

**Waihoru**  
**Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board**  
**MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

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**Date:** Thursday 14 May 2026  
**Time:** 4.02 pm  
**Venue:** Linwood Boardroom, Gate B,  
180 Smith Street, Woolston

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# SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Whether you know everyone on your street or mostly just exchange nods, we're all neighbours – it's something we all share. Neighbours Aotearoa is about thinking how we show up. It's about honest, realistic relationships and finding relevant, doable ways to look out for each other.

## Public Conversation

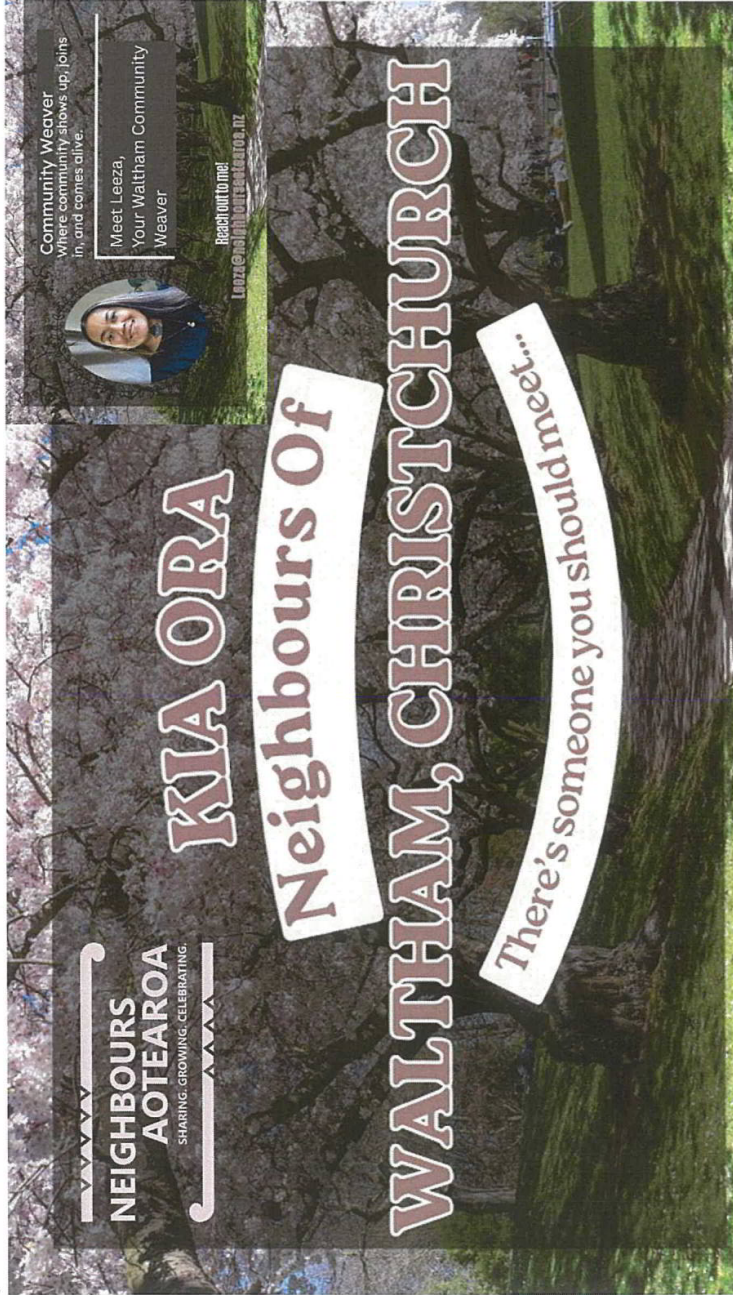
Your response will help us to understand and share our findings on what being a neighbour means to people living in Aotearoa.



Scan the QR code and answer online or write a response, take a photo, and email it to [kiaora@neighboursaotearoa.nz](mailto:kiaora@neighboursaotearoa.nz)

NEIGHBOURS  
AOTEAROA





**NEIGHBOURS AOTEAROA**  
SHARING. GROWING. CELEBRATING.

**KIA ORA**

**Neighbours Of**

**WALTHAM, CHRISTCHURCH**

*There's someone you should meet...*

**Community Weaver**  
Where community shows up, joins in, and comes alive.

**Meet Leeza,**  
Your Waltham Community Weaver

**Reach out to me!**  
Leeza@waltham.aotearoa.nz

**WALTHAM COMMUNITY LETS CONNECT**

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS ON WHAT YOU WOULD LOVE TO SEE HAPPEN IN YOUR COMMUNITY? THEN LETS CONNECT UP! SOME IDEAS FROM THE COMMUNITY SO FAR:

**COMMUNITY:**  
BBQ/PICNIC IN THE PARK  
PARK CLEAN UP

Email with your ideas or join them down in the post.

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**Free to attend**

**WALTHAM SUPPORT GROUP**

Welcome to our Neighborhood Support Group, a friendly space to meet your neighbors, share experiences, and offer support to those going through similar challenges, all while enjoying a hot cuppa and some biscuits. Come along and join us, bring a friend & bring a plate (if you would like).

