



RICHMOND
COMMUNITY GARDEN

IMPACT REPORT 2021





RIVERLUTION ECO PARK

The Riverlution Eco Park consists of the Richmond Community Garden, Riverlution Eco Hub, Fungi Farm and the Riverlution Café.

The three acre space is filled with garden beds, food forests, native plantings and sustainability features. It is a hub, where a number of organisations gather, workshop, and collaborate in.







OUR GOALS

SPACE

Develop our 2 acres of Red Zone Land as an exemplar of a safe community space incorporating food resilience, education and nature play combating social isolation poverty and limited access to healthy food

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

By creating a circular economy with our own resources and waste, exploring relevant commercial opportunities to earn our own income through our produce location and ecotourism activities

VOLUNTEERS

Recruit nurture and retain volunteers

ORGANIC ETHOS

We have documented through ecological practices and committed to working towards organic certification

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Increase the amount of fresh food to distribute to our immediate community build on the number of community groups we regularly engage with facilitate appropriate community events and actively contribute to the wider food resilience network





IN 2021, WE DIDN'T LET COVID STOP US

We had another whopper of a year in our space with one of the highlights being the activation of the Riverlution Eco Hub.

This space is now home to a number of organisations including the **Richmond Community Garden**, a **Bee Club**, **CHCH Envirohub**, **Avon Ōtakaro Network**, the **Canterbury Horticultural Society**, **Repair Revolution**, as well as many organisations, groups, interns and individuals. All using the hub for a meeting space and a place to work when they need it.

We are grateful to City Care who helped us get the building up to standard to operate from, interns from the University of Canterbury Communications School, who set up our Facebook page and communications, and the Eco Store for furniture.





COLLAB- ORATION

Collaboration with **The Green Lab, Richmond Community Garden, Avebury House, Avon Ōtākaro Network** and **We Are Richmond** to connect the Red Zone and our local parks on a family friendly trail is just an example of how we are purposefully working together for the benefit of our community.





FUNGI FARM

We started the ground works for the Fungi Farm in January.

Thank you to Maiden Group for giving us a great deal. From there, a collaboration of many organisations, people, and groups worked hard for 6 months to get the site open in July.

We will continue to develop the space, with a wide range of inoculations, plantings, and workshops.

Since it has been open, many groups have used the space for foraging events, parties, and children's programmes.







IMPACTS

15,000 KILOGRAMS

of food waste diverted from landfill from our local restaurants and schools





IMPACTS

JOB CREATION

Creating local jobs and getting people back to work has been a strong theme of 2021





