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Our Christchurch is the Council's monthly magazine that keeps you up to date about services, projects and events.

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Cover image
Lily Doyle gets a preview of the hands-on fun for children at the Canterbury A&P Show in November.

Photo: Pam Johnson

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A TIME OF INSPIRATION AND NEW BEGINNINGS

As I hang up my orange parka and Mayoral chains, one thing stands out from my time over the past six extraordinary years.

It is the admiration and gratitude I feel for the loyalty and commitment of those who work to keep the machine of this city running and hope alive in the hearts of the people within it. These people work in the private and volunteer sectors, and inside our local and central government agencies.

Their ability to plan for tomorrow and manage resources in the midst of turmoil is world class.

I want to particularly acknowledge those working in the disciplines of physical and mental health, and community wellbeing; focused as they are on the immediate recuperation and rehabilitation of their patients.

The stamina and energy required to re-imagine and rebuild our homes and city is immense.

To this end the people of Christchurch have rallied together to create new networks of ideas and resources so that we have

been able to move beyond disaster to recovery and now rebuild, a fact I am extremely proud of.

Both the Mayoress and I are very proud to have served Christchurch and now look forward to making a different contribution to the vision of a city in which residents enjoy a safe environment and the benefits of a prosperous and sustainable economy. ■



Bob Parker
Mayor



MORE OF WHAT YOU WANT

Welcome to the first issue of the Council's new monthly **Our Christchurch mini-magazine**.

Inside you will find the latest news, events and information on Council activities around the city.

Christchurch people told us they wanted to know more about Council decisions and activities. They wanted to hear from us more frequently and said that we should deliver information directly to their homes.

You will notice the stories in **Our Christchurch** are short and this again is in line with what our research revealed. We know people have limited time and have provided links to where you can find out more information about projects, if interested.

Let us know your thoughts on the magazine, and any ideas for stories in future editions. ■

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ONE VOTE=



MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

If you want to influence the services the Council provides and how they're funded, now's the time to have your say.

Voting papers for the local body elections postal ballot were sent out from 20 September. To make your vote count, they need to be returned by noon on Saturday 12 October.

There are 54 Council positions to be filled: Mayor, 13 Councillors and 40 Community Board members.

This is the first opportunity for

Christchurch people to have a say on who runs the Council following the February 2011 earthquakes and Electoral Officer Clare Sullivan is encouraging people to make the most of it.

"The next Council will lead the city for the next three years," Ms Sullivan said.

"The Mayor and Councillors each have one vote of the 14 around the table, so each of our elected representatives needs to be a close reflection of the Christchurch community and its interests." ■

People not enrolled still have until 11 October to do so. If you aren't enrolled, contact the Council on (03) 941 8999 to obtain special voting papers.

To see a list of candidates and their statements, visit www.ccc.govt.nz/candidates

Preliminary results will be available from the afternoon of 12 October at www.ccc.govt.nz/elections

HOW TO STAY SAFE AROUND DOGS

Meet Mark Vincent and his dogs Max and Teddy. Mr Vincent is the Council's Animal Control Team Leader and, after a spate of recent dog attacks, he has some advice to keep you safe.