Happening every Tuesday this term.

**STARTING TUESDAY 3RD MARCH @ 11.30AM**

At The Opawa Baptist Church

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Email Leeza:  
[Leeza@neighbourhoodsaotara.org.nz](mailto:Leeza@neighbourhoodsaotara.org.nz)

- Emotional Support
- Sense Of Belonging
- Reduced Stress
- Hope
- Encouragement
- Shared knowledge

**FREE TREATS**  
WALTHAM  
After New Allergies

**NEIGHBOURS  
AOTEAROA**

**CHRISTCHURCH  
SENIORS  
CONNECT**



**A MORNING OF  
CONNECTION,  
INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNITY WITH AGE  
CONCERN**

This event is open to anyone aged 65 years and over, as well as those who would like to attend on behalf of, or learn more for, someone aged 65+. If you support a family member, friend, or neighbour, you are very welcome to come along.

Register your interest by May 21st. If you would like more information please email: [Leeza@neighboursaotearoa.nz](mailto:Leeza@neighboursaotearoa.nz)

**DATE:** Thursday 28th May  
**LOCATION:** Opawa Baptist Church  
285 Wilson Road,  
Waltham.

Together we can strengthen the connections that support our senior communities.



**WALTHAM  
COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday April 11th

Got items you'd LOVE to rehome? Clearing out cupboards, toys or hidden treasures? Or maybe you and your kids enjoy baking and would like to sell some delicious homemade treats? Pop a table out in your drive, way or share a table with your neighbour.

We'd LOVE to have you take part in our upcoming community garage sale. simply send us an email to register your interest, and we'll add your address to our official garage sale list.

It's a wonderful way to declutter, make a little extra cash and connect with neighbours.

[Leeza@neighboursaotearoa.nz](mailto:Leeza@neighboursaotearoa.nz)

**Tasty Treats!**

**SMALL PRICES**

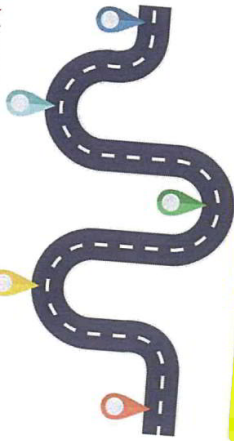
**Hunee street & Gibbon Street Residents!!**



A street garage sale is happening this ANZAC Day, Monday 27th April 10am. Start! You're invited to be part of the buzz!

If you'd love to join this fun, community-driven event, simply send us an email to register your spot (this will determine if we have enough participants to proceed). On the day pop a balloon on your letterbox to show you're part of the action and help guide bargain hunters your way.

Let's bring the street to life, connect with neighbours, and make it a day full of great finds and good vibes!



Follow "Waltham Neighbourhood (Christchurch, Nz)" on Facebook to stay in the loop with this event.

For more information or if you want to join in?  
Email: [Leeza@neighboursaotearoa.nz](mailto:Leeza@neighboursaotearoa.nz)



Most relevant

Alle S Power · 1w  
Is this happening still?

Leeza Green · 1w · Author  
Alle S Power yes this is happening on Monday 27th starts at 10am 😊 pop a balloon on your letter box and join in

Rene Rene · 1w  
Alle S Power dim me if your participating & need a balloon

Alle S Power · 1w  
Rene Rene oh I'm keen to shop hehe

Rene Rene · 2w  
Great day for a stroll or cycle around neighbourhood. Monday the public holiday of Anzac...10am until 2pm.

Write a comment...



# Mt Vernon Park

## Development Assets and Future



**Mt Vernon Park**  
PORT HILLS PARK TRUST  
[mtvernonpark.org.nz](http://mtvernonpark.org.nz)



An aerial photograph of the Port Hills in Christchurch, New Zealand. A large area of the hills is outlined in a bright yellow line, indicating the location of Mt Vernon Park. The terrain is a mix of green grass and brownish soil, with some residential areas visible at the base of the hills. In the background, the turquoise waters of the Port of Lyttelton are visible.

## Mt Vernon Park

235.2 hectare park on the  
Christchurch side of the Port  
Hills. Owned and administered  
by the Port Hills Park Trust  
Board

## Crowd Funding

- 1985
- Campaign to preserve a sector of the Port Hills from development
- Led by the Christchurch Civic Trust
- Property purchased and gifted to the Port Hills Park Trust

