means tested benefit
- People living in households with equivalised income below an income threshold
- People with no access to the Internet at home
- People aged 18-64 without any qualifications
- People aged <65 living in a single parent family
- People not living in own home
- People living in household with equivalised bedroom occupancy threshold
- People aged 18-64 unemployed
- People living in dwellings that are always damp and/or always have mould greater than A4 size.

The scale of deprivation ranges from 1 to 10: 1 represents the areas with the least deprived scores. 10 represents the areas with the most deprived scores.





The Halswell Ward area is one of the more affluent areas in the city. Over half of the ward (57.3 percent) live within areas considered to be the least deprived (a rating of 1 to 2 on the social deprivation index). It is the only metropolitan ward with no parts of the ward that are within areas that are considered to be the 'most deprived' (a rating of 9 to 10 on the social deprivation index). Only 3.2 percent of people living in the ward live in areas with a deprivation rating of seven or over, compared with 36.1 percent within the whole of the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board area.

There is 20 percent of the ward aged over 15 years of age who have a personal income of over \$70,000. In terms of occupations, 43 percent are in the Manager or Professional category.

The Halswell Ward has a home ownership rate of 79 percent compared to 63 percent across the city and Community Board area.

# Community Infrastructure



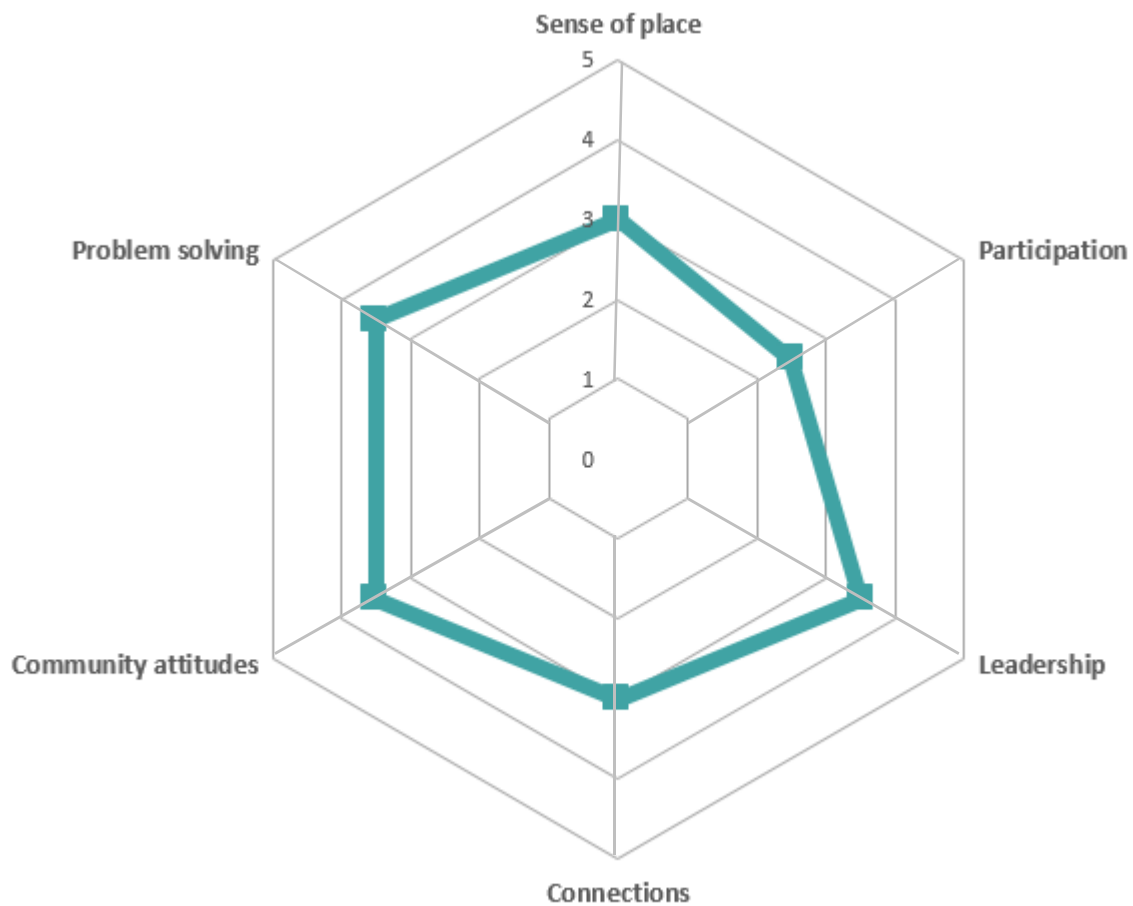
Three of the six organisations providing community development and support to the Halswell Ward work specifically with the disability sector. St John of God Hauora Trust and Kilmarnock Enterprises provides support to people with intellectual disabilities. The Halswell Community Project facilitates vital networks between organisations in the area as well as connecting people to appropriate providers.