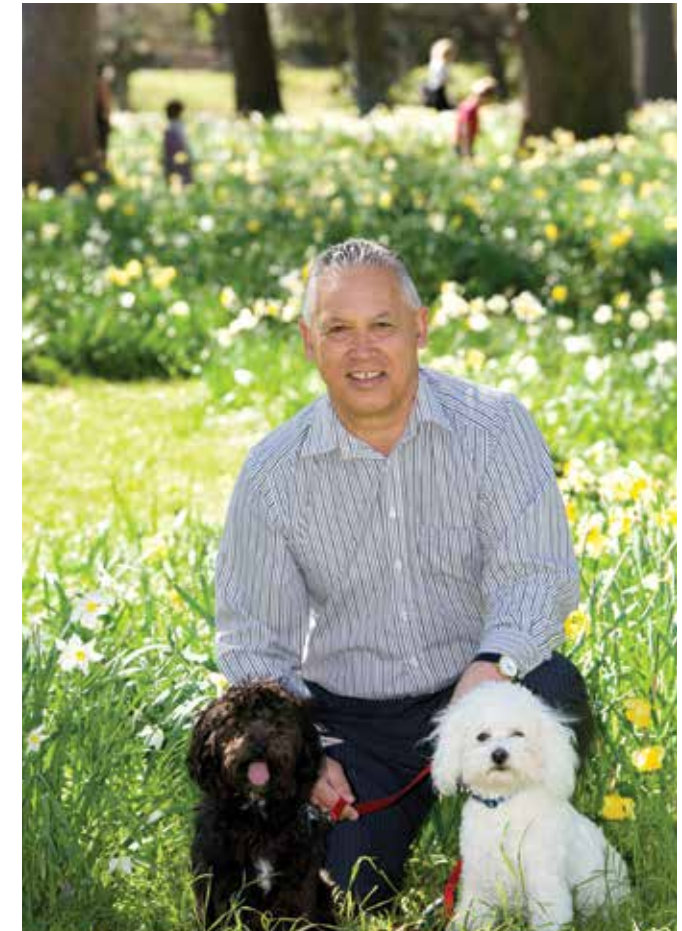
"Christchurch is a city of dog lovers, myself included. But the reality is that every dog has the potential to bite, especially when they're feeling frightened or territorial – even Max and Teddy," Mr Vincent said. "Any loose dog should be considered a potential threat and avoided."

Recently, Christchurch has seen several incidents involving dangerous dogs that, due to a lack of adequate fencing or containment, have strayed from their properties.

"If you're the victim of or witness to a dog attack, get in touch immediately," Mr Vincent said.

"We'll ask you for details such as the dog's description and the owner's address or car registration. The more information we have, the easier it is for our Animal Control Officers to locate the owner and investigate.

"In some serious dog attacks, the dog is impounded. Only a judge can order the destruction of the dog but some owners



Animal Control Team Leader Mark Vincent with Shih Tzu/Poodle Max, left, and Bichon/Maltese Teddy.

take responsibility and voluntarily euthanise their dogs at the vets.

"Owners who are convicted may be imprisoned or fined up to \$20,000." ■

Contact Mark Vincent and the Animal Control Team on: 941 8999



Homeowners are encouraged to use a registered drainlayer to check sewer pipes. Hamish Denny of Drainworkz uses a camera to check a home sewer pipe. Photo: Pam Johnson

SPEED NEEDED FOR HOME SEWER CHECKS

Christchurch property owners need to rule out quake damage to their sewage pipes – and the sooner the better.

The longer owners wait to check their sewers, the less likely any damage can be linked to the earthquake. If it's quake-related, the Earthquake Commission or the owner's insurance company will cover repairs and the cost of inspection.

The pipes use gravity to run waste from the building to the property boundary, where it enters the city sewers.

Damaged pipes could pose major risks to other residents and the city system.

Water and Waste Manager Mark Christison said owners were likely to be unaware of the state of their pipes. He said clay pipes in particular were vulnerable to quake damage.

"The cost of rebuilding the system is roughly \$1 billion. You don't want a private component contributing to ongoing problems," Mr Christison said. ■

SEWER FACTS

- Drainlayers say most sewer pipes inspected are damaged
- Broken pipes can lead to waste overflows
- The cost of a camera check starts at about \$150
- Property owners must use registered drainlayers
- Costs of quake damage are covered by the EQC and/or insurance

For more information visit: www.projectmax.co.nz/cctv-register





Preparing the new temporary facility at Bishopdale for opening are Libraries staff, from left, Cathy White and Fiona Manton. Photo: Pam Johnson

RESTORING LIBRARY SERVICES IN BISHOPDALE

A new temporary library will open within days in Bishopdale Mall.

The library will operate until the Bishopdale Community Centre and Library is repaired and strengthened. It's expected to re-open at the end of June next year.

The temporary library will host a collection of around 12,000 items, including adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, large print books, talking books and DVDs. Visitors will be able to relax with a book in a cosy nook at the back of the library.

A number of computers are also available for public use.