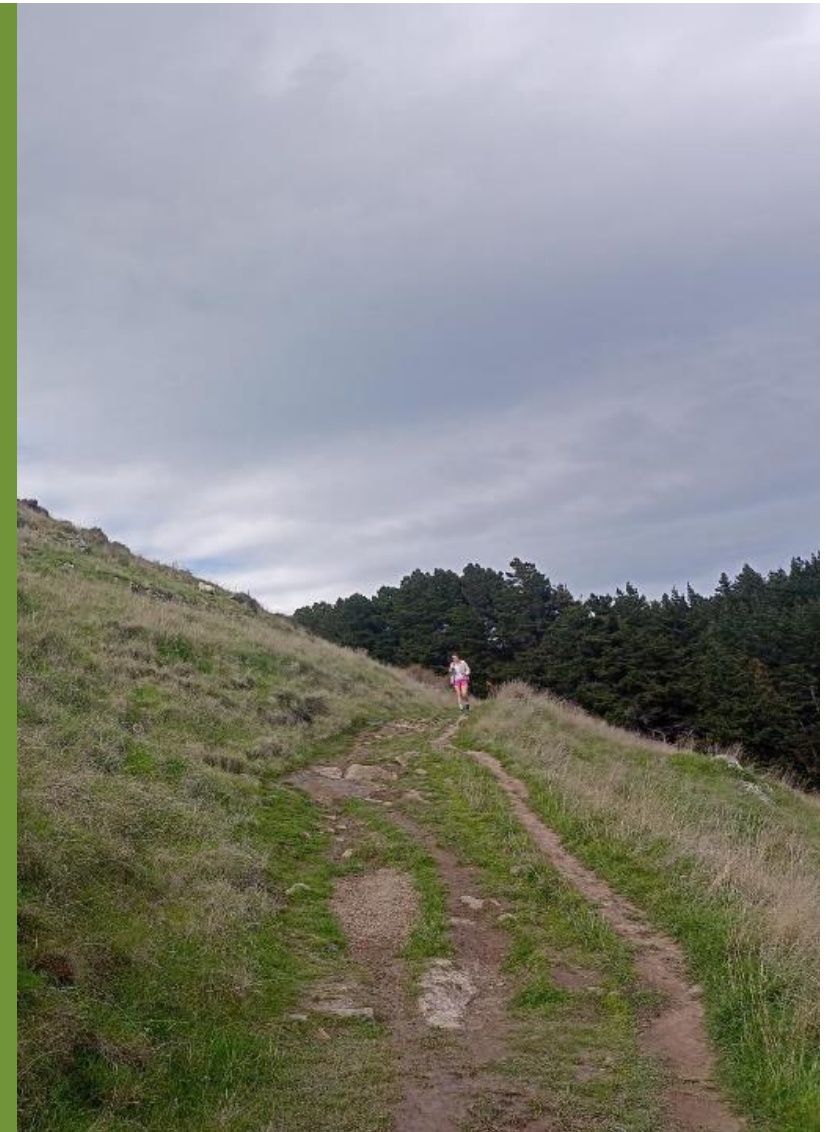


## Port Hills Park Trust Deed Statement: Purpose

The preservation and conservation of  
resources offered by the Port Hills Park  
Property as an area for active and passive

*recreation, sport and education,*

to be enjoyed as far as is practicable by the  
people of Canterbury in particular and  
visitors from beyond Canterbury in general.



# What do we offer?

- Walking tracks and trails
- Shared use tracks
- Wheelchair accessible Lamar Track
- MTB tracks
- Shelters
- Rock climbing / bouldering
- Free and open access



