### **INNES WARD PROFILE**

### February 2023



The Innes Ward includes the suburbs of Edgeware, Mairehau, Shirley, and St Albans. The Innes neighbourhoods share boundaries with the Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood and Waimāero Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Boards. Or alternatively the six wards – Coastal, Burwood, Central, Fendalton, Papanui and Harewood.

The Innes Ward takes its name from Innes Road that is a minor arterial road that crosses through the suburb of Mairehau.

Every six years local authorities are required, by the Local Electoral Act 2001 to review their representation arrangement. The result of the 2022 reviews has seen the suburb of Belfast being moved into the Harewood Ward and all of the Richmond suburb now sits with-in the Central Ward boundary.





Facts and figures

Demographic Summary (2018 Census Data)

#### Population

45%

40%

35%

30%

25%

20%

15%

10%

5% 0% 16%

0-14 years

Percent

The population within the Innes Ward boundary is: 25,320

14%

65+ years

Number of Occupied Private Dwellings: 9,624



# 41%

15-39

years

■ Innes ■ Christchurch

40-64

years

#### AGE

### WORK AND LABOURFORCE STATUS







#### PERSONAL INCOME



FAMILY TYPE



**TENURE OF HOUSEHOLDS** 



#### Facilities and Amenities

- There are no Council Libraries in the Innes Ward, however there is a community Library in Mairehau.
- Recreation amenities include 16 parks and reserves.
- There are 170 Otautahi Community Housing Trust units in the Innes Ward (150 in St Albans, and 20 in Shirley.)
- Major shopping centres: Homebase Shirley; Edgeware Shopping Centre
- Schools: 5 Primary and 1 Secondary.
- There are two Council owned community facilities: Kohinga St Albans Community Centre and Mairehau Library.
- Approximately 1,992 businesses employing 5,290 people (Feb 2021).

# Socio-economic Deprivation

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.

- In Innes ward, around 12 per cent of this Ward's population lived in the 'most deprived' areas (i.e. deciles 9 and 10), compared with 14 per cent of all of Christchurch City's population.
- Around 8 per cent of this Ward's population lived in the 'least deprived' areas (i.e. deciles 1 and 2), compared with 23 per cent of all of Christchurch City's population.



For more information and to view the full NZ Deprivation map visit:

http://www.ehinz.ac.nz/indicators/population-vulnerability/socioeconomic-deprivation-profile/

(Massey University)



The Innes Ward contains areas ranging from the most deprived to the least deprived. In the north sector and south-east are the highest areas of deprivation.

According to 2018 Census figures, Work Force and Labour Force statistics within the Innes Ward show that 54.8 percent of the population are employed full time, 13.8 percent are employed part time, 3.8 percent are unemployed and 27.7 percent identify as not being in the work force.

In respect of total personal income, 16.5 percent earn more than \$70,000 while 10.2 percent earn less than \$5,000. The average median Income is \$35,600.

In respect of household tenure 51.1 percent of the households are either owned or held in a Family Trust.

The Median Weekly Rent across the Ward is \$487 per week (Tenancy Services July- December 2022).

The median rent prices in the Innes Ward are as follows:

- Shirley: \$480 per week
- St Albans: \$485 per week
- Mairehau: \$520 per week
- Edgeware: \$460 per week

It should be noted that the new Census is due to be held in 2023 and that the 2024 profiles will reflect the new statistics.

# Community Infrastructure





The Innes Ward is home to a number of long standing community organisations that deliver 'hands on' support, and programmes to the community they serve. Shirley Community Trust, Shirley Village Project and Community Focus Trust are well respected non-government organisations who provide a depth and reach of services and are highly regarded by the community members who utilise their assistance.

The St Albans Residents Association (SARA) has been in operation for over 25 years. SARA manages and operates the new Council facility: Kohinga – St Albans Community Centre.

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.

There are two Council owned community facilities - Kohinga St Albans Community Centre and the Mairehau Community Library both are run by the community.

In the wake of ongoing research around the decline of play, the effects of the pandemic and the challenges families face keeping kids active, a collective of community groups and sports organisations teamed up to deliver new activities outside of traditional sport and recreation. The project is called Kia Kori Waitaha. Regional sports organisations including Canterbury Hockey, Canterbury Cricket, Squash Canterbury and Touch Canterbury have teamed up with the NorthWest Collective, comprised of nine community entities that encourage being active locally.

## **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: <a href="https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/20182028-vision/strategic-framework">https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/20182028-vision/strategic-framework</a>

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

#### **Resilient Communities**

The Community Board hosts a bi-monthly community liaison meeting, which allows all groups within the Ward to come together, network, and speak openly about projects and concerns. A wide range of community groups and central government agencies attend. The community meetings highlight local services and activities and encourage ongoing collaboration between groups, the local community and council staff.

