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Welcome to the new e-newsletter of the Timaru Civic Trust!

It's been a while since we've sent out a newsletter to our members, so firstly we'd like to apologise for the recent lack of communication.

Along with the COVID disruptions experienced over the past two-and-a-bit years, we've also been undertaking a few changes with our administration, including transitioning to more digitally based processes.

We have also engaged a new volunteer membership manager, Gabriela Paredes, who has generously given up her time to set up our new membership database and Xero e-invoicing system (thanks Gabby!).

Now that we have the admin side set up and running, we hope to provide our members with more regular updates on our activities. Here are some of the things that the TCT Board have been up to over the past year...



New roof for the Landing Service Building

We have recently completed the roof renewal on the Landing Service building, which had to be replaced due to damage caused by the big hail storm in November 2019. We think the new roof colour (slate) looks stunning.

We also undertook additional works to the building, including recladding the rear annex, adding service walkways to the roof, replacing gutters and downpipes (still to be completed) and repairing and repainting exterior timberwork.

Many thanks to *Menzies* and *Timaru Construction* for the great job they did in completing this project with minimal disruption to our tenants.



Customhouse Improvements

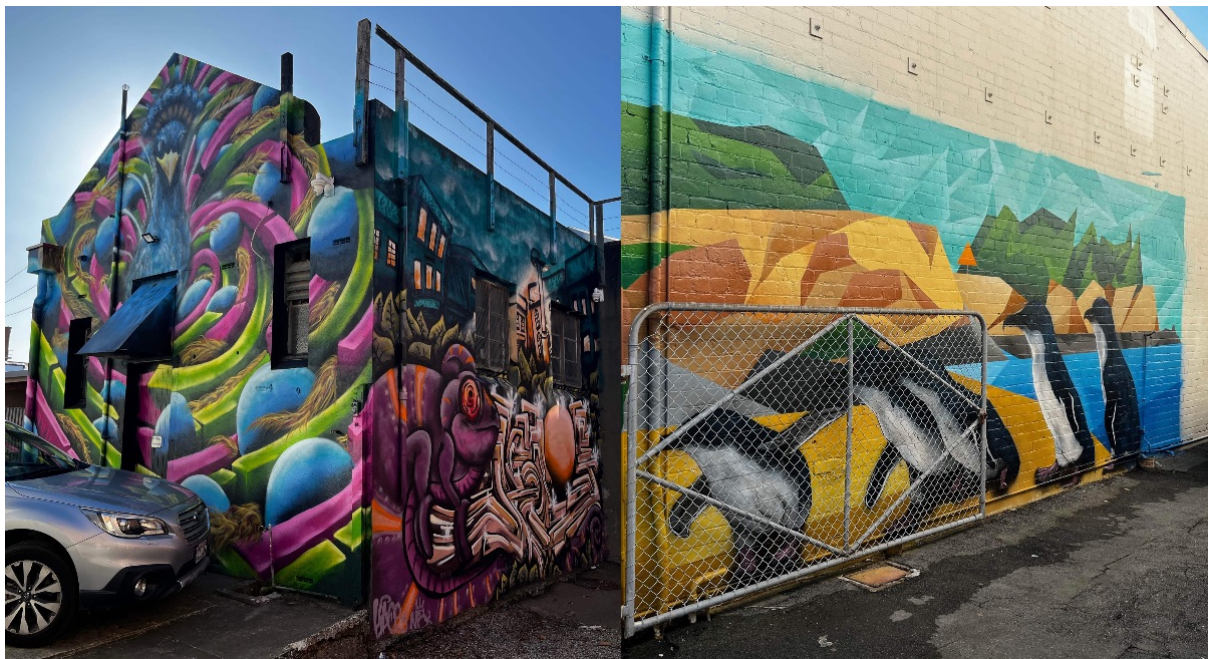
The Civic Trust purchased the former Customhouse building back in 2017. We have recently repaired and repainted the boundary wall and railings, replanted the gardens and added new handrails to the entry steps.



Repainting of the Dominion Hotel

The Civic Trust is contributing \$5,000 to the repainting of the front facade of the Dominion Hotel, at the top end of Stafford Street, via the Trust's Heritage Grant scheme.

We think the new paint job looks great and it certainly brightens up the top end of our main street. Well done to the owners for investing in the upkeep of this beautiful heritage building.



Street Art

In collaboration with Alive Vibrant Timaru, the Timaru Civic Trust have been investing in new street art projects to enliven some of the uninspiring blank walls around the town. So far we have contributed to 6 street art murals with more projects on the way.

Down an alleyway accessed from halfway down the Royal Arcade are murals painted on two facades of a building by Timaru graffiti artist Kaos (lefthand image above). The Trust contributed \$5,000 to this artwork.

We have also contributed to 50% of the cost of a new mural on the south side of Soul Surf & Skate's new premises (at 279 Stafford Street). This mural, depicting Little Blue Penguins (Kororā) coming ashore at Caroline Bay, was painted by local artist Anthony Fowler.



Blue Plaques

In association with the South Canterbury Historical Society, we have produced another blue heritage plaque that has been installed on the Timaru Boys High School Memorial Library.

Watch this space for more of these heritage plaques to be installed both in Timaru and in the surrounding districts in the near future...



Historic Places Aotearoa - Associate Membership

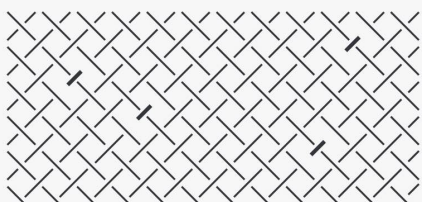
The Timaru Civic Trust has signed up as an Associate Member Historic Places Aotearoa.

Historic Places Aotearoa is a national not-for-profit organisation advocating for heritage across New Zealand. It is a collaborative federation of a number of regional heritage groups who work together to promote heritage.

The Timaru Civic Trust is proud to be supporting the work that HPA do as the national voice for local heritage groups across Aotearoa.

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Timaru CityTown

Timaru District Council in association with Isthmus & Gapfiller have released the first stage of their vision to reimagine and regenerate our city centre. A new website has been created where you can find out all about the proposed regeneration strategy and download a copy of the *Strategic Framework* as well as a selection of other reports and consultation summaries, etc.:

www.timarucitytown.co.nz

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Have you checked out our recently revamped [website](#)? It's full of great images (courtesy of local photographer Brian High) and articles about Timaru and surrounding districts.

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