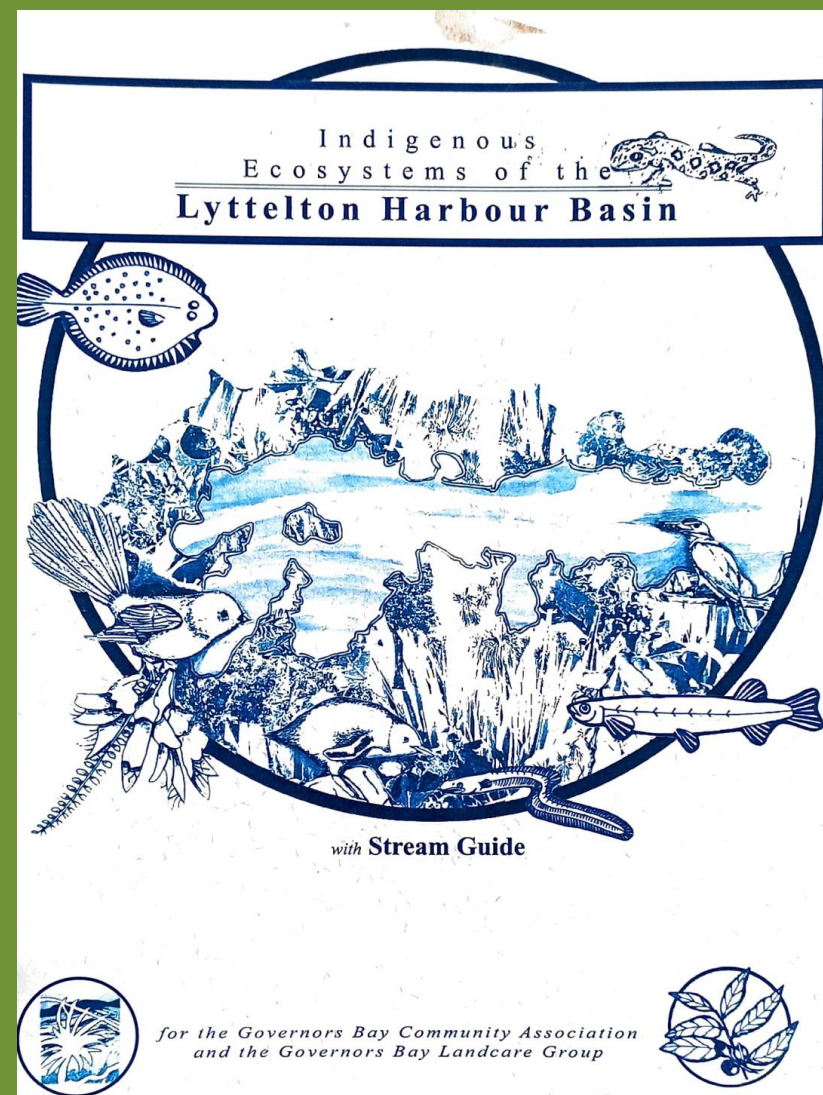
# Ecological Restoration

- Since 1985 restoration has taken place
- Eco-sourced native vegetation
- Low level stock grazing to reduced fire risk
- Fencing off restoration areas
- Purchase of neighbouring properties



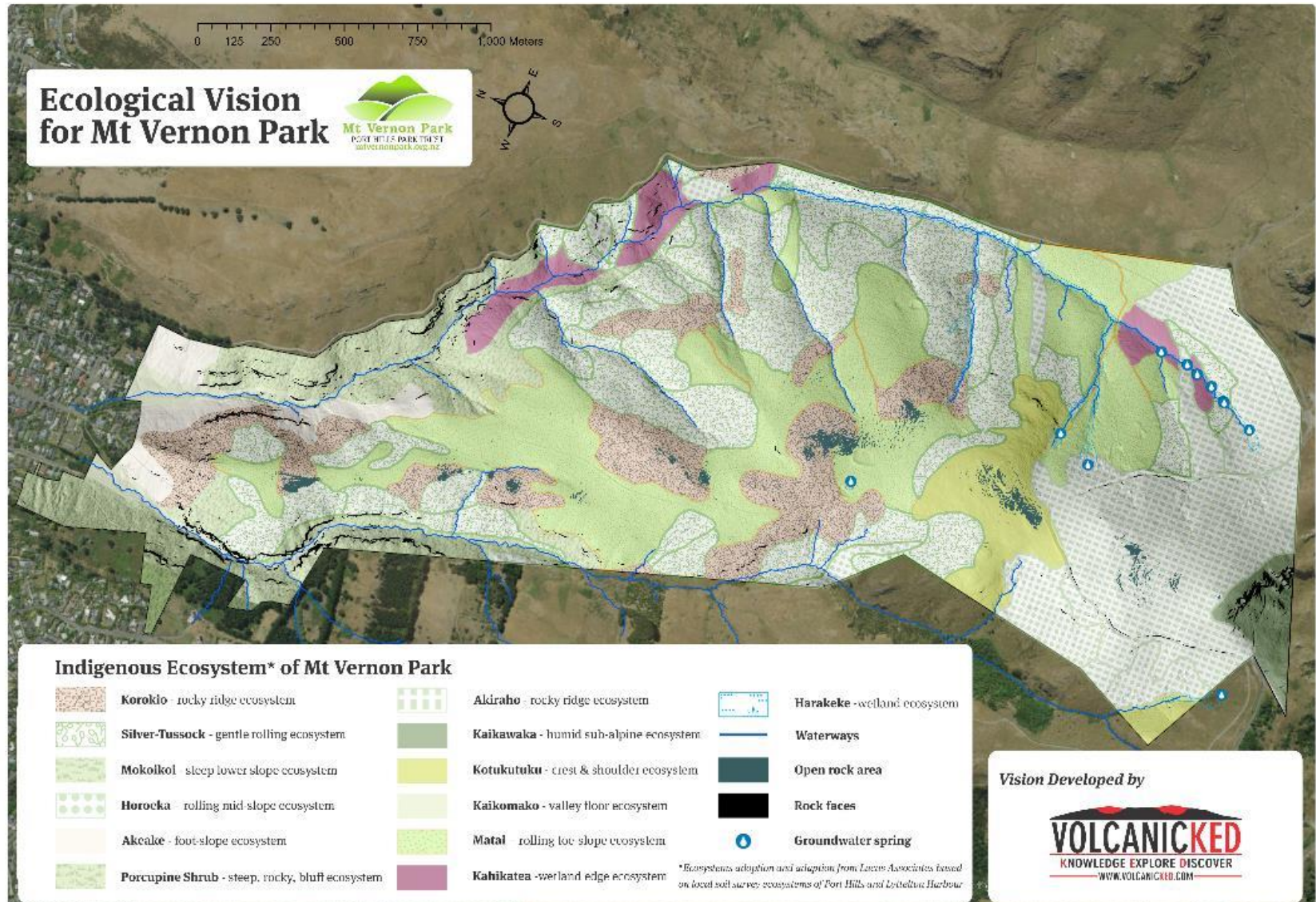
# What would a recloaked Mt Vernon Park look like?

