### Community profile - November 2014 Bishopdale / Harewood

(Census area units: Bishopdale, Harewood, Bishopdale North)



Bishopdale/Harewood is located in the north of Christchurch, approximately 11 kilometres from the central business district (CBD). Christchurch International Airport and Orana Wildlife Park are in this profile area.

The schools in the area are: Bishopdale Primary School, Isleworth Primary School, Harewood Primary School, Cotswold Primary School, Breens Intermediate School. All have generous areas of landscaped grounds.

State Highway 1 (SH1) passes through Harewood and separates the land use. Commercial use can be found to the north of SH1, whilst residential use is predominantly south of SH1.

There is good access to green spaces including Nunweek and Bishopdale Parks. The area also has an open-air retail shopping mall in Bishopdale which provides access to a range of services.

There are two main medical centres in the area: Bishopdale Medical Centre and Harewood Medical Centre. The Canterbury Charity Hospital is also located in the area. There is a large rest-home on Harewood Road near Bishopdale Mall.

According to 2013 Census data, the median age for the area is 40 years. This is higher than the Christchurch city average of 38 years.



### **Key demographics**

Usually resident population count

(Data from Statistics NZ)



Age for usually resident population (number of people) (Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ) Profile Area















### Personal income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City (%) (Data from Statistics NZ)

#### Median Personal Income for Profile Area compared to Christchurch City (Data from Statistics NZ)



Median Weekly Rent for rented households, in private occupied dwellings (Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)





(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ) Not in the Labour 33.6 Force Unemployed 3.3 Chch City Profile Area Employed Part-time 14.6 Employed Full-time 48.7 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 Percentage

Work and Labour Force status (%)







# **Community infrastructure mapping Bishopdale / Harewood** A Schools Community development/support organisations Community facilities (Council owned) Sport/recreation/leisure groups Libraries (Council owned) Faith-based organisations Residents/business associations

## The above ratings have been based on reach, diversity, and participation. For example, bigger circles tend to be groups that provide a wider range of services, or have large numbers of participants. They also tend to be groups that are well networked within the community.

The Bishopdale/Harewood area has a strong social infrastructure with a wide range of social and recreational activities and programmes available. The Bishopdale Community Trust is a key provider of community support initiatives, and the Bishopdale YMCA is a valuable asset to the community in terms of recreational activities and meeting space.

The Bishopdale Library and Community has been closed due to earthquake damage. Council has recently approved a rebuild of this facility which is hopefully due to be completed in 2016. A temporary library was opened on 7 October, 2013, within the Bishopdale Mall.

Although the above map only shows the Council-owned facilities, it is important to note that a number of churches, sports clubs, and other organisations in the area also have space available for community use.

A total of five schools deliver education to children and young people in the area.



### **Community resilience mapping**



Scale: 1 = Low 5 = High

### 15 measures of resilience

Community Support Organisations (rating)			Volunteering		(rating)
1a	# of organisations	(3)	2a	investment in volunteers	(4)
1b 1c	strength of organisations community development principles	(4)	2b 2c	<pre># of volunteer hours from Fundforce # of volunteer hours from Census</pre>	(5)
		(3)			(3)
	nectedness	(rating)	Parti	cipation	(rating)
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	# of Neighbourhood Support groups	(3)	4a	community events	(3)
Coni 3a 3b			4a 4b	community events Fundforce participation rates	(3) (4)

Preparedness		(rating)
5a 🗍	# of Neighbourhood Support groups	(3)
5b	# households in Neighbourhood Support	(3)
5c	capability of groups to lead local response	(4)

Note: 2b, 4b - These ratings only take into account figures from community projects funded by the Council.
 2c - These figures are based on 2006 Census data, as this information is not yet available for 2013.
 3a, 5a, 5b - These ratings are based on groups and households registered with "Christchurch Gets Ready" as at November 2013.



