



Aidanfield

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from Aidanfield Holdings Limited to keep you up to date with all that is happening in Aidanfield: An environment, not just a location!

Since the last newsletter issued in June 2010, Christchurch has endured and suffered the disastrous effects of the

earthquakes in September 2010, February and June of this year and the subsequent continuing aftershocks. Aidanfield Holdings Limited is fortunate to be able to report that no significant recorded damage has occurred in Aidanfield. This is in contrast to damage to infrastructure and roading which has occurred immediately to the south in Halswell. Inquiries from

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the Christchurch City Council and other agencies indicate that there have been no reported major claims for damage from the Aidanfield subdivision.¹

The Board of Aidanfield Holdings Limited, very conscious that residents in specific areas of Christchurch have suffered varying degrees of disturbance and damage due to the earthquakes, made significant donations to the Christchurch Mayoral Earthquake Fund and the Women's Refuge for the assistance of those people who are so adversely affected.

Independent surveys of Aidanfield by Geotech engineers: Aurecon Limited concurred with advice received from our consultant engineers, Davie Lovell-Smith, which showed no significant or evident damage had been sustained to the Aidanfield subdivision and in particular the most recent stages 7A and 7B. Furthermore there were no signs or indication of any damage to infrastructure including bridges and roading surfaces. Recently publicised reports and maps issued by CERA and the Earthquake Commission in conjunction with the Christchurch City Council have identified the developed Aidanfield area (stages 1-7A/B) as being colour code green – "Go Zone".

¹ If residents are aware of any earthquake damage that the council has not been notified of, please let us know so that we have factual information recorded.

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Nga Puna Wai

and Canterbury Agricultural Park

The area between Wigram and Hillmorton with main access from Curletts Road - typically known as 'The A & P (Agricultural & Pastoral) Showgrounds' - is now called the Canterbury Agricultural Park. The adjacent reserve and basin area between the Canterbury Agricultural Park and Aidanfield's Stage 7B has been named Nga Puna Wai which means "many spring waters" reflecting the springs in the Heathcote River/Opawaho running alongside. Nga Puna Wai is the larger of the two parks. It has a strong rural open space landscape character, with areas of mainly native plantings established along the waterway corridors within and bounding the park. Access to Nga Puna Wai is a particular feature of living at Aidanfield.

At 128 hectares, the combined Park area has an open space area on a par in terms of area with Hagley Park. There is a variety of activity that takes place on the parks, which include:

- Casual use by walkers, joggers, family and school groups, dog owners and dogs, photographers and other members of the public. The future development of pathways will cater to many other users, including cyclists and people with disabilities.
- Ongoing and regular use by groups that occupy the "agricultural" part of the parks for mainly equestrian activities.
- The annual A&P Show centred on Canterbury Agricultural Park.
- Parts of Canterbury Agricultural Park being booked for periodic events and sports - for example, rugby league.

In the near future the council intends erecting a new vehicle bridge over the Heathcote River close to Templetons Road and through Aidanfield's proposed Stage 9. Additionally construction of a new bridge over Dry Stream, with character wooden gates, has already begun with completion expected prior to Show Week in November. This will provide additional access for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists to Nga Puna Wai from the northern end of McMahon Drive. This entrance is needed due to the development of the Christchurch Southern Motorway as there will be major changes to the current access and layout of the parks.

Although accessible at all times to the public only occasional vehicular use will be available over the Dry Stream Bridge such as during major equestrian events and use as an overflow exit on Show Day's, etc.

Residents are encouraged to make use of this wonderful amenity on Aidanfield's doorstep.²

² The proposed McMahon Drive entrance, along with other improvements to access to the park, are provided for in the Nga Puna Wai and Canterbury Agricultural Park Management Plan approved by the Council in 2010 (p46). For more details visit www.ccc.govt.nz/cityleisure/parkswalkways/ngapunawaiandcanterburyagriculturalpark/Index.aspx





Stage 8 development

Despite uncertain economic times which have existed since 2008, and of course the past twelve months in Christchurch City, we are pleased to advise that all but four of the total 232 lots released in stages 7A and 7B have now been sold.

Resource consent has been obtained from the Christchurch City Council for the beginning of stage 8 where some 130 sites are to be developed. Construction work on this latest stage is to commence this month (September). Consent application approval is presently being sought for stage 9 (30 sites) at the northern or Templetons Road end of the block. These stages comprise the land holding bounded

by Aidanfield Drive, Halswell Road and Templetons Road.

Marketing of the Stage 8 sites is expected to begin about March next year with land titles hopefully available to purchasers May/June 2012, whilst the Stage 9 development will follow later in the year.

To be part of Aidanfield and part of "everything good about living in Christchurch" visit www.aidanfield.co.nz or contact Peter Cook (027 433 0227) or Pip Sutton (027 224 9524) or on 03 377 1460.

Mt Magdala

Cemetery Site



The Aidanfield subdivision is the former land of the Good Shepherd Sisters. The establishment of the Good Shepherd



Convent at Mount Magdala, Christchurch, dates from the early 1880s. Today at Aidanfield, the historic Mt Magdala Cemetery and the St John of God Chapel (built 1910 – 1912) are the two remaining connections with the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters. This recently re-landscaped cemetery site, close to the corner of Aidanfield Drive and McMahan Drive, has recently been transferred to the Christchurch City Council as an historic reserve and is to remain in perpetuity as a green open space as a memorial to many of the former Sisters and

residents who lived at Mt Magdala and the surrounding property from the late 1800s through to 1967 when the land on which most buildings were situated was sold. The Sisters retained ownership of their surrounding farmland and in 1999 commenced subdivision. Visitors are welcome to spend some time at the site, viewing the history board and taking in the outstanding views of the Port Hills and the Southern Alps from the southern end of the grounds.

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