There are a large number of organisations offering recreational and sporting activities to the community from large scale sporting organisations through to smaller leisure and recreational activities. A good proportion of these operate within the Halswell area rather than in the Wigram area. This reflects a deficit in community-based infrastructure in that growing area. There is also no residents group covering the Wigram area. However, the Halswell area is covered by four residents groups.

There are two Council-owned and managed community facilities – the Harvard Community Lounge in Wigram and Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre in Halswell Road adjoining Halswell Domain. Both facilities are well used with an estimated monthly usage of approximately 1,600 and 4,500 people respectively. The latter figure does not include those visiting just the Halswell Library, Halswell Outdoor Swimming Pool or the Council's customer service desk which are also part of Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre. The Council also own and manage in partnership with Sport Canterbury Ngā Puna Wai Sports Centre from which a number of regional sporting groups are based. Athletics, tennis, Rugby League and hockey all have specialised surfaces at this complex.

Olympia Gymsports, Zhu Badminton Centre and the Christchurch Kart Club also have specialist facilities in the ward.

# Community Capacity Map



Scale: 1 = Low 5 = High

## Measures and Indicators

Sense of place - Residents are familiar with their town's (local) history and have an affinity with the place. (3)

Participation - Residents support local groups with their money or time. (2.5)

Leadership - Leadership is strong and participatory; leaders are accessible. (3.5)

Connections - Residents are trusting and inclusive of others. (3)

Community attitudes - Residents have a positive attitude towards their community and its future. (3.5)

Problem assessment - Residents communicate to identify problems and take action. (3.5)

Note:

The above ratings have been allocated based on a number of factors including:

- Residents' responses to the above indicators in the Christchurch City Council's Annual Life in Christchurch Survey.
- The Council's Community Development Adviser's and Community Recreation Adviser's knowledge and experience of working in the local area.



# Community Outcomes

The Community Outcomes have been developed as part of the Council's Strategic Framework, which provides a big picture view of what the Council is trying to achieve for the community.

The Community Outcomes describe what we aim to achieve for Christchurch. They are:

- Resilient communities
- Liveable city
- Healthy environment
- Prosperous economy

You can view the Council's Strategic Framework and read more about the Community Outcomes here: <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/20182028-vision/strategic-framework>

The narrative below provides an overview of the area in relation to each of the outcomes.

## Resilient Communities

Within the Halswell suburban area of the Halswell Ward there are a wide range of community programmes and activities available to local communities. However, there are considerably less within the Wigram part of the ward.

The Halswell Community Project is a key leader in the provision of community services and programmes, either as a facilitating organisation or supporting other organisations. The organisation authors the Halswell website, newsletter and Facebook pages which have wide coverage and are key connecting agents within the local community. It also facilitates monthly network meetings and workshops for the local community. This provides representatives of local community organisations the opportunity to share ideas and hear about current community issues and activities. Their monthly market enables residents to connect with each other in a more informal way. The Halswell Hub, created in the former Halswell library building, also connects members of the local community as a drop in centre and a bumping space

The Halswell Menzshed operates six days a week and works collaboratively with a number of organisations, including St John of God on Nash Road where the 'shed' is based, and other disability support organisations. Through involvement in the Menzshed, participants gain a sense of belonging as well as the satisfaction of knowing that they have created something meaningful for others.

