



## Kia Ora, and welcome to the LinWard Collective Newsletter

The Linward collective is a collaboration between the following organisations, dedicated to encouraging community connection

- Linwood Resource Centre
- Bromley Community Centre
- Linwood Avenue Community Corner Trust
- Christchurch Methodist Mission
- The Loft
- St. Chad's Anglican Church
- Linwood Library

## Linwood Library

Linwood Library are featuring the amazing 'VR Paddleboard the Ōtākaro River'.

We are thrilled to be taking people on a VR Journey (for some their very first experience of VR) through the Ōtākaro Avon River corridor, from its ancient roots to a vision of the future.

Step back in time, understand the stories, and see history unfold before your eyes with the Ōtākaro Paddleboard Experience in Virtual Reality!

Be welcome to head on down to Linwood Library for a relaxed paddle, to be enjoyed with or without the VR headset.

Use of the VR headset is subject to staffing availability, and is suitable for ages 12+. The experience is made possible by Au-

## Christmas Closing Dates

### LACCT:

Midday Friday 22nd December - 9am Monday 8th January 2024

### THE LOFT:

1pm Thursday 21st December - 9am Monday 8th January 2024

### LRC:

Wednesday 20th December - Monday 8th January 2024

### CMM BLANKET BANK:

Thursday 21st December - Monday 8th January 2024

### LINWOOD LIBRARY:

Closed all Stat Holidays - reduced hours. Refer to website for more details.

### BROMLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Friday December 15th - Friday 2nd February 2024

### St. CHADS

Friday December 15th - Friday 2nd February 2024



# The Blanket Bank



It has been over a year since CMM began working on the Blanket bank project. Since the beginning of 2023, we have given out more than 900 blankets. We have reached whanau in more than 60 suburbs and we have worked with more than 25 agencies. The majority of our referrals are directly from community members. We have received positive feedback from the community who are delighted to connect with the Blanket Bank. We often hear about the financial challenges our families are facing, which is why the Blanket Bank has potential to make an impact by providing access into other much needed services and eliminating barriers to access warmer bedding at no cost or judgement.

Request to the blanket bank have slowed a little with the warmer weather, but we are always taking donations, so please contact us on 027 818 7118 or email [blanketbank@mmsi.org.nz](mailto:blanketbank@mmsi.org.nz) if you have items to donate.

We want to thank the LinWard collective for including the Blanket Bank and our team in endeavours

Merry Christmas



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Blanket bank will be closed from the 22nd of December until the 8th of January 2024 where the full team will be back at mahi.

## Bromley Community Centre

### Christmas in the Brom

Come and help us celebrate Christmas in the Brom. We will also be celebrating the opening of the new Bromley playground currently under construction.

### Christmas and New Year closure dates

Bromley Community Centre will close 12 noon on the 20th of December 2023 and will reopen 9.00 am on 15th of January 2024.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for any updates over the break. Have a happy, fun, and safe Christmas and New year.



BROMLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE PRESENTS

**FREE!**

**CHRISTMAS IN THE BROM**

**9TH DEC** **MINI MARKET**  
**12PM-3PM**

FREE ENTRY, FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE, BOUNCY CASTLE, MC "HOST FROM THE COAST", FUN GAMES, WINNING WHEEL & LOTS LOTS MORE!!!

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# Linwood Avenue Community Corner Trust

*It feels like only yesterday we started this year, I guess time does fly when you're having fun!*

2023 was a great year for us at LACCT, and also a momentous one. In October we celebrated our 25th anniversary of the founding of the trust. We had a rolling morning tea to commemorate such a significant achievement. In our 25 years of service, we have celebrated a diverse range of people in the local community, and had many generous volunteers donate thousands of hours of their time to us. To anyone who has used our services, joined any of our groups, volunteered for us, or supported us in any way, we thank you.

Alongside our birthday, this year we kicked off our new Girls Group with the help of Emma Woods, our Girls Group leader. This project has been a great success, and it has been amazing to see the girls forming valuable connections with each other, exploring around the local area, baking and cooking for the group, and learning new life skills.

Our final lite lunch will be held on December 13th. In 2024, our lunches will be back after Waitangi Day, make sure to keep an eye out on our Facebook page for the official dates.



Fruit star made by Zoey



Gate unveiling at Linwood Resource Centre



Party at Linwood Resource Centre



25th Anniversary cake!



Girls group crafting



Volunteers lunch cakes





## Linwood Resource Centre

Merry Christmas, Meri Kirihimete from the Linwood Resource Centre, Community Gardens, Menz and Community Shed! We hope you have a fantastic and safe summer. We close on Wednesday 20th at 12 noon and re-open Monday 8th January ready for another exciting year so keep an eye on our facebook page – Linwood Resource Centre & Community Gardens for an up to date calendar of events, workshops and general happenings. You may also notice our fab new sign made by the LACCT Girls' Group who have captured what we get up to.

A big thank you to all those who came to our Annual Plant Sale, the day was a huge success and we hope your plants are doing well. If you wish to buy more plants or need some gardening advice, please pop on in! If you would like to learn more about gardening, having a garden or even just helping us with ours, please come on in budding gardeners are always welcome whatever your skill level.

The Shed has some very exciting news ... we have welcomed Charlie our new Community Development Kaimahi, to our team. The Shed (amongst the usual wide selection of woodwork) are making picnic tables for the Estuary Trust so if you fancy lending a hand, please come in and chat to Charlie.

The House always has the kettle on (and usually a pot of tea) if you fancy a cuppa. Our Craft group will be busy conjuring up new creations on Wednesday mornings 10am – 12 noon for all those who feel the need to get their creative juices flowing.

The LRC will soon be welcoming a new Community Development Worker as Menna will be moving on to pastures new including teaching Chair Yoga at St Chads (details to be confirmed).

A note from Menna: I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and work at the Linwood Resource Centre and working with the people in the Linwood area. You are a very special group of people with a fantastic sense of community. I hope you will continue to support your local community organisations and events. Thank you for your laughter and company over the last five years, you have made my work a pleasure!