## Community profile - November 2014 Rural Southwest

(Census area units: Paparua, Templeton, Islington and part of Yaldhurst)



The rural parts of the Riccarton/Wigram ward are located approximately between 13 and 17 kilometres to the south-west of the former Christchurch central business district (CBD).

This area extends from Gilberthorpes Road to the east, along Seymour Street. It takes in the outer metropolitan residential areas of Islington, Yaldhurst and Delamaine out to Templeton. The western border is the city's boundary in Dawsons Road. The northern border of the area is the Old West Coast Road and extends across to where the city's southern and western boundaries intersect along Main South and Barters roads.

This area is rapidly expanding in population growth and land development. There are considerable residential developments in the Yaldhurst area between Yaldhurst and Buchanans Roads, west of Carmen Road. Some of these developments have been delayed due to access issues for the developers. Some of these issues have gone to the High Court and remain unresolved as at November 2013.

The main schools are Gilberthorpe Primary School and Templeton Primary School. Waitaha Learning Centre, catering for students with special needs, is situated in Templeton. A private school, Westmount, operates in Kirk Road, focusing on the Exclusive Brethren faith.

With the increased residential developments there has been a 21 per cent increase in the population in this area. The age distribution of residents in this area is similar to that of the Christchurch City figures. Just under one-third of the residents are over 50 years of age. Of significance is the fact that 11.9 per cent of the population identify themselves as Māori, which is higher than Christchurch City (8.5 per cent).

The area is well served with 18 neighbourhood parks, 3 regional parks and 3 sports parks. Significant recreation facilities or reserves include Templeton Domain, Leslie Park and Hornby Domain. Templeton Pool is an uncovered pool, open in the summer months of the year. Ruapuna Park is located in Hasketts Road and is the home of motor sport in the region. Templeton Country Club is located on an ecological heritage site on Pound Road.

There is one general medical practice located in Templeton and no retirement homes. There is no major shopping centre or supermarket in this area, although there is a neighbourhood shopping centre in Templeton. Residents use The Hub at Hornby or go further afield to Westfield Riccarton or Bush Inn Centre shopping complexes for their retail shopping. An extensive business development is under way at Waterloo Business Park, between Islington and Templeton, as well as in the Yaldhurst Business Park on Yaldhurst Road.



### **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** 





(Data from Statistics NZ)







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)





Work and Labour Force status (%)

(Data from 2013 Census, Statistics NZ)









### **Community infrastructure mapping**

The circle size indicates the level of influence the group is felt to have in the area. 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.

There are only two community organisations in the area; however, one of these does have significant reach into the local and wider community. Fifteen sport, recreation and leisure groups have also been identified. Four faith-based organisations also contribute to the social well-being of residents and their families.

A total of four schools deliver education to children and young people; one of these is the private Westmount School in Templeton. There are no libraries. This area is relatively well served by three active residents' associations, with one in recess.

Of the three community facilities, one is closed due to earthquake damage.



## **Community resilience mapping**



**Scale: 1** = Low **5** = High

### 15 measures of resilience

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3b	# of residents' associations	(5)
3c	access to networking groups/forums	(1)

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4b	Fundforce participation rates	(5)
4c	club membership #s	(4)

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5a	# of neighbourhood support groups	(1)
5b	# households in neighbourhood support	(1)
5c	capability of groups to lead local response	(4)

Note: 2b, 4b - These ratings only take into account figures from community projects funded by 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 only one major community group operating in the area. Te Puawaitanga Trust, the operating arm of the Mäori Women's Welfare League, provides social and health services not only to the local area, but also to wider Christchurch.

There are three active residents' associations: Templeton Residents' Association, Gilberthorpes Estate Residents' Association and Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association. The Islington Residents' Association is in recess. The Yaldhurst District Residents' Association has been merged under the watch of the Yaldhurst Rural Residents' Association. All three groups are proactive on issues for their local residents and meet regularly.