- It's in the soils
  - Specific soils host specific species
- Lucas and Associates have undertaken studies to provide specific plant assemblages for specific soils = an ecosystem



## Ecological Assets

- Valley floor to crater rim
- Slope wetlands
- Rocky outcrops
- Dwarf kowhai (Sophora prostrata)



# Restoration Journey

- Community supported planting
- Protect what we have
  - Restrict access
  - Walkways
- Manage fire risk
  - Sheep grazing
- Balance – costs and volunteers



## A Changed Landscape

- What we see today is a reflection of human impacts
- Occupation resulted in burning of forests
- Agriculture – sheep grazing has resulted in our tussock land today



## No Vegetation = Issues

- Steep slopes
- Lack of vegetation
- Unstable soils
- Increased runoff
- Erosion of slopes and sediment input into waterways







2014



2024

WE NEED YOUR DONATION



In 2014 and 2017 the Port Hills Park Trust purchased two properties at the end of Albert Terrace, growing Mt Vernon Park. Purchases were supported by long serving Trustees. However, we need your help in paying back their generosity.

Goal  
\$ 160,000



**DONATE TODAY**  
[mtvernonpark.org.nz/donate](http://mtvernonpark.org.nz/donate)



Since 2017, with your support, we have retook the valley in native plantings, and brought the birdsong back



Mt Vernon Park is owned and managed by the Port Hills Park Trust. The Trust's purpose is to conserve and enhance the natural environment and provide opportunity for public recreation.  
To Donate Contact [mtvernonpark@outlook.com](mailto:mtvernonpark@outlook.com)

# Mt Vernon Park delivery and strategy

Management, preservation, conservation, and restoration of the natural landscape, resources and ecosystems of Mt Vernon Park as an area for the **enjoyment** and **engagement** of visitors within the natural environment;

A place for people to enjoy active and passive **recreation, sport, education, research, community engagement and experience**

**Active as kaitiakitanga (guardianship)** for the whenua, and encourage and support others to undertake kaitiakitanga (guardianship) for Mt Vernon Park and the Port Hills.



## Next steps in our journey

- Trail network improvements and signage
- Community hub
- New infrastructure - walkways and bridges
- Slope wetland protection and restoration
- Restoration and retirement – Gorge Valley rocky outcrop protection (ECAN Supported 2024 and 2025)