Work on the Bishopdale Community Centre and Library will begin early next year.

General Manager Community Services Michael Aitken said the Council's focus was on opening facilities. "Where it may take some time before a more permanent solution is in place, temporary solutions are also helping to restore vital community services."

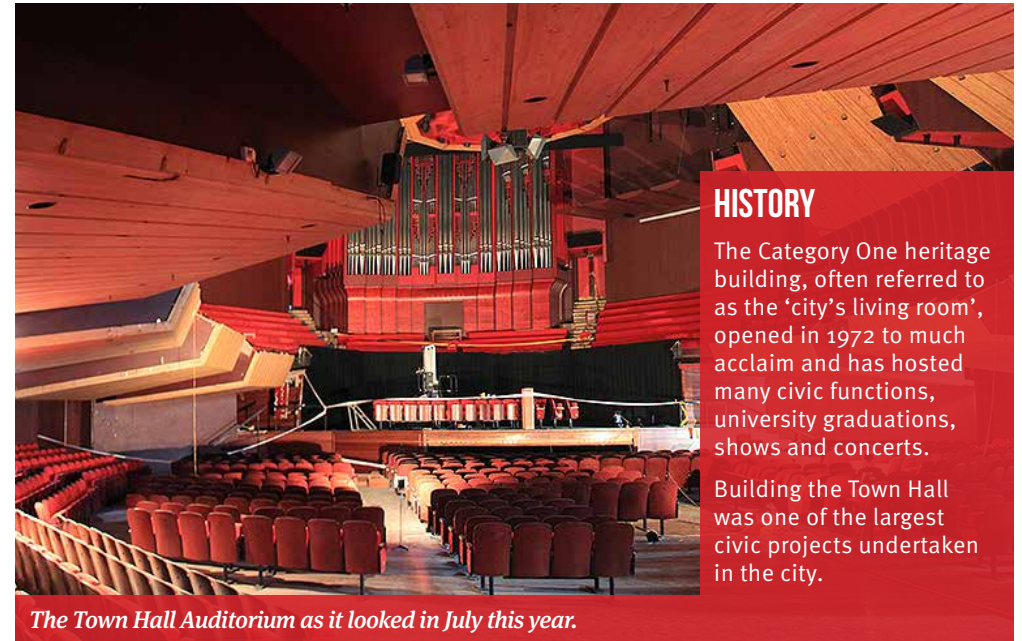
The community centre and library is one of 1600 buildings in the Council's Facilities Rebuild Plan programme. ■

OTHER NEWS:

Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue, in Richmond, has re-opened following repair and strengthening work. It will host a number of weddings over the summer months.

Grubb Cottage, 62 London Street, Lyttelton, one of Canterbury's oldest buildings, is now open to the public every Saturday from 10am to noon.

For more information visit: futurechristchurch.co.nz



HISTORY

The Category One heritage building, often referred to as the 'city's living room', opened in 1972 to much acclaim and has hosted many civic functions, university graduations, shows and concerts.

Building the Town Hall was one of the largest civic projects undertaken in the city.

The Town Hall Auditorium as it looked in July this year.

HALL USERS TO HAVE SAY ON REPAIRS

Talks with Town Hall users will help define their needs for the refurbished performance spaces.

Over the next four years, the Christchurch Town Hall will be strengthened to 100 per cent of the new building code and will be significantly refurbished.

On 29 August, the Council agreed to fully restore the Town Hall. The Auditorium, entrance foyer, James Hay Theatre and the Limes Room will be retained and Boaters Restaurant and the Cambridge

Room will be rebuilt. New lighting, audio-visual and sound systems will be installed, seating upgraded and new carpet laid.

Engineering solutions for the complex will be fine-tuned in coming months, with construction expected to begin next year.

Engineers say the Town Hall stood up well to the earthquakes.

Due to land damage, a stronger foundation system will be installed. Large concrete columns will be placed close to each other

underneath the building to spread its weight across a wider area. A thick concrete slab will sit on top of the columns, allowing the building to move and limiting damage should another earthquake occur.