The Templeton Residents' Association distributes a regular and comprehensive bi-monthly newsletter, and also operates a successful community day each year. However key members of the Association are wishing to step down after many years of long service. At this stage the group has been unable to find successors. It has been signalled that the 2014 event and the October newsletter may be the last unless replacements are found. Engagement is underway to assist the Association with this.

The Paparua Templeton Returned Services Association (RSA) operates out of Templeton and is active in providing pastoral care for veterans in the western part of Christchurch. The RSA building in Templeton is one of the focal points of the Templeton area.

The Templeton Community Centre is fully operational and is one of the city's premier community venues for hire. It is well used by local community groups. Managed by the Council, it is well regarded by the local community. The nearby Templeton Community Pool operates in the summer months of the year and receives good patronage when open. Local residents regularly campaign for extended operational hours.

The Hornby Multicultural Centre is managed on behalf of the Council by Te Puawaitanga Trust and is available on a limited basis for community use. The Yaldhurst Community Hall is currently closed due to earthquake damage.

The Anglican Parish of Hornby, which oversees both St Columba's Church in Main South Road and St Saviour's in Templeton, is currently undergoing a review of its operations. Decisions over future services are unknown at this stage.

Brackenridge, a residential alcohol and drug treatment centre, is based at Waitaha in Templeton.

There are some strong communities in these areas with distinct community identities. These can be seen in Yaldhurst, Templeton and in the areas around Kaniere Avenue, west of Gilberthorpes Road. Feedback from residents in both the Templeton and Yaldhurst communities have indicated the rural location coupled with the closeness to town are the key reasons they live in the area. For some Templeton residents the growth of nearby Rolleston is also proving to be an attractive option as their local community hub, rather than Hornby.

Gilberthorpe School has a relatively low decile rating and runs a breakfast club to provide a healthy start to the day for children who normally would not get any breakfast. Waitaha Learning Centre in Kirk Road, Templeton is a special education school, providing inclusive education for students with special needs. It caters for students aged 5-21 with multiple profound disabilities, and those who are medically fragile. Westmount School is located on Kirk Road and is a private school catering to those of the Exclusive Bretheren faith.

Youth workers from South-West Youth Trust provide extra-curricular activities for pre-teen children in the Templeton area.

Residents in Templeton as well as the three schools located on or near Kirk Road are frustrated with the speed of traffic on Kirk Road, particularly by heavy haulage vehicles who use it as a connect way with the various quarrying operations around Yaldhurst.



Income levels in this area tend to be higher than for the whole of Christchurch City. Some 53.4 per cent have a household income of over \$70,000, compared with 46.2 per cent city-wide. The mean household income is \$84,000, compared with the city's figure of \$77,000.

Both Christchurch Men's and Christchurch Women's Prisons are located in this area.

### **Built environment**

Most of the houses are in a liveable condition with only superficial earthquake damage and/or damage to chimneys and brick/block fences. Many of these houses have been repaired or are in the process of waiting for repairs to be finalised. There are no empty spaces as a result of damaged buildings being demolished, as is the case in the east of Christchurch. Temporary structures have not been required, due to the minimal physical impact of the earthquakes on the built environment.

The south-west area, particularly around Rolleston, had been growing before the earthquakes; however, since the earthquakes, subdivision developments have been growing even faster as families look for new areas to build homes. The Delamain subdivision is growing and the Yaldhurst Village on Yaldhurst Road will also accommodate 400 new homes in the future.

There is also development of business and industry at the Waterloo and Yaldhurst Business Parks.

New Zealand Transport Authority is expanding the Southern Motorway. One stage is the construction of the motorway from Halswell Junction Road through to Robinsons Road. Another stage is the four-laning of State Highway One from Robinsons Road through to Rolleston.

#### **Economic environment**

The completion of the Southern Motorway project is also expected to deliver growth benefits to the nearby Hornby area by increasing business access. The Southern Motorway extension will help relieve congestion in the Hornby area, thereby improving safety and access to the existing and expanding industrial areas around Waterloo Road.

