

Community Service Awards

Certificates are awarded each year to individuals or groups in recognition of voluntary service given which benefits residents or organisations within the Riccarton/Wigram community. The areas of service include youth activities, aged, education, welfare, recreation, religious and community development.

Nominations are sought in May and the awards are presented at a ceremony in August.

Youth Awards / Development Scheme

The Service Centre also has funds for young persons who seek financial assistance for personal development courses such as Outward Bound, leadership programmes, sporting representation etc. Applicants must live within the Riccarton/Wigram area and be aged between 15 and 24 years.

Applications are called for throughout the year.

Community Pride Garden Awards

The Community Pride Garden Award Scheme is a Council initiative to acknowledge the contribution made to the Garden City image of Christchurch by many private residential properties. Gardens are selected for these awards as part of the street competition which is a partnership between the Christchurch City Council and the Christchurch Beautifying Association. The assessments are undertaken during the months of December and January and are based on the following:

- . Evidence of effort or improvements made to the garden and the effect on the streetscape
- . Overall tidiness of property/garden and evidence of community pride
- . Horticultural/landscape impact of garden on street.

The owners of gardens selected are presented with a certificate which acknowledges the effort and contribution made by the residents to maintaining the Garden City image of Christchurch. Household owners who wish to enter into garden competitions may do so by entering one of the competitions run by the Canterbury Horticultural, or Beautifying Associations.