### **Community environment**

#### Social environment

There is a strong community infrastructure in this area with a large number of community organisations and sports groups. The Bishopdale YMCA plays a key role in the delivery of recreational opportunities and also provides a meeting space for a number of interest groups. The Bishopdale Community Trust is a key provider of community support, particularly focussed on older adults and families.

The 22 February, 2011, earthquake did not cause any major damage to the area. However, the community has suffered a major loss with the closure of the Bishopdale Library and the Bishopdale Community Centre. These two Council-owned facilities have been closed following a detailed engineering evaluation that resulted in the buildings being well under the requirements of the new building code. Both facilities have been placed on a priority list for the Council to consider their future.

The majority of community groups who utilised the community centre have managed to find temporary accommodation elsewhere. However, they are keen to have the centre back so that they can return.

The closure of the library has been a real disappointment to the local community, as this was a very popular library and, for many, a central gathering place to meet and interact with other people. As an interim measure, a temporary Bishopdale library was opened on 7 October, 2013, and is located at 17c Bishopdale Court.

The business community has also expressed its desire to have the library and community centre reopened, as the drop in foot traffic has affected business.

The Bishopdale Preschool and Nursery has also had to vacate its premises due to the Council-owned building failing a detailed engineering evaluation. They will not be returning and there are ongoing discussions regarding the future of the building.

In September 2012, a number of representatives from the community participated in the Bishopdale Community Conversation and shared their thoughts on ideas and improvements for the area. A number of improvements have since taken place, including a new notice-board for the community, which is on the side of the closed Bishopdale Library and Community Centre. A Community Event in Bishopdale called "Celebrate Bishopdale" will take place on 9 December, 2013. The event is aimed at bringing the local community together.

The community has an older population than the city average and this is reflected in the many and varied services available to older adults. It is also well resourced for local young people through the YMCA and youth programmes such as the "Flame" Friday-night programme run by the Crossfire Trust.

In terms of community resilience, this area ranked quite low in numbers of Neighbourhood Support groups. Staff have been working with Canterbury Neighbourhood Support to promote the establishment of new groups.

#### **Built environment**

There are 178 Housing New Zealand-owned properties in this area and 78 Council-owned units located at Veronica Place, Mooray Avenue, Raleigh/Newmark Streets and Palliser Place. One Council unit is currently untenanted due to earthquake damage, and one Housing New Zealand property has also suffered significant damage and is untenanted.

Fletcher EQR was established in response to the September 2010 earthquakes in Canterbury. It is a business unit of Fletcher Construction and was set up to repair homes damaged by the earthquakes, as agent to the Earthquake Commission (EQC).

This area is covered by the Riccarton Fletchers Hub/(Earthquake Recovery) EQR, which now services the following areas: Avonhead, Bishopdale, Bryndwr, Burnside, Fendalton, Harewood, McLeans Island, Merivale, Russley, Strowan and Yaldhurst. http://www.egr.co.nz/contacts



There are currently no major SCIRT infrastructure works planned for this area over the next six months.

This area continues to be affected by the ongoing NZTA Russley/Johns Roads upgrade. The main changes impacting on this area are as follows: http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/russley-road-four-laning

- The Harewood Road roundabout will be replaced with a larger diameter roundabout and an additional lane for vehicles turning left onto Russley Road (SH1) from the airport side of Harewood Road.
- A pedestrian and cycle underpass will be built under the roundabout. The underpass will provide safe passage across Russley Road (SH1) and access to the airport precinct and McLeans Island recreational area.
- A roundabout will be built on Orchard Road to improve safety at this sharp corner.
- Traffic on Wairakei Road will now be able to turn left onto Russley Road (SH1) and south-bound traffic on Russley Road will still be able to exit left onto Wairakei Road. This plan change provides options for all traffic, including heavy vehicles, to avoid using local roads.

### **Economic environment**

The main retail area includes Bishopdale Shopping Centre, Bishopdale Court, Parkside Plaza and Harewood on the Park. The area has grown in terms of commercial activity, as a number of businesses who were displaced from the central business district by the 22 February, 2011, earthquake have relocated to this part of the city.