The Waterloo and Yaldhurst Business Parks are under way and looking to attract considerable interest amongst established businesses.

The main economic activities are industrial and agricultural activities. There are no major shopping centres in the area, however there is a local shopping centre at Templeton.

#### Natural environment

The 4 September 2010 earthquake not only disrupted lives and property, it also altered the movement of water across and under the Canterbury Plains. To the west and north of Christchurch City lies a groundwater recharge area for the series of aquifers under Christchurch city, which hold underground water fed from the Waimakariri River. This water has been clean and plentiful so far. However, as a result of the earthquakes, groundwater levels spiked, springs started flowing, and the Hororata River changed its course, although there appears to be no clear evidence of significant change in aquifer pressures or properties in this area.

Quarrying in the Yaldhurst and Islington rural areas continue to be of concern to local residents. There is a considerable-sized area of land zoned Rural Q (Quarry) Zone, which provides for the extraction and processing of sand and gravel. Concerns include not only the environmental damage to the land through direct quarrying, but also the indirect effect that the large machinery and trucks are having on local roads. Once quarrying of this area has been completed, it is intended that restoration be achieved to at least a pastoral grassland landscape. While it is anticipated that major restoration will occur in the Pound Road area first, there is no identified date for this to happen.

A consent application for a 19.5 hectare quarry in Roberts Road, Islington was ruled by an independent commissioner as not needing to be publicly notified. This has raised the ire of both the Yaldhurst Rural and the Gilberthorpes Estate Residents' Associations. The eastern parts of the Fulton Hogan land and outside of the Rural Q zoning are marked as a Greenfield Priority Area Residential under the Land Use Recovery Plan. There are a further two quarrying applications to Council to be established on land not currently zoned Rural Q in Roberts Road and Old West Coast Road.



There have also been noise issues arising from the operation of the Ruapuna Motorsport Park, located in Hasketts Road near Templeton. A recommendation has been put forward by a Council working party to purchase seven residential properties affected by unreasonable levels of noise, and to engage with the Canterbury Car Club and Christchurch Speedway Association to vary their current leases to introduce measures to control noise. The Council has also signalled the potential relocation of the Canterbury Kart Association to this area as well.

As there has been no earthquake damage affecting the natural environment, nor any liquefaction or slumping of land in the parks and spaces waterways, the community has been able to continue accessing these facilities.

Templeton Domain continues to be frequently used for casual recreation, while Denton Park is an important area for sports-related activity. Templeton Country Club is located on an Ecological Heritage site. Other regional parks are Ruapuna and Hasketts Reserves.

Despite the 4 September 2010 earthquake being located close to this area, land condition was not greatly affected by it. The significant rural land area has not been classified, while the urban areas have been classified as Technical Category One (TC1), meaning that future land damage from liquefaction is unlikely. This includes the areas of Islington and urban Yaldhurst.

At present the majority of Christchurch's water is supplied from the Christchurch-Melton aquifer system which is located in this area. Water demand is growing at over three percent per year. When there is more water being drawn from the aquifer than flows into it the observable effects include a fall in both aquifer water pressure and well water level, deterioration in water quality, and an inshore movement of the saline/fresh water interface. The West Melton Water Management Zone Committee made up of elected representatives from local councils as well as Environment Canterbury, runaka representatives and local community members meet regularly to monitor the water situation for the region.

Templeton residents are also concerned about the possible effects of potential fracking (hydraulic fracturing) on the Canterbury Plains. L&M Minerals has made applications for permits for coal seam gas exploration. The Council resolved unanimously to declare Christchurch City a fracking-free zone. However, Environment Canterbury is the territorial authority that will consider any resource consents for fracking permits.



