

Annual Report 2024-2025



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Community Residents'
Association & Hub

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Thank you to our project funders





The Sumner Community Residents' Association (SCRA) is a group of passionate locals working together for the good of our community. Meeting and operating from the Sumner Hub (the old Police Station) at 57 Nayland Street. We are a volunteer committee with two funded part-time contractors who deliver our projects for us.

We have a vision for our residents association:

"Sumner is a flourishing community, with residents who feel empowered and connected."

SCRA Strategy

Our Vision

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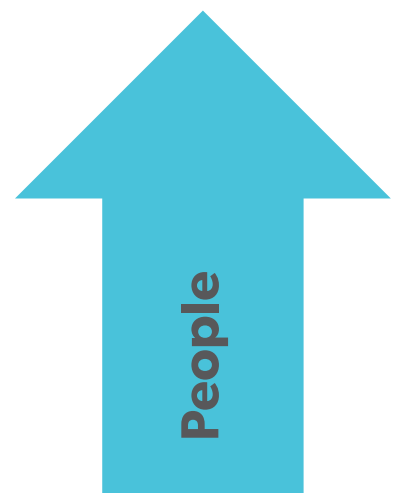


Our Values easily translate into 4 Focus Areas



We care about protecting our natural environment.

2025: We will promote : circular economy, waste minimisation through no more single use habits



We care about increasing neighbourliness.

2025 : We will ensure the seniors have an evacuation plan and include neighbours in the plan

Our Mission

To educate, engage and be advocates for our community.

Our Values

- Sustainability - Environment
- Connection - People
- Empowerment - Advocacy
- Participation - Hub Projects

Advocacy

We care about advocating on local issues.

2025: We will continue to stay well connected to each other for a safer community

Hub

We care about creating an inviting Sumner Hub.

2025 : We will continue to expand our offerings by working with CCC to secure more land in the Red Zone

A letter from the Chair



Andrea Davis

Committee Member
since 2019 and Chair
since 2023

Maori Proverb

**Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi,
engari he toa takitini.**

Success is not in the strength of an individual, but in the strength of many.

Kia ora, tena koutou katoa, Hello and Greeting to you all.

We have four pillars to our values at SCRA; People, Environment, Advocacy and The Hub. This year we focused on our People and our Environment.

Back at the start of 2024, I prioritise preparing our community for emergency evacuation and working through what each evacuation scenario looks like. We now have an evacuation plan on paper, and have shared this plan with our local Fire and Marine Rescue teams, along with local sports clubs and schools. In December we will share this plan with wider community.

We have received further funding from the CCC Strengthening Communities Grant scheme to enable our next steps with this plan, which include evacuation signage and information, education about how we provide 3 days of water storage needed in an emergency such as earthquake or tsunami. We also are working on an alternative communication channel if we lose power and cell phone coverage. I want to thank our Community Board, Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere-Heathcote for investing in this important work.

On a more positive note, this year we took on a big project of resource recovery. I want to thank Alicia Mallo for her vision, and networking skills, pulling in resources from the Packaging Forum, The Riverlution Precious Plastics team, and both University of Canterbury and Ara. We have diverted over 200 kilograms of plastic lids from land fill, and Alicia is working with UC to find products that can use our shredded plastic lids. We see our resource recovery project as a leader in community led waste minimisation.

I want to thank Jim Perry for working tirelessly on our operational projects, such as van access, bike repair events, and spreading our news across many channels. I have noticed both Jim and Alicia putting in extra time and energy off their own backs, and I thank you.

I especially want to thank the committee who volunteer their time and energy to keep the governance side of the organisation alive. I speak on behalf of the committee that we will miss Joy Fabian, who is retiring as our treasurer. Thank you Joy for 5 years in the role, and we wish you a relaxing retirement.

I want to thank our four funders; The Lotteries Grants, The Christchurch City Council, The Sumner Ferrymead Foundation, and The Packaging Forum for generous financial support. Finally, I thank the wider community for backing our ideas and projects. Together we have great success!

Ngā mihi , Andrea Davis, SCRA Chair

Meet our Committee and Contractors



Treasurer

Joy Fabian has been rock solid treasurer since 2022. She will retire this year and we wish her all the best.



Hub Project Provider

Emily Quane joined the committee last year and created The Art Hub space, where she runs the art workshops. Emily also manages the two community notice boards.



