

MONDAY		
10am to 12noon	Connecting Craftily	No Charge
9am to 1.30pm every 6 weeks	Foot Clinic for Seniors	\$10
1:30pm to 2:15pm	Ukulele Class	No charge
TUESDAY		
9am to 12pm	Playgroup (For caregivers with babies and preschoolers)	Koha
2pm to 3pm	Steady As You Go: SAYGO	\$2
1 st Tues of the month 2pm to 3:30pm	Seniors Group	\$3
WEDNESDAY		
Midday	Community Lunch	No charge
3:30pm	Children's Guitar Tuition	No charge
THURSDAY		
10:30 am to 11:30am	Badminton	\$2
1 st Thurs of the month 10am –1pm	Waltham Wallies (Men's Group)	No charge

Every 3 months a group of women go on an outing. This is always on a Friday. If you are interested please contact the office for more information. Spaces are limited.

The Cottage is closed on FRIDAYS except for the following group:

10am to 1pm Depression Support Network: No charge

Supporters of the Cottage

As always we are immensely grateful to all the individuals, groups and organisations who continue to support the Cottage to make a positive difference in the Community. Where possible we ask that you support the organisations that support us:

Beckenham Methodist Church, COGS, Christchurch City Council, Essie Summers Retirement Village, Janette Busch Jams, Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board, Lotteries Grant Board, Opawa Baptist Church, Rata Foundation, St. Martins Presbyterian Church, The Southern Trust, Ultra Smart Service Limited, Vault Industries.

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standing tall, reaching all*



Te Whare Roopu o Oterepo Waltham Community Cottage

November 2019 Newsletter

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Cottage opening hours

Monday - Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Kia ora and welcome to our final newsletter of the year

Wow, time certainly does fly!

It was at the end of July 1999 that Te Whare Roopu o Oterepo Waltham Community Cottage officially opened it's doors at our current site. It took almost 6 years for the Cottage to acquire a permanent home after being located on the corner of Waltham Road and Austin Street.

“The house at 201 Hastings Street East can be seen as a testament to the success and validity of the project and the physical evidence of the Christchurch City Council’s commitment to fostering community development.”
(Suburban Oasis, Don Hammond 2001)

The Cottage is a 100 year old property that has managed to withstand the test of time especially over the last 9 years. **We will be happily celebrating our 20 year anniversary here on Wednesday 13th November at midday.**

During 2019 the Cottage has continued to be a busy hub of activity where the community has come together to connect and /or participate in the activities that are provided. Our volunteers ensure everyone who comes to the Cottage is made to feel welcome. Daily laughter and chatting is heard coming from the lounge and, more recently with the warmer weather, the back porch.

A few snippets from activities during the past few months:-

Connecting Craftily



Once again this year the chosen project for craft was knitted knee rugs. Women gathered on Mondays and Thursdays to knit and chat while having a cuppa. A visitor from China was very excited to participate in the project and between her and her sister they knitted the majority of rugs! We were fascinated to see that they preferred to stand and even sometimes dance whilst knitting the squares.

Our visitor is the manager of a community centre in China and was keen to introduce the project to her community group on her return. Very soon there could be many colourful rugs being handed out to the elderly in her city in China. Prior to her departure we gifted 8 rugs to a rest home and they were delighted to receive them.



Waltham Wallies outings

The Men’s group have had very enjoyable trips around Christchurch. They’ve visited Kaiapoi, The Spit and for their final outing this year they will be taking the ferry to Diamond Harbour at the end of November.



Playgroup

The Playgroup morning has continued to be a time for carers and children to come together and spend an enjoyable morning in each others’ company. Our community is made up of families from different cultures and backgrounds and it is wonderful to see a sharing of our differences. Sam, the coordinator together with her volunteers makes sure everyone feels welcome and always provides healthy snacks for both carers and children. What’s more she makes the best birthday cakes for the children turning 5 so they have a great send-off to primary school.



Halloween was another fun morning when everyone dressed up in creative outfits and enjoyed some “spooky” treats.

The playgroup are very excited to have a petting zoo visit the Cottage on 19th November.

End of Year Activities

2nd December	Final foot clinic for 2019	\$10 Booking essential
10th December	Playgroup Christmas party SAYGO Christmas Party	Start back 11th Feb Start back 21st Jan
11th December 4:30—6:30pm	Community Christmas BBQ Named \$2 gift for Santa to give to children	Please bring along a dessert to share
11th December	Affordable Fruit and Vege Bags Final delivery	First orders placed on 22nd Jan for delivery on 29th Jan
19th December	Cottage closes	Cottage reopens on 20th Jan