IMPACTS

RECYCLING PROJECT

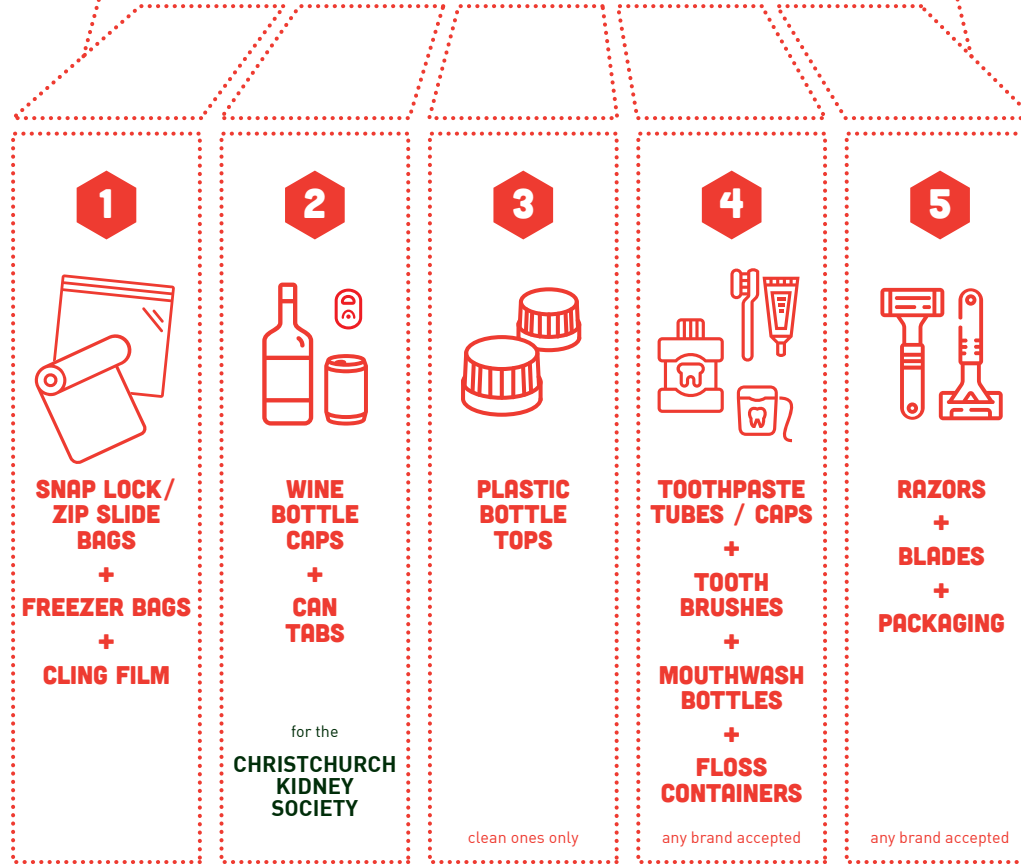
100's bottle tops, razors, toothpaste tubes, wine bottle tops and disposable face masks diverted from our red bins





COMMUNITY COLLECTION HUBS
are recycling stations that everyone can access to drop off items.

RIVERLUTION ECO HUB COLLECTION STATION
has five different streams:





NEW COMMUNITY PROJECT: RICHMOND COMMUNITY URBAN TRAPPING



20 TRAPS

stationed throughout
our community

5 RODENTS

caught in less than a month

COLLABORATION

with **Menshed**

BUILDING

more traps and expanding the project
along the River Corridor





WORKSHOPS

REPAIR REVOLUTION



**4 X
PRUNING WORKSHOPS**

**3 X
FUNGI INOCULATIONS**



**SEED BOMB
WORKSHOP**



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I JUST LOVE RICHMOND! LEFT THE HOUSE TODAY AND DIDN'T PUT THE SMALLS BIKE SEAT UP BUT WE PAST THROUGH THE GARDEN AND WE'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET THE SEAT PUT UP! MR 2 IS STOKED WITH HIS NEW SEAT!

**CHRISTCHURCH
REPAIR REVOLUTION**





OLIVE OIL CO-OP



Our annual Olive Oil Co-op almost doubles in size every year. With nearly 50 contributors this year, we picked over 500 kgs of olives, resulting in 42 liter of oil and over 100 jars of brined olives.

50 CONTRIBUTORS

500KGS OLIVES

42L OLIVE OIL

100 JARS BRINED OLIVES





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MY STUDENTS REALLY ENJOYED LEARNING NEW SKILLS AND IN AN AWESOME ENVIRONMENT...WILL BE BACK AGAIN FOR MORE INSTALLMENTS :)





WORKING BEES



500 PEOPLE

from all over Christchurch came to Working Bees held for corporate groups, conservation volunteers, Volunteering Canterbury, Canterbury University's SVA Big Give, Youthtown and many school groups





GROUPS



Every month we host a number of groups, both young and old, including:

LINWOOD COLLEGE

DEMENTIA CANTERBURY

HŌHEPA CANTERBURY

DELTA FRIENDSHIP GROUP



**OUR LITTLE
SHOP NOW
MAKES UP 15%
OF OUR INCOME**

Little SHOP

SHOP HOURS: WED + SAT 10 → 1



RICHMOND COMMUNITY GARDEN

SEEDLINGS \$2.50
PLANT MARKERS 3 for \$5
SEEDS \$2 EGGS \$5
JAM + CHUTNEY \$5 / \$8 / \$10
HAND CREAM 15 LIP BALM \$5
OLIVE OIL \$20 \$10 \$5
WORM WEE \$2 / \$4
BOTTLED FRUIT \$2 / \$4
TEA \$5 / \$10 OLIVES \$5

PYO (pick your own) SALAD GREENS \$3

SHOP HOURS: WED + SAT 10 AM - 1 PM





OUT AND ABOUT

We are committed to supporting our wider community and the wider Christchurch Network.

RIVERBEND REFUGE

CHCH CITY LIBRARIES HISTORY PROJECT

BILL & DI MADGIN'S GARDEN OF PEACE

HOUSING NZ GARDEN COLLABORATION

HOHEPA FARM VISITS

BERRY PICKING

MOSQUE HARVEST PICNIC

COMMUNITY BOARD DEPUTATIONS

FOOD RESILIENCE NETWORK MEMBERS

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

NORTH AVON POCKET PARK

WAIPARA OLIVE OIL ASSOCIATION VISIT





AWARDS

CCC GARDEN AWARDS

GROW ŌTAUTAHI CHCH GARDEN FESTIVAL

Many of our team were heavily involved creating the award winning garden.



GROW ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH GARDEN FESTIVAL


Community Association
Building Community.
The Greater Ōtautahi garden-enthusiast community garden network in Canterbury grows fully organic produce with open access, for your home and a space to maintain your garden's ecological health, seasonal beauty, and wellbeing.
All participating plants will be in accordance with being fully organically grown in community gardens.
Canterbury. The CCAA aims to increase the number of gardens and the number of people growing in the region of Canterbury, growing healthy food and great environmental values.
Support us and follow CCAA on Instagram and Facebook: @communitygardens



WELCOME



**WE BUILT
A PIZZA
OVEN!!!!**



**WE CURRENTLY
CLOCK OVER 5000
VOLUNTEER HOURS
FROM OUR REGULAR
CREWS WITH
SESSIONS HELD ON
MONDAY, TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY AND
SATURDAY**



25 RATS TRAPPED



4 BEE HIVES



6 CHICKENS





EVENTS



GALA

1,500 visitors and celebrity judged preserves competition with entries from all over canterbury