Committee Member

Simon Brown has lived in Sumner since the 1980s and is an avid surfer and kaitiaki of the Ocean and our Esplande.



Hub Project Provider

Lucas Sampaio has been on the committee since 2021. Lucas co-founded the Goat Shed project and Surfboard Library at The Hub



Hub Co-ordinator

Jim Perry is in a paid role to keep the van rolling. He is our eyes and ears at The Hub where he communicates with the wider community.



Project Co-ordinator

Alicia Mallo is in a paid role to develop our Civil Defense Evacuation Plan and she drove the Recycling Station set up. Alicia also writes our grant applications.

SCRA Impact Community Actions 2024 - 2025

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Successful funding grants

800+

Hours the Hub doors were open

40K

Dollars raised from grants

464+

People attended our workshops and events

200+

Kgs of waste divered from landfill in 6 months

98

Surfboards borrowed from the library (Goat Shed)

30

Emergency grab bags made and delivered

11,775+

Kms travelled in the Community Van

155

People used the mobile sauna by Ocean Ember

13

Surfboards built and repaired

3300

Followers on our Facebook page

12

Bikes repaired

Collaborations with greater Chch community

16

3

Market events on the Village Green

Civil Defence, Local first responders, 3 Other Community Hubs in recycling programme, Te Ara internship programme, SBUT, Uni of Canterbury, Edith Cavell retirement home, 7 local schools

The Hub 2025

I have enjoyed a busy second year in the role of Coordinator. We started the year with the job of making up 30 emergency grab bags for our local senior residents living alone and connecting with our local pharmacies to identify those to receive. This project was funded through the Community Organisation Grant Scheme and the Lotteries Fund.

How we communicate with our community went up a notch when we purchased two new notice boards. One lockable for local business advertising and one for flatmates and surfboard sales and the like.

I continue to reach out to our neighbouring communities in Mt Pleasant, Heathcote and Redcliffs and Lyttelton. It is one of my challenges to communicate across many channels and increase face to face contact with people. We tried a printed version of the newsletter over three months and would like to hear from the community how they want to receive their local news.

I re-launched bike servicing to locals in an affordable way. Our local mechanic Riley will return to Canada soon, as we search for others who enjoy tinkering with bikes to take his place.

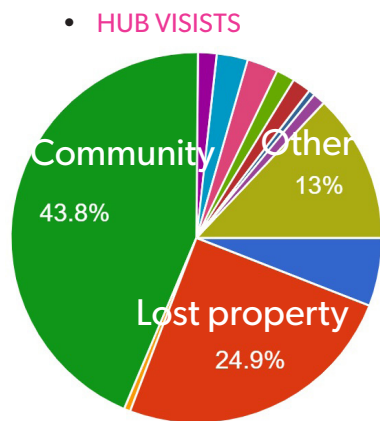
The Sumner community van continues to be popular choice and it was pleasing to see its use expanding including a mix of multi day hires over the holiday period including local bands, youth groups, schools and sports groups.

We continue connections with the youth hub and seniors through our collaboration with Fuse and Sumner Bays Union Trust (SBUT). It has been an exciting 6 months, opening the recycling station with Alicia’s guidance and watching this project grow.

Ngā Mihi, Jim Perry



- The Hub is open 10-12 Mon & Fri
- and 4-6 Wed.
- “Lost and Found” for keys, phones and wallets
- Our noticeboards
- Up Cycle homewares “Plenty to Share”
- E Waste drop off
- Space available for meetings outside of library hours
- A cup of tea and a chat
- Up to date information about our community
- Portal for CCC information



Sumner Community Van-Anyone is welcome to book the van for an outing. The van increased usership by 4000kms in 2025.