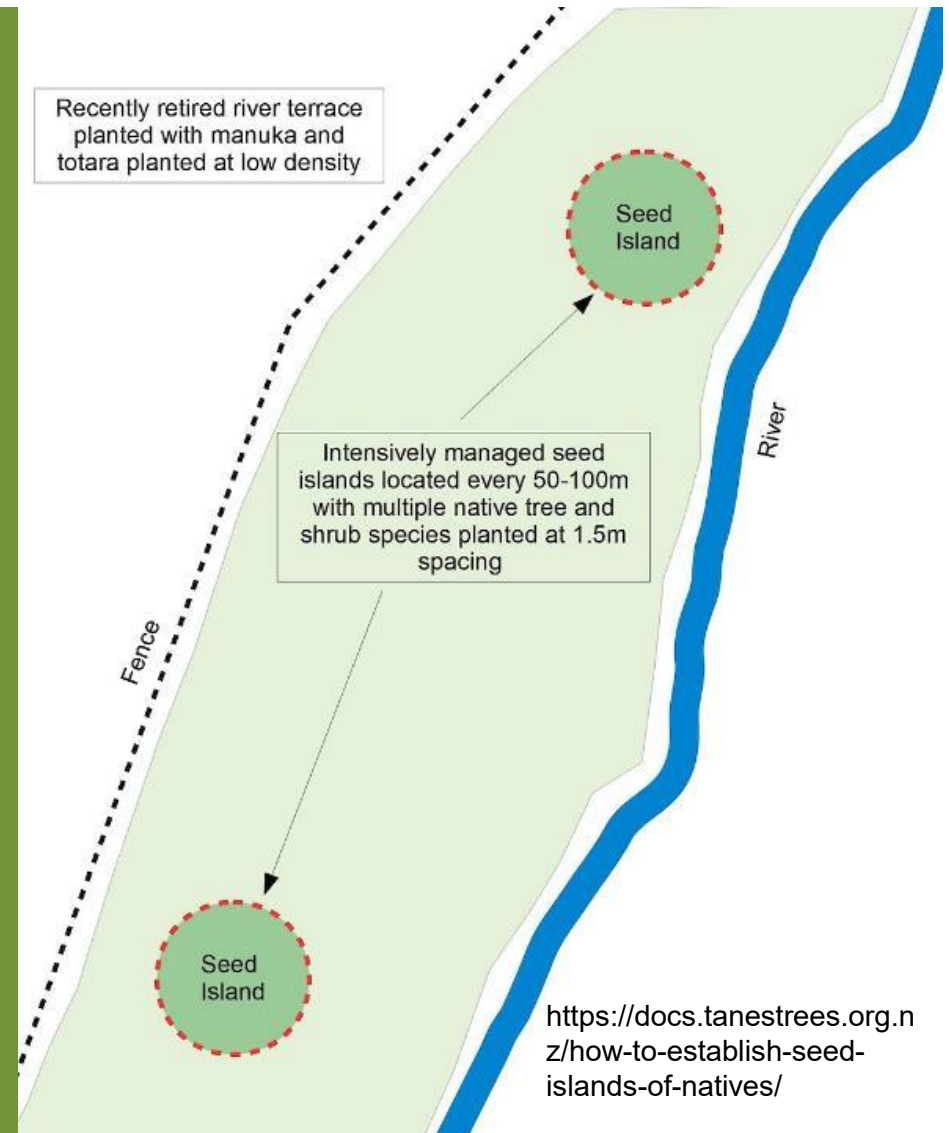
# CCC Community Board Support

- Carpark paint marking in Hillview Carpark
- Restoration of the two “Lost Boys” monuments
- Replacement bridge in the forest at the end of Albert Terrace – access to climbing wall – shared access
- Community hub - Container roof and improvements
- Upper Victoria Valley boardwalk – trail crosses waterway - degradation



# Seed islands

- Representative of biodiverse ecosystems within Mt Vernon Park.
- Become the seed dispersal network for rewilding
- Recommended sites 10 - 30 m wide at <100m spacings
- Aim - one seed island per hectare



## Increasing engagement

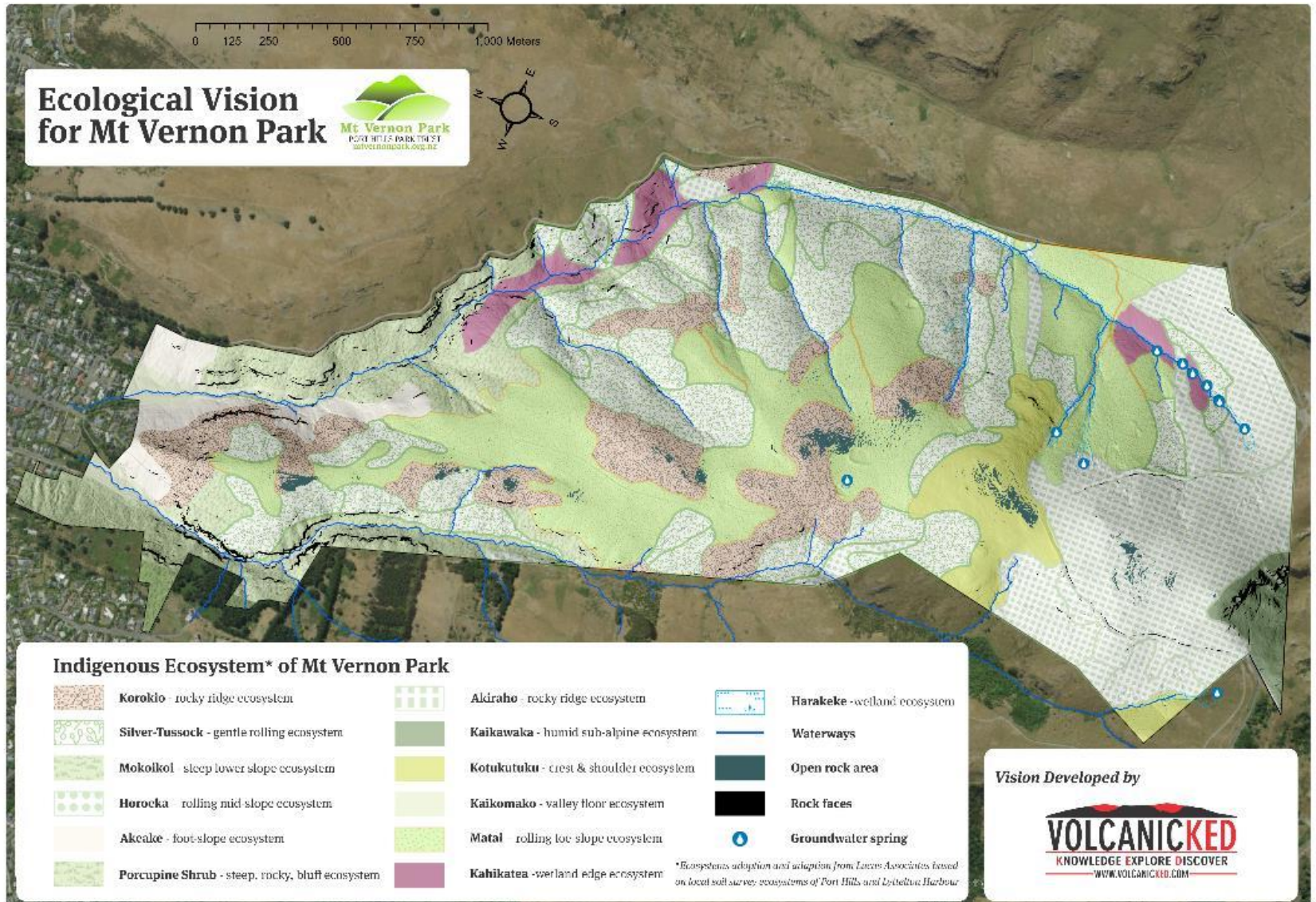
- Poor trail conditions are linked to reduced engagement in parks (Brownson et al.,2001).
- Poor wayfinding decreases park usage and feelings of safety (Ryan et al., 2022).
- Increase loop options for varied routes and reduces trail impact loading (Roth, 2021)