The Community Board provides funding to a range of community projects across the Ward via the Strengthening Communities Fund, the Discretionary Response Fund and the Youth Development Fund which provides a small contribution to young people undertaking recreational or personal development activities.

Members of the public and groups have the opportunity to address the Community Board in person at Community Board meetings about issues that have an impact on them or their community's wellbeing.

St Albans is a largely residential area characterised by densely populated housing featuring a mix of house styles. It is one of the older suburbs of Christchurch and has some excellent reserves and facilities, complemented by well-used sports venues such as Rugby, St Albans, Westminster, English, Malvern, and Christchurch Parks.

St Albans has a strong and articulate community voice in its St Albans Residents Association (SARA), local community-based organisations, and businesses. The suburb has a long history of activism in social justice and environmental advocacy. It is well served by its local community newsletter (St Albans News) distributed to over 7,000 households and a community website offering community information to locals.

Shirley is largely a residential area with the major retail precincts being The Palms and Homebase on Marshland Road. There are just over 450 Kainga Ora homes in Shirley. The Shirley Community Trust is a long standing community organisation that works and provides hands on support and community programmes. In 2022 the Council gifted the MacFarlane Park Centre to Shirley Community Trust.

Another community group making inroads in Shirley is the Shirley Village Project (SVP). This project identifies community issues and takes a collective approach by agencies, community groups and stakeholders to support residents to have ownership of community-led development and finding their own solutions. SVP is partnering with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) to work/consult with Shirley residents on their ideas and projects that will nurture and promote social wellbeing, enhance environmental wellbeing, build capacity to respond to community issues and provide opportunities for community, social and economic development. The DIA funding support is for five years.

Edgeware is a suburb in the Innes Ward. It is to the north of the central city and centred around a cluster of some 20 shops that make up Edgeware Village on Edgeware Road near Colombo Street's northern end.

Edgeware Master Plan (2013) in Edgeware Village was to respond to community aspirations for improved safety, accessibility and use of the streets. This project was affected by Long Term Plan (LTP) budget rephasing, worked stopped, and the Community Board requested that interim measures be looked at with minor beautification of Edgeware Village undertaken in the interim. The Council will re-engage with local business owners and residents on the community aspirations in the Edgeware Master Plan.

Edgeware Village has historically been subject to periodic surface flooding. During the record-breaking rain events of July 2022, Edgeware Village was effected by the significant rain fall. In late 2022 a report on Flood Management Options for Edgeware Village was presented to Council. After considering it, Council asked staff to continue the engagement with the local community over flooding matters. It will rely on the District Plan floor level controls to provide the most certain means to reduce flood risk to buildings in Edgeware village over time, but also update the costs of the engineered option for the area in advance of the next Long Term Plan, giving consideration to other options, levels of service, Council policy and the occurrence of similar flooding in other parts of the city as part of consideration of potential LTP candidates.

Mairehau is a vibrant and diverse community with a mix of residential and commercial areas. There are a number of local businesses, including shops, cafes and restaurants as well as recreational spaces such as parks, playgrounds and sports fields. One of the notable features is Mairehau High School, the only high school in the Innes Ward.

### Liveable City

Innes Ward is located four kilometers north-west of the Centre Business District (CBD) of Christchurch and its location provides access to most services and regular public transport options.

The Innes Ward is primarily a residential area with a mix of older and newer (high intensification) housing stock. The area is home to a diverse range of people, including families, retirees and young professionals.

The Community Board identifies that a city with a good transport network is vital for a connected and accessible community. The Board will ensure that community safety is at the forefront of all transport recommendations and decisions it makes, including the need for safe speeds and safe streets for all of our residents.

The Board is also committed to supporting the Climate Resilience Strategy and will continue to advocate strongly for active transport modes and networks to support walking, cycling, and public transport.

The Christchurch Northern Corridor is a completed major road infrastructure project in Christchurch that goes through the Innes Ward. The Christchurch Northern Corridor aim is to improve transport connections and reduce travel times for commuters travelling between the northern suburbs and the central city.

The Christchurch Northern Corridor Downstream Effects Management Plan (DEMP) is a plan designed to address the potential environmental and social impacts that the Christchurch Northern Corridor project and new motorway have had on the community.

### Healthy Environment

In total there are there are 13 parks and reserves in the Innes Ward area, with the major green space including: Abberley Park, English Park, MacFarlane Park, St Albans Park and Westminster Park.

Regeneration of the Cranford Basin is being undertaken by Conservation Volunteers New Zealand who have received Department of Conservation funding to coordinate the planting of 40,000 kahikatea trees in Cranford Basin, which is land managed by the Three Waters unit of Christchurch City Council.

Post-earthquake the damage to the local environment was considerable with a major issue being the flooding of the Flockton Basin residences in heavy rains. The Christchurch City Council completed the Dudley Creek Flood Mitigation Scheme in August 2018. This engineering project has mitigated and reduced flood risks to more than 585 properties in the Flockton area.

