



Redcliffs Residents' Association

2026 Annual Report to the community

This is the second Annual Report for this association under the recent Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

As we explained at our community meeting last year, the new Act requires that members of the Society itself must register and renew annually. We want everyone in our Redcliffs community to be involved in our work. We want you all to feel that you 'belong' in our community of Redcliffs. Therefore we have so far established a formal 'society' comprising the committee, and one community member.

Much bigger than that, we recognise everyone who lives, owns, rents or works in Redcliffs as Community Members of the Redcliffs Residents' Association (RRA).

In our view, Redcliffs describes the area from Soleares Ave to Clifton Terrace. So you all belong to our society. All community members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the committee (just not all at once, please). And if you want to register as a 'formal' member so you can vote and take an active role in the work of the Association please contact the Pat, secretary@redcliffs.org.nz or 0274274772.

As happens every year, I read back over the monthly committee Minutes since my last report, and I am truly astonished at the breadth and depth of activities and issues we have dealt with in just 12 months. In the following few paragraphs, I give you, in a nutshell, a summary of the work our dedicated and very able committee members have done for this community.
Christine Toner, Chair, RRA

Redcliffs Residents' Association (RRA) deeply appreciates our close relationship with Te Awa Kura – Barnett Park Redcliffs.

This group has achieved extraordinary results in a short period of time. Their vision "that one day we can walk up the valley through a bush canopy accompanied by bird son and swooping kereru" is fast becoming a reality. Volunteers are weeding, planting, growing native seedlings, clearing noxious weeds (like gorse, boneseed, banana passionfruit, convolvulus, elder) watering and caring for the valley behind Barnett Part sports ground. They have won the support and admiration of Community Board members and City Council councillors and Rangers. They have attracted a wonderful stream of funds though an array of grants. Many Redcliffs Residents are involved but four names must be mentioned: Martin Ward, the inspiration and steady lead; Ruth Dyson, astute fund raiser; Rosemary Neave, communicator extraordinaire and Sue Cooke, CCC Award winning organiser and motivator of teams of volunteers.

RRA is honoured to be the organisation through which this group applies for grants funding and looks after its funds. And the RRA committee enjoys Martin Ward's significant wisdom and experience as a committee member.

Thanks Barnett Park team for the huge contribution you all make to our community.

We also appreciate our close association with Predator Free Redcliffs, part of Predator Free Sumner and under the umbrella of Predator Free Port Hills. Committee members Ashley Rule and Dr Pat McIntosh (also our secretary) are active trappers and teachers of trapping. They are very active in Barnett Park, and regularly trap possums, rats, mice, hedgehogs, stoats and weasels in the valley.

Our activities over the past year have included:

- As RRA Associates, **Redcliffs School is preparing young people to** take on roles of responsibility in our community. For two years now, senior pupils have led the school in considering the Redcliffs they want in the future. Thanks to committee member Robyn Pearson for her motivation and thoughtful connection with the young people and their Principal, Nick Leith.
- Another of Robyn's initiatives in 2025 was arranging for a group of **University of Canterbury third year geography students** to work with Ashley Rule's Predator Free Barnett Park group on a tracking system. This was part of their Geog309 project called Research for Resilient Environments and Communities.
- RRA held a **community meeting at The Club**, James Street (aka the Bowling Club) in March, focussing on 'over 60s' and "what the future might look like". Three speakers covered 'managing money', 'financial planning' and retirement village'. Several community organisations set up displays and invited new members to join.
- We continue to support the work of the **Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust**, in particular regarding the birds of the estuary, which is an International Flyway. Tied in with this is the **Christchurch City Council's replacement Dog Control Policy and By-law 2025**. This bylaw states among other things that all dogs must be leashed on all roads, shared paths and footpaths, in all car parks, on all paths in parks and greenspace where dogs are allowed, on sports fields during games and practice sessions, on boat ramps and slipways, on wharves, jetties and boardwalks, cemeteries and memorial areas and in community gardens. Dogs are prohibited

from all Council playgrounds, skateparks and pump tracks, and paddling and swimming pools. There are specific rules regarding dogs on beaches and some coastal areas, to protect wildlife such as seabirds and shorebirds. For more clarity on the bylaws please refer to ccc.govt.nz/services/dogs-and-animals/where-you-can-take-your-dog

- RRA **supports residents** as far as possible, helps them contact appropriate help and where appropriate, make representation to Community Board and City Council. Issues such as traffic speed, crash barriers, street surface cleaning, council consultation and other processes, parking, fishing litter, signage, are examples we have dealt with this past year.
- We are starting a project to promote and help find funding for the **electrification (ie solar panels on roofs)** of business and community buildings in Redcliffs. If you are interested in this please contact Chris Doudney via Redcliffs.ra@gmail.com.
- Another project led by Martin Ward is a proposal to "**Acknowledge and Celebrate the Cultural History of Te Rae Kura Redcliffs**". Martin, Alex Green and others presented this proposal to the Community Board in March.
- We attended several Mayoral Forums for Residents' Associations and an information day at Rapaki Marae where we were welcomed as neighbours and learned a great deal.
- We are very slowly working on the village history project, aimed at story telling about our Redcliffs Village businesses in the early years. If you would like to be part of our team, please contact me, Christine Toner 0274339598 or christine@toner.co.nz

Redcliffs Residents' Association is here to make life better in all sorts of ways, for residents and businesses. If you wish to be involved, we welcome new committee members. And if you are concerned about anything in the community, let us know. We can't promise to help or fix everything but between us we have a wealth of knowledge, and good connections.

Thanks to our committee members *Dr Pat McIntosh, Secretary; Tony Burns, Treasurer; Chris Doudney, Deputy Chair; and Chris Bartlet, Martin Ward, Ashley Rule, Robyn Pearson, Evan Price, Peter Croft, Duncan Currie. Christine Toner, Chair*

