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## Newsletter of the Timaru Civic Trust - March 2023

Welcome to another instalment of the Timaru Civic Trust e-newsletter.

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### Annual membership subscriptions

A special thanks to those of you who have recently renewed your annual Civic Trust membership subscription. Your support is greatly appreciated and your subscription allows us to continue to work to enhance and protect our beautiful town and region.

Thanks must also go to our membership officer Gabby Paredes for setting up our new online (Xero based) invoicing system. Going forward, all membership renewals will be invoiced in February of each year.

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## **Timaru Civic Trust contributes \$50,000 to CPlay**

The Timaru Civic Trust has donated \$50,000 to the new CPlay fundraising campaign.

The construction works are now underway and we are really excited about this new educational play facility for Timaru.

With strong links to our local heritage it will be a great asset for our community and for the education of our tamariki. Such an inspirational public asset will enhance our civic realm and create a new centrepiece of active play for our town and the district as a whole. It is for these reasons that the Timaru Civic Trust Board has decided to contribute \$50,000 to the construction of the new CPlay playground.

Great community's require the effort of dedicated people. It is great to see CPlay has such a dedicated group of volunteers to see this project through. The Timaru Civic Trust recognises this effort and wish to thank the CPlay committee for bringing this tremendous facility to people of Timaru.





## Eight new Blue Heritage Plaques produced

The Timaru Civic Trust have teamed up with the South Canterbury Historical Society to produce eight new blue heritage plaques to be installed onto heritage buildings around the wider South Canterbury district.

The plaques produced will be installed on the following buildings in the coming months:

- 1 Eleanor Tripp Memorial Library, Woodbury
2. Pleasant Point Railway Station



3. St Mary's Church, Esk Valley
4. St David's Church, Cave
5. The Vicarage, Geraldine
6. St Patrick's Basilica, Waimate
7. Temuka Courthouse Museum
8. St Augustine's Church, Waimate

We also wish to acknowledge Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, who's funding from a local bequest helped make this project possible.

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## New Urban Art project unveiled

Urban Artist Koryu Aoshima was recently commissioned to create a concept for a mural for the the Orari Buildings, at the north end of Stafford St. The project was a collaboration between the Timaru Civic Trust, Alive Vibrant Timaru and the current owners of the building, the Wilson family.

The building, that has been recently renamed 'Manawa Ora' ('breath of life'), showcases this beautiful and highly visible piece of urban art on two south facing walls - depicting our proximity to the Aoraki/Mt Cook and the land connected to the sea and its' abundance.

*"I expressed the breath of life with a girl playing in nature. Nature breathes as we breathe. We need to pass on this will to the next generation, just like the spreading seeds of dandelions."* (Koryu Aoshima)

Bringing Urban Art into our town centre is an ongoing project for the Civic Trust and placing these murals on side or rear walls of inner city buildings helps to enliven the streetscape. It is a very rewarding and worthwhile initiative, which we are keen to continue supporting. Keep an eye out for more urban art projects to be progressed in the next few months.

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## **Bay Spray workshop**

Our partnership with Alive Vibrant Timaru also enables us to contribute to urban events, such as the recent 'Bay Spray' workshop, held on an extremely hot Saturday in February.

This urban art workshop allowed the public to get 'hands on', creating their own personal stencil art or spray painting artworks on the side of our Street Art shipping container. It was hosted by Alive Vibrant Timaru as part of the annual Seaside Festival in collaboration with the Aigantighe Art Gallery and Wuhoo Timaru.

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## **Civic Trust submits on Council's proposed replacement**

## District Plan

The Timaru Civic Trust has made a formal submission on the proposed changes to the Council's Proposed District Plan.

If you would like to read it, our full submission document can be downloaded [here](#).

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## Historic Places Aotearoa - Oculus Heritage Newsletter

Historic Places Aotearoa (HPA) have just unveiled their new website ([www.historicplacesaotearoa.nz](http://www.historicplacesaotearoa.nz)). The Timaru Civic Trust is an Associate Member Historic Places Aotearoa, which gives our members access to the HPA Heritage newsletters which are published quarterly.

The latest HPA newsletter (as well as back issues) can be downloaded from the following link:

[HPA newsletters access](#)

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Past issues of our Timaru Civic Trust newsletters can be accessed [here](#).

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