EVENTS



DOGS DAY OUT

300 dogs and their humans





EVENTS



MOTHER OF ALL CLEAN UPS

MATARIKI IN THE ZONE

Once again, we have fed over 400 people

PLASTIC FREE JULY

SPRING FAIR REPAIR

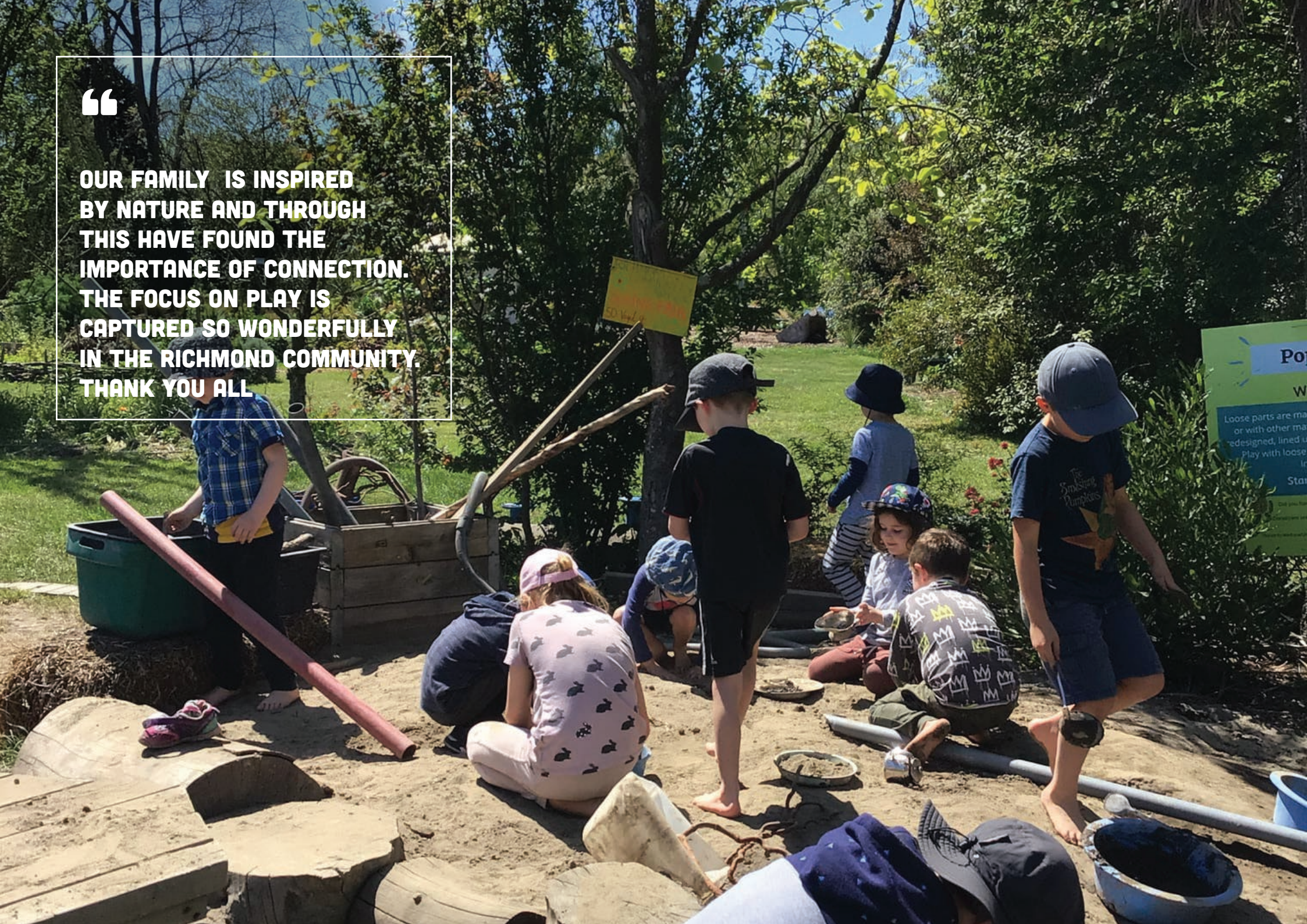
EDIBLE CANTERBURY SCHOOLS HUI

FORAGING CORNER



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**OUR FAMILY IS INSPIRED
BY NATURE AND THROUGH
THIS HAVE FOUND THE
IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTION.
THE FOCUS ON PLAY IS
CAPTURED SO WONDERFULLY
IN THE RICHMOND COMMUNITY.
THANK YOU ALL**



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redesigned, lined u
Play with loose
in
Star



PLANTING

1,227

Native plants planted

15

Fruit trees





MEDIA

'Green Gold' The Spin Off

LINZ Video on activities in the Red Zone

'Red-Zoned Christchurch Home gifted to the garden trust' Stuff

'Fungi farm opens in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor' Newsline

'CHCH house saved from demolition and transformed into a community hub' Stuff

'Green Thumbs' Access Media

'Rustic Paradise' Turanga Discovery Wall



**WE ARE GRATEFUL
TO ALL OF OUR
STAFF, SUPPORTERS,
VOLUNTEERS, RED
ZONE TEAM AND
FUNDERS WITHOUT
YOU THIS WOULD
NOT BE POSSIBLE**

