



Membership Form

I/we wish to become a member/s of the Mt Pleasant Memorial Community Centre & Residents Assn. Inc.

Circle: Family / Individual

1. Full Name _____

Email _____

2. Full Name _____

Email _____

3. Full Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Home phone _____

Mobile phone _____

Optional information to help us plan:

Age range

0-20yrs 21-40yrs 41-60yrs 61- 80yrs 81+

Household status

Living alone

Single parent with one or more pre-school/school age children

Couple with one or more pre-school/school age children

Caring for elderly or dependent relatives at home

Some great reasons to join the Association

Your subscription helps the Association provide:

A catalyst for action within community: Working together to improve our suburb's connectedness, environment, services and our community owned assets.

Opportunities to be involved: Become a member, champion, advisor, neighbourhood coordinator, volunteer or committee member - get involved at any level you choose.

Support for yourself or others in times of need. For example: earthquake and insurance support.

Provision of recreational opportunities such as yoga, ukulele, dance, children's music, craft, produce swap meets, community network meetings, revolving bookcase, singing group.
(Our recreational opportunities are currently limited due to the size of our temporary community centre).

The operation and maintenance of your community: owned, staffed temporary community centre provides space for meetings, social space etc.

Local Information: we have a website packed with info, a Facebook page and provide weekly email updates and quarterly hard copy newsletters to the community. We also maintain a wide selection of council/community publications at the centre.

Staging community events such as Pleasant Day Out and Estuary Fest and supporting the weekly Mt Pleasant Farmers Market.

Membership of the Association gives you voting rights for the management committee at the AGM, and for other important decisions about our community owned assets.

To find out more contact:

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 Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/MPMCCRAI



Our Vision

"To nurture and facilitate a dynamic, friendly community that is resilient and sustainable."

Mt Pleasant Community Centre & Residents Association Inc. (MPCC) has been an integral part of the social fabric of the Mt Pleasant Community for over 60 years. Originally established in the early 50's the Association's role has changed and fluctuated over the years.

Since the devastating quakes of 2011 this role has expanded beyond the traditional provision of community facilities at the foot of Mt Pleasant hill to include that of an enabler and facilitator of a strong, connected community, one which can weather the good times along with the bad.

A bit of Mt Pleasant history

The Mount Pleasant Memorial Community Centre was established at McCormacks Bay in 1953 as a War Memorial under a Government funding scheme following the ending of World War II. This facility was made possible by the provision of a 1:1 subsidy. The Government of the day donated a £ for every £ fundraised by our community. From 1948 until the original building was opened in 1953, fundraising and gathering community support for the building was a major activity in the young suburb. Many gala days and public fundraisers were undertaken and much of the labour needed was supplied by volunteers even down to making the bricks! It was, and remains one of the few centres in Christchurch community-owned rather than ratepayer owned and the Mt Pleasant community were justifiably proud of their building.

Today

The Association's assets include the new Memorial Community Centre (currently being rebuilt), the Mt Pleasant Squash building and the Temporary community centre. These assets are held and managed through the incorporated society of the Mt Pleasant Memorial Community Centre & Residents Assn. Inc. on behalf of the Mt Pleasant community*. Membership of the Association provides voting rights to local residents on decisions relating to the running and management of these assets. We hold our AGM in March each year. The Association is a registered charity under the Charities Commission.

The Future

It was a sad day when the old centre was demolished in 2012 following the Canterbury quakes of 2010 and 2011. However, since that time the committee has been fundraising hard once again to re-establish the Memorial centre. We expect the rebuild of the centre to start taking place in late 2014 to early 2015. In the meantime, the Association has purchased, with the help of Christchurch Rotary, an old classroom to use as a temporary centre and sited this in McCormacks Bay near to the original site. This facility is currently well used despite its small classroom size.

Post-quake

The Association's activities have increased from that of one mainly focused on provision of community facilities and that of a building management committee to an organization seeking to "nurture and facilitate a dynamic, friendly community that is resilient and sustainable" as its core value. The earthquakes have taught us we can live in safer, stronger communities when we know each other and share resources and skills for the benefit of everyone.

Current projects and activities

These include: organising for the rebuild of our new centre (whew), running of the temporary community centre, providing a range of educational, social and recreational opportunities for residents, supporting a network of Neighbourhood coordinators and the Mt Pleasant Response and Resilience team, supporting the Mt Pleasant Farmers market, organising community events, delivering a weekly free e-newsletter and quarterly hard copy newsletter as well as keeping our web and Facebook sites up to date with relevant information for residents. We are able to achieve this by employing a part-time coordinator and administrator. This work is funded by a mixture of membership fees, rent for the centre, fundraising and grants. See overleaf for further information on MPCC's role and activities.

* The Association's boundary is defined as the area bounded on the east by Balmoral Lane up to the Summit Road, along Summit Road, and on the west from Summit Road down the spur along Bridle Path Road to Heathcote River mouth, along the Heathcote River to the junction of Ferry Road and Charlesworth Street, along Charlesworth Street to Linwood Avenue, along Linwood Avenue, Humphreys Drive, Tidal View, Heathcote Bridge and Main Road to Balmoral Lane.



I/we wish to join the Association as:

- An individual membership \$10.00
- Family membership \$20.00
- Donation (Amount) \$ _____
- I have the following skills I would like to share with the Association:

- I would like to know more about becoming involved as a volunteer / neighbourhood coordinator / champion / committee member:

Please fill out your details overleaf

Funds raised through memberships and donations go towards the operational funding of the Centre.

- **Cash**
- **Cheque:** made payable to Mt Pleasant Memorial Community Centre & Residents Association Inc.
Post to 3 McCormacks Bay Road, Christchurch 8081.
- **Internet banking:** Westpac account name Mt Pleasant Memorial Community Centre & Residents Association Inc. Account number 03 1599 0437114 00.
Please complete this form and post to us to process.

Please consider joining as a financial member and/or make a tax deductible donation to support the work of MPCC.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL SUPPORT