# Mt Vernon Park Trail Network

## Proposed New Trails and Modifications









We are a key part of the Sumner and  
Ōtautahi Christchurch community



We are here when our community needs us



## Upcoming opportunities

1. The club buildings are at capacity and will need to expand so we can continue to recruit members and provide rescue equipment.
2. Scarborough beach is increasingly popular but has no patrol infrastructure – such as a seasonal patrol space
3. We want to use technology such as cameras to supplement and increase the effectiveness of our beach patrols



I support a delegation from Emerge Aotearoa including the PSA making representation to the Council opposing the planned changes to parking on Opawa Road as set out in drawing TG153030  
Kia ora,

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the Opawa Road parking proposal.

In response, Emerge has received the following updated option from the Christchurch City Council.

Key changes include:

- A • **Short-term parking:** The number of proposed P120 parks has been reduced from eight to four to retain more unrestricted parking. These will operate Monday–Friday, 8am–6pm, and be unrestricted outside those hours. One P10 space will remain in place at all times for deliveries and maintenance.
- B • **Southern end (near 298 Opawa Road):** Parking restrictions have been reviewed. While no stopping restrictions on the northeast side remain necessary for access, the parking bay on the southwest side has been slightly extended, allowing space for up to two vehicles while maintaining driveway clearance.
- C • **Yellow line extensions:** No stopping lines outside 290 and 292 Opawa Road have been extended slightly to prevent parking too close to driveways. This does not reduce overall parking availability.

D. Leave as it is

**Next steps:**

A report is planned to be presented to the Community Board at the 14 May meeting. The updated option will be recommended, alongside the original proposal and a 'do nothing' option for consideration. Meeting details will be shared once confirmed.

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Date	Name	Department	Initial	Option
11/5/26	Rachel Wray	MBCS	RC	D.
11/5/26	Bernie Cubbe	MSCS	BS	D.
11/5/26	Rachel M Lachon	MCS	RJL	D.
11/5/26	Peter Bennetts	CW	PS	D
11/5/26	Alexa Finnigan	MST	AF	D
11/5/26	ADRIANE MENDI	MST	AM	D
11/5/26	CORINA POTT	RC	CP	D
11/5/26	Judith Elliott	Asset Mgr	JE	D
11/5/26	DARYL NIELSEN	Portfolio Mgr	DN	D
11/5/26	GEOFF HUBBARD	B.F	GH	D
11/5/26	PAVAN VADLAMUDI	TEST Analyst	PV	D
11/5/26	Mathew Badhken	Data engn	MB	D
11/5/26	Thys Bohn	Data Analyst	TB	D
11/5/26	Chris Neaves	BI Manager	CN	D
11/5/26	Andy Phillips	BI Consultant	AP	D
11/05/2026	MILIVOJE GENJIC	BI Analyst	MG	D
11/5/2026	Tim Boddington	Data Analyst	TB	D
11/5/2026	Stefen Hasselberg	Lead Integratio	SH	D
11/5/2026	Kit Erceg	IT	KE	D
11/5/2026	BRAD PALMER	IT	BP	D
11/5/2026	Matthew Tait	IT	MT	D
11/5/2026	Jacob Fitzgerald	Finance	JF	D
11/5/2026	Michele Brookshaw	Finance	MB	D
11/5/26	Nendy Clarke	Finance	NC	D
11/5/26	Tom Howell	Finance	TH	D
11/5/26	TRACY STOTT	POI	TS	D
11/5/2026	Pria Escalera	POI	PE	D
11/5/2026	Amemiekela Lawrence	WFD	AL	D
11/5/2026	Becki Hayward	Housing	BH	D
11/5/2026	Stuart Stokes	"	SS	D
11/5/2026	Mann Jacob	Housing	MJ	D
11/5/2026	Alice Tonks	"	AT	D
11/5/2026	MORAG BRONN	HOUSING	MB	D
11/5/2026	TOM SHUMUEY	PMO	TS	C
11/5/2026	Denleigh O'Keefe	PMO	DO	D
11/5/2026	ADITY SINGH	PMO	AS	D
11/5/26	Jasmine Fraser	SERVICES	JF	D.
11/5/26	Lisa Tracker	Housing	LT	D.
11/5/26	Jacobs Heik	Housing	JH	D.
11/5/26	Garvin de Maat	Housing	GM	D.
11/5/26	Alexandra Mahu	Housing	AM	D
11/5/26	MARINA CHATELAIN	H & D	MC	D
11/5/26	Tania Orchard	Service manage	TO	D
11/5/26	Simon van derim	MCS	SV	D
11/5/26	Dana Eketane	Service manage	DE	D
11/5/26	Hisa Burton	MCS	HB	D
11-5-26	Therese Sparks	MCS	TS	D

