



Little River Wairewa Community Trust

Community Newsletter September 2018



Little River Village Planning Committee (a sub-committee of the Little River Wairewa Community Trust)

Since the completion of the Little River Big Ideas report, the Little River Village Planning Committee has been working behind the scenes pursuing some of the projects the community has said they would like to see in the village centre.

All the land belongs to the Christchurch City Council and we need to largely rely on them for funding. So, we have been working closely with them, both staff and elected members. The two Community Development staff based in Little River and staff from the Parks, Roads and Park Rangers departments have been very helpful, as have the local Community Board Member Tori Peden and Councillor Andrew Turner.

We applied for funding through the Long-Term Plan process. Because money is tight, and ratepayers are being called on to fund a lot of projects in the City and Banks Peninsula we weren't very hopeful that we would be allocated any extra funds and this proved to be the case. Nevertheless, we do have a bit of money left over from what they have already given us, and our next opportunity is to ask, through the Annual Plan process, for money in the 2019/20 Financial Year.

Children's playground

We did manage to ensure that the funding already allocated for expansion of the children's playground was retained and design work will start next year. With work starting on the ground in 2020.

Traffic management around the craft station

We have worked with a traffic engineer to come up with a plan to overcome problems of the increasing numbers of large tour buses clogging up the area in front of the craft station. The plan also manages the conflict between vehicles and people better with safer, dedicated routes for pedestrians. Funky 3D speed humps and colourful pedestrian crossings are proposed. You may have noticed some trees in planter boxes behind the Silo Stay. These have been given to us by the City Council and the idea is to relocate some of them out the front to improve the look of the car park.

Walkways

We have been progressing the idea of creating walkways around the village. Two walkways are proposed on paper roads. One runs from the library to the Okana River and the other from the children's playground up towards the top of Council Hill Road. We are hoping to get some funding for these next year.

Welcome sign

You may remember the Maori/English welcome sign which used to stand in the village centre. This has been in safe keeping at the Marae since it was removed. We are, in conjunction with the Runanga, planning to reinstate it in a prominent location.

If you would like to know more about what is going on, come along to the Community Breakfast to see the drawings and ideas for all the above projects and find out what is happening next. After that some of the material will be on display in the library.

For further information please contact littleriverbigideas@gmail.com

Projects/Programmes that the Little River Wairewa Community Trust has supported in the last 6 months include:

Music for Little Ears	Brainwave Trust talk for Teenagers
Miriama Kamo's book launch	Okuti River Project
Coronation Garden planting	University student research for a community vehicle and Marketing
Long Term Plan submission	ECAN submission
Little River Brochure	Little River Dance in Aid of Bowel Cancer Foundation

Coming up – please put these dates in your diary – more information will be available closer to the date:

Wairewa Health Hui – 29 September 2018 – Little River Community Centre - 10am - 12

Little River Dance – 13 October 2018

Community Breakfast – 27 October 2018

Senior's Hui – 4 November 2018

Te Whare Tapere O Te Mata Hapuku (Birdlings Flat Community Centre) is available for hire - To book please email bfcommunity.centre@gmail.com

The Trust's **Games Trailer** is available for hire for anyone on the Peninsula – for booking please check our our website www.littleriver.org.nz

DON'T FORGET: Drop In Sessions are held at the Little River Service Centre **every Tuesday morning** between 10 – 12. If you have an idea you would like to discuss, or just want to find out more about the Trust please come in and visit us.

Have you checked out our **Facebook** page? This, along with our website www.littleriver.org.nz will keep you up to date with what is happening in our community. Please have a look and Like us!!

The Trust welcomes anyone who would like to become a Trust member to please email Barb at lrwctrust@gmail.com to register your interest. We hold meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm in the meeting room at our local CCC Service Centre – these are open to all community members to attend.

We would like to acknowledge our sponsors. Without them we would not be able to offer these community services. All events and activities are offered free of charge or for a minimal fee.

