

What's New ...?



Lifeguards checking out their new facilities

Some of the exciting new facilities include:

- 5-lane, 25m fitness training pool
- 312m² leisure pool that includes a wave machine, raindrop unit, bubble pool, lazy river channel, and water bikes
- swirl pool
- sauna & steam rooms
- sunbeds
- fitness centre
- on-site physiotherapist
- new creche facilities

For more information about the Pioneer Leisure Centre phone 332-2676.

Pioneer Leisure Centre

During April 1998 work began on the Christchurch City Council's aqua-leisure development adjoining the Pioneer Sports Stadium. The new development is now completed and the Pioneer Leisure Centre, complete with additional facilities, is now open to the public.



Local people with staff of the Leisure Centre at the community open day.

Spreydon Domain Play Equipment

There is a new addition to the Spreydon Domain with bright new play equipment catering for a mixture of ages. The idea of play equipment came from a local resident, who saw the need for equipment not only for his own children, but for the community as a whole. Your ideas on community improvements are welcomed by the Council. The Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board supported the process in getting funding for the equipment.

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Waltham Community House

The Council has bought a house at Hastings Street East for the Waltham Community Cottage. Previously the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board rented a house for Waltham people to use.

The Cottage has been operating for nearly nine years and it is a focal point for people to gather to exchange information and share resources. Other things that happen there include outings for older people, a toy library, play groups, children's holiday programmes and a community gardening project. The phone number at Waltham Community Cottage is 365-2123.

Beckenham Statue

The new 3.5m corrugated iron sculpture (pictured) is turning heads in Beckenham and helping to generate interest in the area. Created by well-known sculptor Jeff Thomson, the work was funded by the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board and organised by the Beckenham Business Association. It sits on the corner of Colombo and Strickland Streets.



The new statue stands proud on the corner of Colombo & Strickland Streets

Hoon Hay Park Skateboard Bowl

In the coming 1999/2000 financial year, the Spreydon-Heathcote Community Board has set aside funds to upgrade the skateboard Bowl in Hoon Hay Park. Skateboarding and rollerblading is a major recreational pursuit for youth. The development will enable children of different skill levels to enjoy the facility. Consultation with local youth has begun and this will enable the design to be suited to their needs.

Tawhairaunui Trail - Victoria Park

Tawhairaunui Trail, a new track in Victoria Park, gives people in wheelchairs or with pushchairs and prams easy access to the bush and spectacular views. The track can be completed in about an hour in a wheelchair.

Winding through 70-year-old arbor day plantings, the one-kilometre track features viewing platforms and seats. The project has taken three years for the Council's Port Hills ranger services team to construct along with the help of others keen to improve the Park.

Although the trail is now open for use, an official open day will be held later in the winter, once plantings and information panels are complete.