Opportunities exist to re-brand Bishopdale Mall and promote it as a unique, boutique shopping experience. The Bishopdale Centre Association is discussing ideas for revitalising the mall.

#### Natural environment

This area has three main green-space areas: Bishopdale Park (the elephant park), Nunweek Park, and Grant Armstrong Reserve. The area is also in reasonably close proximity to the McLeans Island recreation area. There was no impact on these green spaces following the earthquakes.

#### Land Condition

The majority of land in this area has been designated technical category two (TC2, yellow) — minor to moderate land damage from liquefaction is possible in future, significant earthquakes. You can use standard timber-piled foundations for houses with lightweight cladding and roofing and suspended timber floors, or enhanced concrete foundations.

The EQC drilling schedule shows that drilling for geotechnical investigations were completed in the Bishopdale/Harewood suburb in December 2012.



### Key issues identified

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
The main impact on sports clubs f the earthquakes has been increas demand for playing fields from clu on the east side of the city. Harew Hockey Club, in particular, has experienced significant demand for artificial turf. This increased dema also resulted in higher-than-norma administration workload for club or	<ul> <li>ed</li> <li>The Community Recreation Adviser will continue to monitor the situation and provide support to sports clubs as required/requested.</li> <li>November 2013</li> <li>As above.</li> <li>November 2014</li> </ul>
The closure of the Bishopdale Libit Community Centre has had a hug on this community. Displaced grout found alternative, temporary accommodation but are keen to ge the centre.	• There is a keen desire from the community to be involved in the future of the Library and the Community Centre. Once the Council's decisions
<ul> <li>There is an opportunity for the Cowork in collaboration with the Bish Centre Association to look at optic revitalising the mall area.</li> <li>Residents and businesses feel the need to create a better flow betwee older and newer parts of the shop area.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Staff to investigate options. November 2013</li> <li>There will be active collaborations taking place in 2014 to pursue options for the revitalisation of the mail area.</li> </ul>



Issue		Progress to date / outcomes	
•	In terms of community resilience, this area ranked quite low in its number of Neighbourhood Support groups. There is an opportunity to work with Neighbourhood Support Canterbury to promote the service.	<ul> <li><u>November 2012</u></li> <li>Strengthening Communities Adviser to work with Neighbourhood Support Canterbury to encourage participation from residents.</li> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>With funding and direction from the Community Board, a Neighbourhood Support Promotion Project is underway and will target all profile areas within the Ward from August 2013 to August 2014.</li> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>Council staff in partnership with Canterbury Neighbourhood Support continue to promote the establishment of new groups whenever possible. A public information session was held in Bishopdale in late 2013 but unfortunately had poor attendance.</li> </ul>	
•	The Christchurch Community Response door-knock campaign will provide crucial information on the issues in the area	<ul> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>The campaign is due to be completed in December 2013.</li> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>The Bishopdale door-knocking exercise took place late November/early December 2013. 2,850 homes were visited. 93 follow-ups of additional support were required (47 of these were earthquake/insurance related). The Bishopdale Community Trust continues to use the findings from this door-knock exercise to develop new activities for people. They have also launched the Bishopdale Bulletin, a quarterly community newsletter which now goes to all Bishopdale residents.</li> </ul>	
•	Part of this area is included in the North- West area review which is proposing possible re-zoning of land to accommodate growing demands for industrial development. http://www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/policiesre portsstrategies/areaplans/northwestreview area/background.aspx.	<ul> <li><u>November 2012</u></li> <li>Report has been presented to Christchurch City Council. Consultation with residents and stakeholders to be undertaken.</li> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>Consultation took place between February 2013 and March 2013. A consultation report was produced in June 2013.</li> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>There was a good number of submissions received during the consultation period. These have been taken into consideration and if there are to be any proposed zoning changes, these will be included as part of phase 2 of the District Plan Review.</li> </ul>	