### **Prosperous Economy**

As at February 2019, the Innes Ward had approximately 1,900 businesses employing 6,600 people.

Out of those 1,900 businesses, the top six industry types (in order) are as follows:

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- 1. Rental, Hiring and Real Estate services
- 2. Construction
- 3. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- 4. Health Care and Social Assistance
- 5. Retail Trade/Accommodation and Food Services (5<sup>th</sup> equal)

The Canterbury median house price is \$678,000. (QV property Value August2022)

The median house prices in the Innes Ward are as follows):

- Shirley:\$566,000
- St Albans:\$ 677,000
- Mairehau: \$677,000
- Edgeware: \$537,250

Innes Ward has a large retail centre at Homebase Shirley, and a smaller retail area in Edgeware. There are proposed development plans for Homebase Shirley. Although 'The Palms' is not in the Innes Ward it provides shopping services to many residents in the Shirley area.

# Current Community Issues

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
Post COVID19 social isolation, adequate income, increasing housing costs and food security.	February 2021
	The Board provides funding support to relevant community organisations including additional support for increased demand post COVID 19, and organisations collaborate to share capacities to reach and help the most vulnerable people.
	February 2022
	Organisational health checks undertaken with the major Community Organisations within the Innes Ward throughout 2021 and January 2022 have highlighted the stress that organisations are facing in responding to the needs of the community and the welfare and resilience of staff.
	Issues such as the cancellation of major events and the loss of or the limiting of attendance has had an impact not only on organisations' engagement with the community but also on their income.
	The ongoing COVID 19 scenario has also meant a loss of available volunteers (especially the dedicated older volunteers) who traditionally have been an important component in the successful running of organisations.
	The ongoing experience gained from the first and subsequent lockdown has informed the way in which organisations work going forward.
	The organisations report that the necessary ongoing reviews of their Risk Management Plans have been completed and are being implemented across the organisations.
Christchurch Northern Corridor	February 2021
	The Christchurch Northern Corridor (CNC) opened in December 2020 accompanied by impact concerns from local residents. A number of traffic calming and traffic management projects undertaken. Special purpose bus priority lanes on Cranford Street trialed from February 2021, prioritising buses at peak traffic times.
	February 2022
	Since the opening of the CNC, local Redwood residents have lobbied for a speed reduction due to increased road noise. Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency believes the noise issues will be resolved once low noise asphalt is added

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
Northern Corridor cont	to the motorway. The low noise surfacing for the entire motorway - Cranford Street to the Waimakariri Bridge and QE2Drive between Main North Road and Innes Road indicated to complete by April 2022.
	The bus priority lanes trial was extended, the findings of the trial will be presented to Council and the Community Board.
	February 2023
	The completion of the CNC has seen changes to the transport corridor along Cranford Street and the surrounding roads. The Community Board is dedicated to continuing to support projects to helps manage traffic flow and issues.
High Density Housing/Intensification	February 2021
	The Community Board has listened to residents about the effects of high density housing on aspects such as local character, traffic and on-street parking. While precluded from Resource Management Act (RMA) processes, the Community Board noted that the Act is under national review.
	February 2022
	In October 2021 the Government announced new intensification rules and speed-up of the Government's National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD). The proposed new law would allow buildings of up to three storeys on most city sites without the need for resource consent from August 2022. This would apply to landowners in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch. The NPS- UD speed up means by August 2023, Councils cannot hinder developments by banning height limits and requiring car parking in urban areas.
	<u>February 2023</u> In September 2022 the Christchurch City Council voted against a Government directive to introduce new housing intensification standards. Christchurch was the only tier 1 council in the country not to notify a plan change in response to government housing directives in the NPS-UD and the Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS).
Flooding	February 2023
	The Community Board is aware of the community concern about localised surface flooding experienced in parts of the Board area and across the city caused by the record-breaking rain events of July 2022 and indications that with climate change such events may become more frequent.

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
Flooding cont	The Community Board understands residents seek assurance that the drainage network is working effectively and being efficiently maintained to drain stormwater away as quickly as possible during and after significant rain events.
	The Community Board Plan was to advocate for the prioritisation and inclusion of required flood mitigation projects by identifying in the Board submission what options for flood mitigation represent the best value for money and prioritising community safety and wellbeing while recognising that some street flooding in significant rain events is part of a functional drainage network that avoids inappropriate property flooding downstream.
Connected Transport Network	February 2023
	The Community Board identifies that a city with a good transport network plan is vital for a connected and accessible community. The Board will ensure that safety is at the forefront of all transport recommendations and decisions it makes including the need for safe speeds and safe streets for all of our residents.
	The Board is also committed to supporting the Climate Resilience Strategy and will continue to advocate strongly for active transport modes and networks to support walking, cycling and public transport.
	The Board is committed in advocating for the installation of a pedestrian safety crossing on Springfield Road.