The Halswell Hall on Halswell Road is a community owned and managed facility, independent of the Council. It has been a well-regarded mainstay in the Halswell community for nearly a century, hosting many Halswell residents' important family functions and events. It is also used on a regular basis by a number of Halswell based groups.

The Halswell and Westmorland Residents Associations are particularly active advocates for residents within their catchment areas. A number of local residents in the ward will take the opportunity to come and speak to the Community Board if they have issues that affect their lives. However, it is also noted there is plenty of room for improvement in terms of making people aware of how they can participate in local decision-making and be provided with the encouragement and support to do so.

The Wigram part of the ward does not have a residents group nor a key organisation based in the area offering core community development and/or support functions.

Within the ward there are also three key organisations providing services for people with disabilities. Kilmarnock Enterprises is based in the Wigram industrial area and provides employment for over 65 people with disabilities utilising a social enterprise model. St John of God Halswell, operated by the St John of God Hauora Trust, is a 60 room specialist service providing residential and respite support to people aged 16 to 65 living with physical or neurological disabilities. Halswell Residential College is a specialist residential school with a roll of 17 students (aged 7 to 17 years). These students need significant programme adaptation as their educational, social and emotional needs cannot be met in their local environment.

Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre is one of Council's most well-utilised community facilities used by a wide range of regular users as well as casual hirers. With a library, customer service desk and outdoor swimming pool in the complex, it becomes an essential hub within the community for a wide range of ages.

While there are nine schools located in the ward, there is no state secondary school. Rangatahi living in the ward attend a number of secondary schools within the city and in the Selwyn area. The lack of a commonly attended school base affords additional challenges for those working within the youth sector to achieve connectivity and identity amongst young people. Three of the city's newest schools are located in the ward (Wigram Skies, Knights Stream and Seven Oaks).

## Liveable City

The Halswell Ward is located on the outskirts of the city boundary with Selwyn District Council. Two State Highways cut through the ward. The Southern Motorway (State Highway 76) connects Brougham Street to State Highway 1 and effectively cuts the ward in two, with only three crossing points within the two parts of the ward.

The ward falls into the catchment area of the South West Area Plan, adopted by the Council in April 2009. South-West Christchurch was identified in both the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy and the then Christchurch City Plan as a major urban growth area. The Area Plan became an implementation method for both of those documents, although the 2010/11 earthquake events changed much of the city planning priorities and accelerated the projected urban growth in this area.

One of the three guiding principles of the South West Area Plan is Liveability, which is achieved through recognising and providing for the needs of the diverse and constantly changing community.

The Halswell Ward is well provided for in terms of greenspace. There are 209 different reserves in the ward totalling 4.12 km<sup>2</sup> meaning 312 m<sup>2</sup> of greenspace per head of population. There are 49 parks with playground equipment, nine parks with basketball half courts, eight tennis courts, two skate parks, two petanque courts and two with fitness equipment.

Notable reserves in the ward include Ngā Puna Wai, Halswell Domain and Halswell Quarry. Halswell Domain in particular is well used by the local community with a number of sporting and recreational organisations based there. The Christchurch Model Engineers are also based at Halswell Domain with a purpose built model railway track. Halswell Quarry is home to three heritage buildings and the city's Sister City commemoration gardens.

In addition to providing sporting facilities for a number of different codes, Ngā Puna Wai Sports complex also offers passive recreation opportunities.

Four shopping precincts are located in the ward. The Landing in Wigram Skies, two on Halswell Road, at Nicholls Road corner and Halswell Junction Road corner, and in Longhurst on Hammill Avenue. There are also a number of boutique businesses run from private homes.

In terms of housing, Halswell Ward has a higher proportion of modern homes reflecting the recent and ongoing property developments. This also reflects the lower than average levels of households with reported dampness (6.9 percent) and mould (4.7 percent).

In the year to June 2020, 381 new housing consents were issued. As at February 2021, 326 have been issued for the year to June 2021.

There are 10,197 occupied private dwellings, 91.5 percent as separate houses opposed to joined dwellings. Home ownership is at 79 percent which is higher than both the city and Community Board average of 63.5 percent

There are low levels of social housing in the ward with Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust managing 12 units and Kāinga Ora owning 27.

