



THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

Neighbourly Update from the Riccarton Bush Trust



From the Manager

The year is ending on a very positive note. Our visitor numbers are back to, and actually surpassing, pre covid times. The school visits are back and our overseas tours have restarted. The whole site is buzzing.

Riccarton Bush Trust is charged with ensuring the longevity and safekeeping of Putaringamotu/ Riccarton Bush. There was considerable concern at the proposed residential intensification and the negative impact that would have on the Bush. The Trust was pleased to see a proposed protection zone and now awaits the outcome of the Government review.

We obtained a Resource Consent for the Bush Enhancement works in late September and the fundraising can now really start. Our amended costings for the project is \$2.4 M and we hope to start work in early 2024.

Mike Mora and Jimmy Chen retired from the Board this year and we are currently awaiting on the Council and Community Board to appoint two new representatives.

Christmas is almost upon us and however you wish to spend it - may it bring you joy.



Xmas Hours

The Quarters restaurant and Riccarton House are closed from 23rd December and will re-open on Friday 6th of January.



NOTICEBOARD

Opening Hours

Grounds: 6.00am - 9.00pm daily

Bush: 6.00am - 8.30pm daily

**The Quarters Hours: Sunday - Friday
9.00am to 4.00pm**

**Christchurch Farmers' Market
Sat 9.00am - 1.00pm**



SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER XMAS CRAFT MARKET
SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER XMAS LAST CHANCE MARKET
SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER: NO MARKET
SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY: MARKET RE-OPENS



Xmas Gifts



Something New - Occasional Cards

Beautiful picture of flowers from our gardens has been made into a blank card for your special message, \$4.00 per card or 5 for \$20.00.

Tours

A guided tour of this Heritage house is a unique Christchurch experience and would make a wonderful Christmas gift . Call into the House to purchase a voucher or go online for details: riccartonhouse.co.nz

Books

Check out the wonderful range of books for sale including our bestseller Letter to My Grandchildren by Jane Deans \$20.00

YOUR HELP
WILL
ENHANCE
AND
CONSERVE



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TODAY

Pūtaringamotu/
Riccarton Bush

This special place, this link to our past, with its unique sights, sounds, smells, culture and history must be protected and conserved for the people, not only of Waitaha Canterbury but all of Aotearoa.

Pūtaringamotu is a place of living history, a gift to future generations and it must be protected.

UPDATES

House

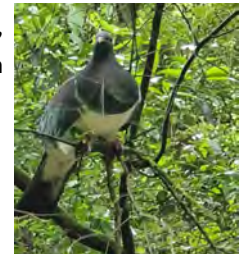
The House has been washed down, repaired and repainted. McTavish Decorators won the contract and they have done a superb job. As we prepared for painting we carried out a full inspection and have replaced and repaired any areas of decay. Surprisingly few for a house of this age.



Bush News

A big effort has gone into getting our irrigation in the Bush working well for this summer (thankfully the November rain has helped out). We had a new pump and bore installed which was long overdue as the old bore pipe resembled Swiss cheese.

Spring has sprung with an abundance of birds, Kereru have been spotted nest building which is great to see. The Ranger found a baby bellbird that had flown the nest a little early so took it to the wildlife rescue centre out at Willowbank, hopefully it will make a speedy recovery and return soon.



A few friendly reminders: Please keep your dogs on a leash in the house grounds, dogs are not permitted in the Bush.

If you would like to do some backyard trapping of rats and mice to ensure areas such as Riccarton Bush continue to flourish get in contact with Predator Free Riccarton through Facebook or Instagram.

Grounds

Spring is when the House Grounds are at their finest. We have extended the avenue of flowering cherries on the Ngahere St pathway and planted magnolias where the Scout den was. We have completed our 5 year survey of tree health and will carry out remedial work where necessary. Our goal is to preserve as many of our older trees as possible while ensuring public safety. We will gradually be introducing mulching beneath the trees to further ensure their health



As well as a delicious Summer menu we are offering beautiful delicious picnics to either have on the grounds or take away.



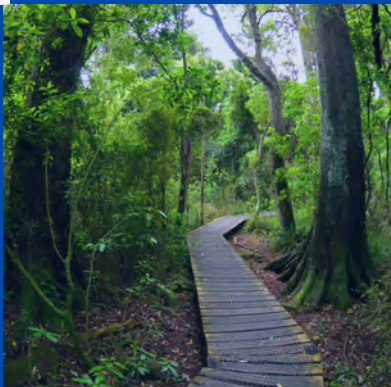
Created from our current menus and supporting as many stalls as we can from The Christchurch Farmers Market our picnics start from a lighter snack box to a Seriously Smashing Picnic for a group. call us to enquire (03) 348-6190 or order online: thequarterscatering.co.nz

Sundays over Summer we will have live music in the Rose Garden. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for confirmend dates.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE



TE WHARE WAIUTUUTU
KATE SHEPPARD HOUSE

83 Clyde Road

Open 10am - 4pm, Wed - Sun

Museum entry: Adults \$15, Concession cards
\$7.50, NZ School children free



Add a delightful high tea experience

to your visit \$39.90 pp

Bookings online:

www.eventbrite.com/o/kate-sheppard-house-31968345861

Contact 03 341 1360

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Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga will be celebrating our two-year anniversary with a free event - Carols on the Lawn on Saturday 17 Dec, at 4.15pm



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Thank you for your ongoing support

RICCARTON HOUSE & BUSH
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