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Date	Name	Team	Initial	Option I support
11/5/2026	Lawrence Selnafs	MCSS	LS	D
11/5/26	Jennifer Ockman	MCSS	JOV	D
11.05.26	Charlotte Rose	MCSS	CR	D
11.05.26	Emma Duckworth	MCSS	ED	D
12.05.26	Shelley C. v. de. la. ICS	ICS	Shelley C.	D
12.05.26	Darshii Lata	ICS	DL	D
12.05.26	Logan Poletti	ICS	LP	D
12.05.26	Shilpa Kaushik	MST-SIA	SK	D
12/5/26	Danielle Jeffery	MST-SIA	DJ	D
12/5/26	Jack Harrell	PX	JH	D
12/5/26	Vasanth Mohan	PX	VS	D
12/5/26	Kathy Cribbitt	Finance	KC	D
12/5/26	Leonardo Gosal	Finance	LG	D
12/5/26	Surap	IT	SC	D
11/6/26	Verity Mae	Ignite	VM	D
12/5/26	Gina Norumalo	Ignite	GN	D
12/5/26	Daniel Cooper	Ignite	DC	D
12/5/26	Bernie Cousins	Tenancy	BC	D
12/5/26	Adelle Childs	Tenancy	AC	D
12/5/26	Sile Munnar	Tenancy	S.S.M.	D
12/5/26	David Taylor	MCSSW	DT	D
12/5/26	Kelly Dair	MCSSW	KD	D
13/05/26	Lisa Kennedy	MCSS	LK	D
13.5.26	Chris Maddy	ICS	CM	D
13/5/26	Gloria Langford	ICS	GL	D
13/5/26	Vikramgrewal	ICS	VG	D
13/5/26	Azad Azad	MCSS	AZ	D
13/5/26	Sarah Moscrop	MCSS	SM	D
13/05/2026	Victory Power	Ka papa Emerge Ka Ora Aotearoa	VP	D
13/05/26	Liz Harper	Creativeworks	LH	D
13/5/26	Jana Bannan	ICS	JB	D
13/5/26	Rachel Paterson	ICS	RP	D
14/5/26	Levi McNabb	ICS	LM	D

**Jones, Jonathon**

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**From:** Federico Tomasetto <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, 11 May 2026 10:25 am  
**To:** Leslie, Keir; Jones, Jonathon  
**Subject:** Urgent Request for Formal Crossing Investigation: Huntsbury (Major Aitken Drive to Parklands Drive)

Alcune persone che hanno ricevuto questo messaggio non ricevono spesso messaggi di posta elettronica da [REDACTED]. [Scopri perché è importante](#)

To the Chairperson and Members of the Waihoru Spreydon- Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board,

I am writing to formally request that the Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote Community Board directs Council staff to investigate the installation of a formal pedestrian crossing on Huntsbury Road, specifically in the vicinity of the **Major Aitken Drive** and **Parklands Drive** junctions.

This request is based on a critical safety and accessibility factor:

**1. Safe Route to School (St Martins School)**

This section of Huntsbury is a primary transit point for students living on the upper hill on the Centaurus Road side who walk or cycle to **St Martins School**. Currently, there is no designated safe crossing point in this high-visibility zone.

- **The Conflict:** Students must navigate the transition between the steep gradient of Parklands Drive or Huntsbury Avenue and the residential side streets where vehicle speeds and visibility are often inconsistent.
- **Active Travel:** A formal crossing would directly support the Board's goal of increasing "Active Travel" by providing parents with the confidence to let children walk or bike to school independently.

**Alignment with the 2026–2028 Board Plan**

Under the Board's recently adopted priority of "**Safe Transport Choices**", there is a clear mandate to improve safety on and around hill roads through smart design. A formal crossing on Centaurus Road would be a proactive "design choice" that mitigates known risks before a serious incident occurs.

**Requested Action:**

I ask that the Community Board requests a staff report to:

1. Conduct a pedestrian and traffic count on Centaurus Road between Major Aitken Drive and Parklands Drive intersections during peak school and commute hours.
2. Assess the feasibility of a zebra crossing or a raised pedestrian refuge to improve visibility and slow traffic speeds.

Thank you for your time and for your ongoing commitment to the safety of the Huntsbury and St Martins communities.

Sincerely,

Federico Tomasetto

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