Households in Halswell Ward also have proportionally higher levels of access to the internet (89 percent) and cell phones (91 percent) as well as two or more vehicles per household (78 percent). There are 82 percent of households in the ward heated with a heat pump.

## Healthy Environment

Environmental sustainability is not only a guiding principal for the South West Area Plan, but also the foundation of it. A strong emphasis is placed on ensuring the Upper Heathcote River/Ōpawaho and Halswell River/Hurutini catchments have the capacity to absorb further urban development without creating significant downstream effects on natural resources, people and priorities.

The Heathcote River/Ōpawaho originates from springs in the Wigram area. A number of drains and waterways feed into it, the more significant being Cashmere Stream and Haytons Drain. The Halswell River/Hurutini originates from springs scattered around the areas of Halswell, Templeton and Prebbleton that flow into Knights Stream and Nottingham Stream as well as some rural drains.

Improving the water quality and managing flooding are central to the sustainable management of the Heathcote and Halswell River catchments. Much of the aquifer providing Christchurch's drinking water supply flows under the South West area although some areas are more vulnerable to contamination where the ground water is near the surface and not as confined. Eleven objectives are outlined in the Plan to provide a high quality naturalised water environment. A well designed, maintained stormwater network will replicate the natural environment, protect and improve water quality and quantity, manage flood risk, and maintain and improve natural habitats.

A further goal is to establish a variety of indigenous forest and wetland habitats, connected by ecological corridors. Establishing a connected network of habitats has proved to be initially effective through incorporating existing remnant habitats located on the species migration routes which move through Halswell.

Residents in the Awatea area have long been concerned about the environmental effects of the Owaka Pit in Owaka Road and the compliance of its operators to Resource Management Consent conditions. The property is approximately 9 hectares in size, the majority of which was used as a municipal landfill after the end of the shingle extraction. Following the earthquakes, waste material from demolitions was being dumped there including medium density fibreboard (MDF). Issues are with dust and seepage into water supplies.

## Prosperous Economy

As at February 2019 the Halswell Ward had approximately 2,800 businesses employing 12,100 people. The top six industry types in the ward are;

1. Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services - 636
2. Construction - 402
3. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services - 291
4. Wholesale Trade - 228
5. Manufacturing - 207
6. Retail Trade - 171

According to the 2018 Census data, 12.9 percent of people in the Halswell Ward are self-employed or work in a business that they own. This is on par with the city wide figure of 12 percent.

There are 24.4 percent of people in the Halswell Ward who receive income from interest, dividends, rent or other investments which is higher than the city wide figure of 18 percent.

In addition, 20.9 percent of people in the Halswell Ward have a personal income of over \$70,000 which is higher than the city wide figure of 16.5 percent.

The differences in house values within the Halswell Ward can be evidenced in the November 2021 median house values for the different suburbs as follows: (sourced from Opes NZ report on house values based on the Core Logic House Price Index). The figure in brackets is the value at December 2020.

- Kennedy's Bush: \$1,460,000 (\$1,152,450)
- Westmorland: \$1,039,600 (\$773,650)
- Wigram: \$833,900 (\$622,850)
- Halswell: \$789,800 (\$588,100)

All of these are higher than the Canterbury median house price of \$680,000.

