

WELCOME

The Newcomers Group is an independent group run by volunteers with close ties to the University of Canterbury. We are here to welcome you and your family to our community and to Christchurch. We hope that your stay is both pleasant and satisfying. We aim to bring some friendship and help to you during your time in Christchurch.

Coffee Mornings

We warmly invite you to our coffee mornings that we'll hold fortnightly on Wednesdays. These gatherings provide an opportunity for some friendly contact between new permanent arrivals or visitors to New Zealand and our group members, all related to the University in some way. Coffee mornings begin at 10 a.m., and children are most welcome when supervised by their parents. Please feel free to ask us for information about New Zealand, Christchurch, interest groups, and volunteer organisations.

Walking Group

Every alternate Wednesday from the coffee mornings, anyone interested in meeting for a walk with a coffee stop in the middle, can meet at 10 a.m. at the carpark of the New World Supermarket on Peer Street. Your volunteer driver runs on coffee so, when carpooling is involved, buying coffee for her/him would be a thoughtful gesture. You'll find us around the charity bins area weather permitting or by the supermarket side door in adverse weather conditions.

Social Monday Evenings

We warmly invite you to our social Monday evenings, that will be held the same week as the walking group, the following Monday to the coffee mornings. These gatherings will provide an opportunity for some friendly evening contact between new permanent arrivals or visitors to Christchurch and our Newcomers group members, who are all related to the University of Canterbury in some way.

We meet at the University of Canterbury Club (UCC) based at the Ilam Homestead between 5:00pm-6:30pm. New Zealand wines, locally brewed craft beer and a range of beverages and snacks are available for purchase if you wish (www.ucc.org.nz)

Other Useful Information Some Hostesses Can Help With

Preschooler activities information	Teresa von der Heiden	942-3206
Tennis (all-weather)	Joan Powell	351-1512
Music & performing arts	Ruth Bivins	358-5811
Social Monday Evenings	Brenda Sargent-Bradley	027-3628435
UC Newcomers Group	Marcela Avalos	021-0418550

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Looking into buying second-hand

In NZ, thrift stores are referred to as opportunity shops (Op shops examples are the Eco Store, Salvation Army, Red Cross). Trade Me is the most used online website in NZ (needs registrations and proof of address) which is the equivalent to e-Bay in other countries. You may want to explore this option for buying and selling items. Facebook also has a market place which is by far a less regulated environment to buy and sell items. In any case, please make sure you are satisfied with the other party's reputation before engaging in a trade.

Please leave these pages in the house for the next occupants when you vacate the property. If you find an outdated list, please email newcomers@canterbury.ac.nz to obtain the latest version. We hope to meet you soon but in the meanwhile, we wish you a happy stay and safe travelling wherever you may go.

Newcomers Group 2020

Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Luncheons

Coffee mornings begin at 10 a.m. on the dates and venues listed below. Luncheons are arranged around 11:30 a.m. Please feel free to contact your house hostess who may provide or help you arrange transport if requested. Children are most welcome when supervised by their parent(s). We endeavour to provide the most accurate information at the moment of issuing this list, however changes may occur. It's recommended that you confirm the venue by texting or emailing

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Date	Hostess	Address	Phone
January 22	<i>Potluck Lunch in Prebbleton</i>		
	Take a walk around a lovely garden that includes a New Zealand native section. You'll also see miniature horses and a small aviary. Bring a plate of "finger or fork food" for a shared potluck lunch. Contact your house hostess to car pool for the 15-minute drive. Arrive about 11.30 a.m. Your hostess in Prebbleton:		
	Val Hutton	"Springlea", 121 Blakes Road, Prebbleton	349-8464
February 5	Brenda Sargent-Bradley	132 Waimairi Road, Ilam	027-362-8435
February 19	Aneta Cubrinovska	25 Lodge Place, Ilam	343-3484
March 4	Aneta Cubrinovska	25 Lodge Place, Ilam	343-3484
March 18	Paula Wingreen	81 Jeffreys Road, Fendalton	351-3579
April 1	Brenda Sargent-Bradley	132 Waimairi Road, Ilam	027-362-8435
April 15	Polina Maslova	56B Karnak Crescent, Russley	022-461-3428
April 29	Lynne Squire	villa 129/120 Hawthornden Rd, Avonhead	352-4308
May 13	Felicity Williams	43 Webb Street, St Albans	021-222-7273
May 27	Felicity Williams	43 Webb Street, St Albans	021-222-7273
June 10	Christine Cole	15B Chilcombe Street, Ilam	351-3041
June 24	Marcela Avalos	54 Karnak Crescent, Russley	021-041-8550
July 8	Barb Wright	23 Wilfrid Street, Ilam	027-554-3083
July 22	Anne Jamieson	130B Clyde Road, Ilam	351-2131
August 5	Ruth Bivins	30 Arlington Street, Burnside	358-5811
August 19	Ruth Bivins	30 Arlington Street, Burnside	358-5811
Sept 2	Naomi Dunn	unit 12/27 Cornwall St, St Albans	020-4170-9893
September 16	Joan Powell	81 Bryndwr Road, Bryndwr	351-1512
September 30	Teresa von der Heiden	79 Rattray Street, Riccarton	942-3206

October 14	Elizabeth Dunlop	157 Hamilton Avenue, Ilam	351-9782
October 28	Naomi Dunn	unit 12/27 Cornwall St, St Albans	020-4170-9893
November 11	Paula Wingreen	81 Jeffreys Road, Fendalton	351-3579
November 25	<i>Potluck Lunch in Prebbleton</i>		

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December 9 *Christmas LUNCH*

Our final get together for the season. Bring a Christmas treat to share. Arrive about 11.30 a.m., starting lunch at noon. We would like to meet at a park. Location TBA depending on the weather.

Social Monday Evenings

The venue for these events is the University of Canterbury Club (UCC) based at the Ilam Homestead www.ilamhomestead.co.nz and they take place between 5:00pm and 6:30pm.

You are invited to drop by at your convenience. The Social Monday Evening hostesses are

Brenda Sargent-Bradley 027-3628435 brendasargent@gmail.com

Kate Cook 022 050 3863

Laura Chiaro 022 452 1808

Social Monday Evenings dates for 2020 follow...

27 January	13 July
10 February	27 July
24 February	10 August
9 March	24 August
23 March	7 September
6 April	21 September
20 April	5 October
4 May	19 October
18 May	2 November
15 June	16 November
29 June	30 November

Changes to the above schedules are unlikely.

For confirmation please contact the respective hostess by phone or email newcomers@canterbury.ac.nz or contact Marcela on 021-041-8550 or Brenda on 027-362-8435.