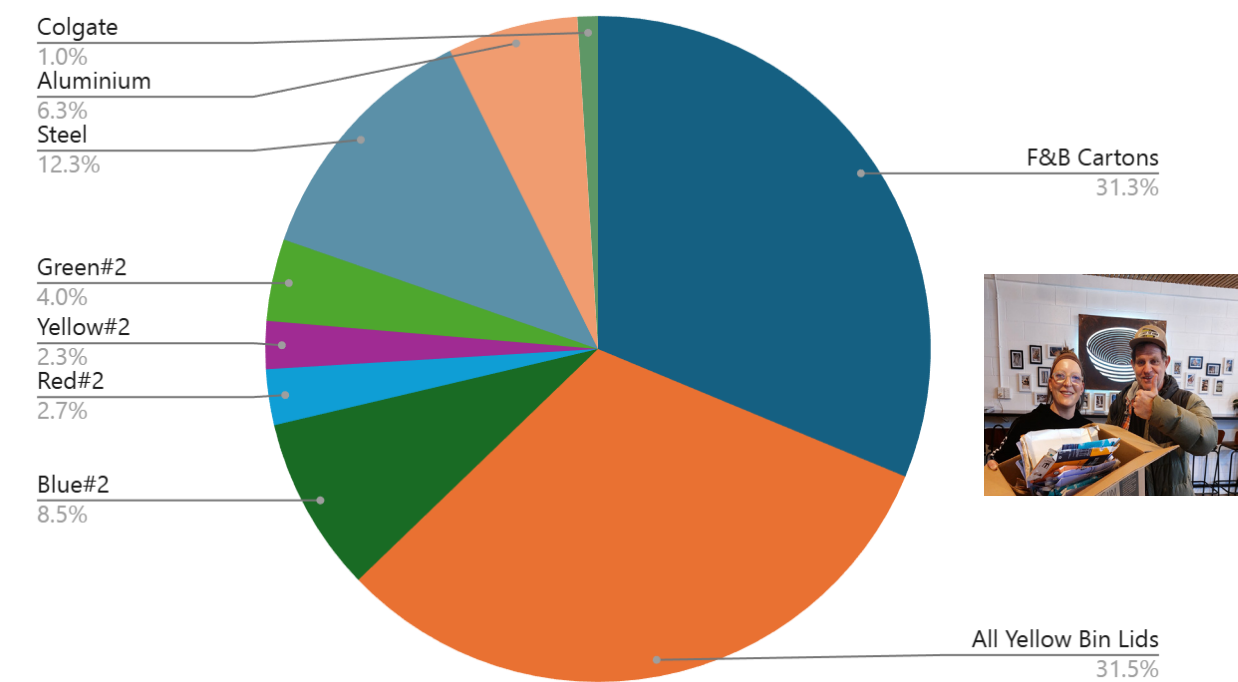


Caroline Bruner was our newsletter creator for the year and is responsible for an increase in our readership.



Gayle helps us by keeping an eye on our wheelie bins and general eyes on the ground.

Waste Minimisation and Recycling Funded Project



Milk and jar lids- Small plastic lids and metal lids are collected for recycling. Toothpaste tubs and brushes are also collected.



Plenty to Share at The Hub-The stall is hugely popular with locals, and takes daily hours to keep it tidy.



Yellow bin lids -These lids do not go in the yellow, they are supposed to go in the red bin. They are now shredded sent to our partners, at Riverlution to make them into other products.



How we connect with our community



The Art Hub - Serving the creative community with children classes and koha workshops. There have been 153 children through the art programs at The Hub. This year an art scholarship was given to two students.



The Goat Shed Surfboard Library at Sumner Hub

Surfboards can be repaired, built or borrowed. SCRA supports this initiative because it promotes personal connection and has benefits for mental health.

SCRA has subsidised an surfboard shaping event at the local Tuawera Classic covering the cost of materials for a new board.

We also support the Single Fin Mingle by providing an office for the event administration team.



The Sumner Bikery-We accept old bikes, fix bikes and donate bikes to members of the community who have the need of a reliable bike



SCRA -Collaboration with others



Tuawera Classic 2025- This is a local retro surfing event, enjoyed by young and old. This took place in October and is a meaningful local event for our surfing community.



Clothes Swap 2025- SCRA was excited to support the Community Clothes Swap again in October.



Christmas Lunch for Seniors-

This is a joint project with Sumner Bays Union Trust. In 2024 it was held at the Redcliffs Club. We are planning a similar event for this December



3 Markets per year-Our markets bring people together. We have Matariki Market in June, The Clothing Swap in October and an Artisan Market in November. We see the value in quality community time together.



The Ocean Ember Sauna-The community has embraced a new venture in our village. With only 2 months since opening there have been 155 people enjoying the warmth in the sauna. Meeting and sharing time together builds our community well being.



The locals beach picnic-There was a small turnout of locals for this picnic. We have an idea to work on a community building picnic for 2026 building community well being.

Thank you!



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