Mayor Bob Parker said this was an exciting time for the city. "This is without doubt one of the city's icons and this conservation project will make the Hall even better than it was before." ■

For more information visit: www.ccc.govt.nz/townhallperformingarts



OCTOBER EVENTS



BODY FESTIVAL

UNTIL 13 OCTOBER 2013
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Dance performances, workshops, exhibitions, and much, much more.
www.thebody.co.nz



ANZA CHALLENGE

CATHEDRAL SQUARE
16 OCTOBER

Celebrities take trans-Tasman rivalry to the streets in this charity race.
www.ANZACHallenge.com



TAKAHE TO AKAROA ROAD RELAY

5 OCTOBER

Running event from Sign of the Takahe to Akaroa.
www.akaroa.com/local-events



PIPER HEIDSIECK FRENCH FEST

AKAROA FRIDAY 11 –
SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER

Enjoy a taste of France in the heart of Canterbury.
www.frenchfest.co.nz



FESTA

26-27 OCTOBER 2013 (LABOUR WEEKEND)
INNER CITY – CITY MALL TO CATHEDRAL SQ ALONG OXFORD TCE

The city centre comes alive with transitional projects to create a city-within-a-city for the Festival of Transitional Architecture. www.festa.org.nz



ONE DIRECTION

10 OCTOBER
CBS CANTERBURY ARENA

Their entire 2012 tour sold out in three minutes and they're back in New Zealand to wow their fans once again.
www.vbase.co.nz/whats-on/one-direction



BIG BAND FESTIVAL

25-28 OCTOBER
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

A whole weekend dedicated to Big Band Jazz music featuring local and international musicians.
www.bigbandfest.org.nz



TEDXCHRISTCHURCH

19 OCTOBER, AURORA CENTRE, BURNSIDE HIGH

A day of wonder and exploration: comedians, futurists, toxicologists, entrepreneurs, guerilla gardeners, and more.
www.tedxchristchurch.com



THE BREEZE WALKING FESTIVAL

UNTIL SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER,
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Find a walk that suits you at
www.walkingfestival.co.nz



SCAPE 7

UNTIL 8 NOVEMBER
VARIOUS INNER CITY LOCATIONS

Six weeks of free public art, events and family activities in central Christchurch.
www.scapepublicart.org.nz

For more information visit: www.bethere.co.nz



PLAN AHEAD TO AVOID DELAYS

Road users should allow more time for their trips or plan ahead and consider travelling at a different time in the coming months. Multiple road crews working in several areas will cause delays.

Christchurch Transport Operations Centre Manager Ryan Cooney said road users could stay up-to-date by regularly checking the website

transportforchristchurch.govt.nz. "Our new Traveller Information Team is using the website to keep road users informed about road works," Mr Cooney said.

"Road users can check the website map to see current work sites and those expected within the next week."

Mr Cooney said the Centre aimed to balance the needs of the rebuild teams with those of the travelling public. ■

MAJOR WORKS

- Frosts Road Burwood – closed for three months from October for road surface reconstruction
- Frosts/Beach/Mairehau Roads intersection – closed for new pump station connection
- Travis Road and Anzac Drive roundabout – expect delays

RECONNECT WITH HERITAGE

A new event in October will enable people to reconnect with Canterbury's heritage.

Reconnect: Experience Heritage will be held over three days from 18 October, kicking off with a one-day forum co-ordinated by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

Over the weekend of 19 and 20 October, a host of heritage buildings and sites throughout the city and Banks Peninsula will be open for visits and hosted walks, co-ordinated by the Council. ■

For more information visit: www.ccc.govt.nz/reconnect



Find out more about Canterbury Provincial Council Buildings during a Council walking tour as part of Reconnect: Experience Heritage.

October Giveaways!

WIN TICKETS TO FASHION FOR A CURE

Christchurch's first Fashion for a Cure event is happening on Monday 11 November as part of New Zealand Cup and Show Week.

Trelise Cooper, Andrea Moore, Storm, Moochi, Ruby and Taylor are previewing their summer 2013/14 collections at this exclusive event at the Cardboard Cathedral to raise funds towards finding a cure for breast cancer.