# Current Community Issues

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
<p>Local road network improvements in Halswell</p> <p>Residents in the Halswell Ward have indicated a number of road network trouble spots with the Community Board and have requested that the board influences where it can, to find solutions to these issues. Examples include, but are not limited to, Lodestar Avenue, Dunbars Road and Aidanfield Drive. Additionally, residents in Westmorland have asked for better connections to their surrounding areas by means other than by car.</p>	<p><u>February 2021</u></p> <p><i>This is a priority area under the 2019-22 Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board priorities for the Halswell Ward.</i></p> <p>The first Community Safety meeting is planned for March 2021 in the Knights Stream area. This is the opportunity for traffic safety concerns to be aired and solutions worked through by the community.</p> <p><u>February 2022</u></p> <p>Wigram Skies Speed Review conducted with the Council accepting Board recommendation of reducing the speed limits in Wigram Skies. Signage and painting completed.</p> <p>Knights Stream Park meetings were held with the community in 2021</p> <p>Aidanfield and the surrounding areas speed review – the Community Board requested that staff identify areas in the Aidanfield sub-division and in the surrounding area where speed limits could be reduced.</p>
<p>Recreational space development and improvement in Halswell</p> <p>Halswell is a growing area that requires investment in the provision of positive recreation opportunities that enhance well-being, a sense of belonging, and which build social connectedness.</p>	<p><u>February 2021</u></p> <p><i>This is a priority area under the 2019-22 Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board priorities for the Halswell Ward.</i></p> <p>The Halswell Ward has 209 greenspace reserves.</p> <p>Work is currently underway on establishing an accessible play space in the ward.</p> <p><u>February 2022</u></p> <p>DRF funding approved for the accessible play equipment from the board.</p> <p>Remaining funds were raised by Child and Youth Friendly Christchurch for new accessible play equipment on Halswell Domain.</p> <p>The landscape plan has been approved by the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board with installation expected to start mid-2022.</p> <p>Consultation on four play spaces in Halswell where equipment was due for renewal (Shamrock Reserve, Wales Reserve, Westbrooke Park, Ridder Reserve) has</p>

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<p><i>cont...</i></p>	<p>been completed. This consultation allowed the community to give feedback on how these spaces could best be used and reimaged. Staff are working through the responses before recommendations are given to the Community Board.</p> <p>Multiple play space renewals will receive funding through the LTP from FY23</p>
<p>Community connectedness and perceptions of safety Perceptions of community safety, whether they are real or perceived, impact on the way people feel and interact in their community.</p>	<p><u>February 2021</u></p> <p><i>This is a priority area under the 2019-22 Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board priorities for the Halswell Ward.</i></p> <p>The first Community Safety meeting is planned for March 2021 in the Knights Stream area. This is the opportunity for safety concerns to be aired and solutions worked through by the community.</p> <p><u>February 2022</u></p> <p>Older Adults Guide produced and printed.</p> <p>Community meeting held at Knights Stream Park to get feedback on traffic safety concerns.</p> <p>Hurutini Council will continue in 2022.</p> <p>Strengthening Communities Funding to the Community Patrol to support safety.</p> <p>Summer with your Neighbours 2021/22 – 48 applications received.</p> <p>Halswell Heritage Trail discussions underway with the community and local schools.</p> <p>Halswell Hub received increased funding through the Strengthening Communities Fund to deliver older adult and rangatahi initiatives.</p>
<p>Long term concern exists over the operation of the Owaka Pit While some of this is around consenting and compliance by the operators, some of it is also about the effects of the dumped MDF in the pit.</p>	<p><u>February 2021</u></p> <p>Owaka Holdings Limited applied for a resource consent for the construction of landscaped bunds around the north east boundary of the site, materials used for the composition of the bunds was a blend of MDF and earth. This consent (RMA/2018/2889) was issued on 14 August 2019.</p> <p>The consent holder has five years from the issue date to give effect to the consent, and Resource Management Act monitoring team is communicating with the consent holder regarding their plans for giving effect to the consent.</p>

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<p>COVID-19 effects</p>	<p><u>February 2021</u></p> <p>COVID-19 has impacted communities in many ways. Economically, socially, culturally and environmentally.</p> <p>A shared coherent understanding of both the impacts of COVID-19 and our progress towards recovery at a local and regional level is important to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enable a deliberately focused, coordinated and integrated effort across locally-based agencies and organisations</li> <li>2. Enable consistency in public facing messages from agencies and organisations</li> <li>3. Enable a consistent and coherent articulation of the impacts of COVID-19, as well as our recovery efforts and progress, to local communities, mana whenua, businesses, the tertiary sector, central government and the media.</li> </ol> <p><u>February 2022</u></p> <p>The introduction of the Traffic Light System and delayed spread of the Omicron variant has provided some breathing space for local groups to put in place measures to support their communities and guidelines to operate under.</p> <p>Community Board based Governance teams continues to check in with groups and communities when interruption to normal 'business as usual' takes place. This includes linking to information sources, services and agencies when and where needed.</p>