# Key issues identified

Issue	Progress to date / outcomes
<ul> <li>A risk was identified of community and social service providers being over-stretched by the demands of a growing population, combined with concerns relating to a lack of appropriate funding to resource services to meet these demands.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>November 2012</u></li> <li>Groups advised of funding schemes within Council and other significant local funders.</li> <li>Council staff advising and supporting groups.</li> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>As above.</li> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>As above.</li> </ul>
An increase in mental health and social well-being issues has been identified as a result of post-earthquake stress. There is also an issue around the shortage of medical practitioners available to meet the population expansion occurring.	<ul> <li>November 2012</li> <li>Free earthquake counselling is still available at Petersgate Counselling Centre. Hornby Heartlands also has free counselling through counsellors from community groups, based at Heartlands.</li> <li>A new Holistic Care Centre opening in November 2012 will provide a range of health services.</li> <li>November 2013</li> <li>There is still only one medical centre based in Templeton.</li> <li>Petersgate Counselling Centre has free earthquake funding until at least June 2014.</li> <li>The Holistic Care Centre in Hornby, which can provide a range of health services, opened in November 2012.</li> <li>November 2014</li> <li>As above.</li> </ul>
A risk was identified relating to the social isolation of older adults, especially those who have come from the east and have been disconnected from their communities.	<ul> <li><u>November 2012</u></li> <li>Hope Hornby Presbyterian Church and other lead agencies have developed a programme called CAN (Communities and Neighbours) to address social isolation among older adults. Currently waiting for funding so the programme can commence.</li> <li>Salvation Army Senior Services Programme has commenced in the area.</li> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>The CAN programme has gained funding and commenced in September 2013.</li> <li>Salvation Army programme continues.</li> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>As above.</li> </ul>



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The Yaldhurst Hall remains clo earthquake damage.	sed due to	<ul> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>Yaldhurst Hall is a community-owned building, sited on Council land. It is not on the Council's Top 30 list of facilities for priority repair.</li> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>A group from within the local Yaldhurst Community has expressed a desire to have the hall reopened and has been investigating options to make this happen.</li> </ul>

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•	There are concerns regarding the property developments in the Delamain subdivision between Yaldhurst and Buchanans Roads.	<ul> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>This current issue has been to the High Court for litigation between parties. Deputations have also been made to both the Riccarton-Wigram Community Board and the Council. To date there is no resolution.</li> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>Areas of non-compliance with the Traffic Management plan were identified by the Council commissioned safety audit. It is now up to the applicant to remedy those areas.</li> </ul>
•	Since the 2006 census there has been a 21 percent increase in population in this profile area. There is a need to ensure that not only the physical infrastructure supports this increase, but also the social infrastructure.	<ul> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>Much of this population increase can be attributed to the residential property developments in the subdivisions between Yaldhurst and Buchanans Roads. The Riccarton-Wigram Community Board is keen to promote development with community principles in mind.</li> <li>The Riccarton-Wigram Community Board has arranged for a research study to be undertaken into the effects on social well-being of the shift of population from east to west.</li> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>Recommendations from the research are to be put to the Riccarton Wigram Community Board.</li> </ul>
•	There is an increase in industrial and business development in the Islington and Yaldhurst Areas. Residents in the Templeton area are concerned with the effects of the fracking proposed by L&M Minerals, who have applied for coal seam gas exploration permits on the Canterbury Plains.	<ul> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>Residents near the Yaldhurst Business Park report good relationships with the Park's developers.</li> <li>Developers of the Islington Business Park have been proactive in meeting with residents.</li> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>Quarrying on the fringes of the Islington Business Park may have an impact on the area.</li> <li><u>November 2013</u></li> <li>The Christchurch City Council resolved unanimously to declare Christchurch City a fracking-free zone. However, any resource consents required for fracking would need to be</li> </ul>
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<ul> <li>The local Residents groups have been worn down from the volume and complexity of the issues affecting their area. The influx in population and infrastructure has raised many issues in the community such as speed and road changes, new developments with no facilities etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>November 2014</u></li> <li>Community Conversations have been held in Yaldhurst and Templeton discussing what makes up their communities.</li> <li>Capacity building workshops are being held for Residents Associations to assist with attracting volunteers.</li> </ul>