Our Christchurch has two tickets valued at \$75 each to be won by a reader.

To enter, simply email your name and address and daytime contact details to:

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A FAMILY PASS TO THE CANTERBURY A&P SHOW

Our Christchurch has two family passes to the Canterbury A&P Show worth \$55 each to be won by readers.

To enter, simply email your name, address and daytime contact details to:

ourchristchurch@ccc.govt.nz with A&P Show in the subject line.



The spectacular sculpture *Fanfare* is a step closer to finding a permanent home at Chaney's Corner.

FANFARE TO WELCOME VISITORS

A sculpture the size of a six-storey building will be installed next year at the northern entrance to Christchurch to welcome people to the city.

Fanfare is a 24-metre high, 20-metre wide spherical work by Neil Dawson. It features 360 individual pinwheel fans that spin in the wind and is lit by coloured lighting.

It will be installed at Chaney's Corner on State Highway 1, just south of the Waimakariri River.

The site was preferred out of several locations assessed

for visibility and noise issues, traffic safety aspects and bird strike risks, and was endorsed by *Fanfare*'s creator Neil Dawson.

The sculpture, valued at \$2 million, was commissioned by Sydney City for the 2005 NewYear festivities. It was subsequently gifted to Christchurch by Sydney's Lord Mayor Clover Moore.

The Council has committed \$350,000 from the Public Art Fund to the project and will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

SCAPE Public Art will manage production and installation of

Fanfare, which is expected to be installed in spring 2014. ■

ABOUT NEIL DAWSON

A Christchurch sculptor of international standing, Dawson's works are located world-wide and include: Ferns, Wellington's Civic Square; Feather from Afar, Shanghai, China; Raindrops in Manchester, United Kingdom; and Chalice in Christchurch's Cathedral Square.



Visits to Jellie Park have soared 35 per cent since the earthquakes closed other city facilities.

LABOUR DAY HOURS

Pools and fitness centres run by the Council will be open reduced hours on Labour Monday 28 October.

- Pioneer, Jellie Park and Graham Condon pools and fitness centres will open at 7am.
- Pioneer Fitness Centre will close at 7pm; the other facilities will close at 8pm.
- QEII Fitness at Parklands will open at 8am and close at 2pm.
- Kerbside wheelie bin collection services are not affected by the holiday.

JELLIE PARK RECREATION AND SPORT CENTRE

Christchurch's only indoor and outdoor swimming complex, Jellie Park Recreation and Sport Centre offers far more than just a place to swim.

The full range of services and facilities includes:

- Indoor pool complex including spa pool, sauna and steam room
- Fitness suite and studio
- Outdoor pool and hydroslides
- Outdoor family picnic area
- Free public WiFi access

- Exercise and recreation classes

The complex, at 295 Ilam Road, Burnside, has around one million visitors through its doors each year. Patronage is up about 35 per cent since the earthquakes closed a number of other city facilities.

Operations Leader Stuart Jacques said opening hours were extended following the earthquakes to help cope with demand. It opens at 5.30am and closes at 9.30pm weekdays. On weekends and public holidays the complex is open from 7am until 8pm.

Staff are busy preparing the 50m outdoor pool and hydroslides in time for the opening on Saturday 16 November. More FM will be back again this year hosting the summer pool party series and Streets will provide the ice creams. Come and join the fun in the sun! ■



For more information visit: www.ccc.govt.nz and search "Jellie Park" 

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE RECOVERY PLAN

People in the city's eastern bays communities are invited to comment on a plan for the recovery and rebuild of the Main Road corridor from the city to the sea.

The Draft Main Road Master Plan presents a future vision, goals and actions that support the local communities between Ferrymead Bridge and Marriner Street, Sumner. It incorporates the area's commercial centres and community hubs in Redcliffs

and McCormacks Bay. Incorporating the area's natural and cultural assets, such as the beach and estuary, it will help create a liveable, prosperous and vibrant future for the area.

The Draft Plan has been approved by the Council and opens for public consultation from Monday 21 October – Friday 22 November.

Urban Design and Regeneration Unit Manager Carolyn Ingles is encouraging people to express their views.

"The plan is more than just a response to the earthquakes, it also considers ways to build economic and social resilience, so it is important people take the opportunity to provide input." ■

For more information about the Suburban Centres Programme and how you can comment go to www.ccc.govt.nz/suburbancentres



SUBURBAN CENTRES UPDATE

SUMNER VILLAGE

Council has adopted the community-led Sumner Village Centre Master Plan. The plan sets out the vision, framework and action plan for the rebuild and recovery of the Sumner Village Centre and incorporates actions such as streetscape enhancements of Marriner Street and Wakefield Avenue.

NEW BRIGHTON

The Draft New Brighton Centre Master Plan awaits decisions on the possible provision of aquatic facilities within the New Brighton Centre.



The Draft Main Road Master Plan will support the recovery for communities between Ferrymead Bridge and Marriner Street, Sumner.



Residents in Lyttelton offer their views on how Christchurch looks and operates in the future.

HELP DEFINE OUR CITY'S FUTURE

Do you think we should live on smaller residential sections in the future? Will this help us accommodate our city's growing population?

Your input on questions like these will help form the way Christchurch looks and operates in the future. It's all part of a review of the District Plan – the rules governing the use of land including such things as residential and business zoning, transport, natural hazards, development and heritage.

Hundreds of people have joined the District Plan Review conversation to date, City Planning Unit Manager Brigitte de Ronde said.

Due to the level of interest so far, there is another round of questions for the community to comment on via the online conversation.

Ideas and suggestions made through the District Plan Review online conversation are being shared with planners as they review the current plan. The initial chapters focusing on earthquake recovery

are scheduled for formal consultation from late November until mid-February 2014.

The new District Plan will be completed by the end of the next Council term, in late 2016. ■

Get involved in the District Plan Review now, join the online conversation at futurechristchurch.co.nz Find out more at www.ccc.govt.nz/districtplanreview



CONTACT YOUR COUNCIL

General enquiries:

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Visit us:

Civic Offices
53 Hereford Street
Christchurch Central
Open 8.30am – 5pm weekdays, except public holidays

Tell us:

To comment on Council projects visit: Have Your Say www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay



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COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRES

Akaroa Service Centre

Temporary office at 28 Rue Jolie
Hours: Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm

Little River Service Centre

State Highway 75, PO Box 73029
Hours: Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm

Shirley Service Centre

36 Marshland Road
(The Palms)
PO Box 73023
Hours: Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm and Saturday
10am – 1pm

Central Service Centre

53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
PO Box 73010
Hours: Monday to Friday
8.30am – 5pm

Linwood Service Centre

Eastgate Mall
Corner Buckley's Rd and
Linwood Ave
Hours: Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm

Lyttelton Service Centre

35 London Street
(Temporarily in Library building)
PO Box 73027
Hours: Monday to Friday
8.30am – 5pm

Sockburn Service Centre

Temporarily closed
149 Main South Road
PO Box 73026
Hours: Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm

Riccarton Service Centre

199 Clarence Street
PO Box 73022
Hours: Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm

Papanui Service Centre

Corner Langdons Road
and Restell Street
PO Box 73024
Hours: Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm and Saturday
10am – 1pm

Beckenham Service Centre

66 Colombo Street
PO Box 73021
Hours: Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm

Fendalton Service Centre

4 Jeffreys Road
PO Box 73020
Hours: Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm

ELECTED MEMBER CONTACTS:

To find out which councillors represent your ward, and how to contact them, go to: www.ccc.govt.nz/councillors

For a list of community board members and their contact details, visit: www.ccc.govt.nz/communityboards

RECREATION AND SPORT CENTRES

Graham Condon Recreation & Sport Centre

3 Sisson Drive, Papanui
Phone: (03) 941 6888

Jellie Park Recreation & Sport Centre

295 Ilam Road, Burnside
Phone: (03) 941 6888

Pioneer Recreation & Sport Centre

75 Lyttelton Street, Spreydon
Phone: (03) 941 6888

QEII Fitness at Parklands Recreation & Sport Centre

75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands
Phone: (03) 941 6888