

It has been a number of months since our last newsletter with Christmas having been and gone and Easter upon us.

As you are all aware the country is working its way through the latest of what Covid can throw at us. I would like to take this time to thank everyone for all the support shown to each other, with continued support we will get through this as we have the past 2 years. I will continue to update everyone via email as to our operational status, in particular if we are severely impacted by either the number of staff or the persons we support dropping off to a level that impacts our ability to continue business as usual. We have the option of staff supporting in a way similar to previous years if necessary.

### **New People**

We started the year by welcoming 2 new persons - Patrick Eager to Hoon Hay 3 and Daniel Coker to Kaiapoi.

We also welcome Shelley Godman as the new centre manager of Hoon Hay 3 and congratulate Dianne Gimpl with her full-time position of General Manager.

### **Enabling Good Lives Principles workshop**

The Humanly workshop mentioned in the last newsletter was completed. The focus of this workshop was on the principles of Enabling Good Lives and how as an organisation we can further embed these into our everyday practices.



The Chris Ruth Centre

### **Updated Logo etc**

I would like to thank Suzanne Hosking (Accounts/Office Administrator) for all her work in updating our logo, letterhead, business cards and centre signs. I think you will agree with me that the update is refreshing and bright. Suzy is very talented and we are privileged to be able to tap into her skills.

Thank you, Suzy.

### **CareerForce Health & Wellbeing Certificates**

Rachel Brady (Martin) Level 3  
Stacey McClimont Level 3  
Evette Lucas Level 4

**Congratulations!**

We have since completed staff in-service regarding the principles as well as completed Organisational Self reviews. (Thank you to all participants who completed the online reviews, if you would like to complete the survey you are still able. Please go to the original email I sent). The information from the responses we have received has provided us with some excellent data by recognising what is working well and which areas need some improvement. We will be making changes in the future to address the shortfalls and also to make changes to our planning documentation.

### **In Memory**

It is with sadness but also happy memories that I share the loss of Debbie Gibbons, Janine Smith and Charlie Loffhagen who all passed away over the last 4 months.

Debbie Gibbons was a valued employee from August 2014 through to 30 November 2021. Debbie will be remembered for her generosity and kindness along with her expert knowledge with a variety of crafting skills.

Janine Smith sadly passed away 14 February 2022 and was one of our very early enrollees.

Charlie Loffhagen passed away 28 February 2022. His smile lit up any room.

All three will be fondly remembered.

*Marilyn - CEO*

# THE LAMAR ROOM

Tenā koutou katoa

Welcome to our first Lamar newsletter of the year. With the beautiful weather continuing, we have been accessing the great outdoors as much as possible - out and about in the community for walks like the beach and our wonderful parks.

We regularly update our Facebook page with photos and news. If you would like to join our awesome page, please contact me and I will set this up for you.



It is with a great deal of sadness that we announce the passing of Charlie Loffhagen. He will be missed by everyone at the Centre.

*Ngā mihi, Lynette Wilson*



Photos from top left – clockwise: Lisa stacking shelves at The Sallies; Rory on a walk in the sun; Charlotte walking Dotty the dog; Jessica showing off her water skills; Lisa drying her hair after a swim at He Puna Taimoana Hot Pools; Jayden at Trees for Canterbury. Centre - Chrystal enjoying a swing in the sun.



# THE SOCKBURN CENTRE

Kia ora Everyone

It was lovely seeing everyone back at the Centre at the beginning of the year. The first couple of months have been challenging for us but I want to say thank you to all the staff and the persons we support, for your resilience and dedication – together we can achieve anything.

A special thank you to all our support networks for the kindness you show us. We want to take this opportunity as a team to say a huge thank you to Hannah and Cherie who have been working offsite and are doing an amazing job with the guys in House One at Brackenridge.

We have been having a lot of fun the last couple of months and have been able to safely explore



different parts of Christchurch from the gardens, museums, the Antarctic Centre to name a few.

Stay safe and remember to be kind to yourselves and those around you.

*Di, Phillipah and the Sockburn Team*



Photos from top left – clockwise: Cody exploring Canterbury Museum; Aimee with her scrapbook that she has been working on; Sarah Brown; Tanya and Holly helping one another to fold the washing; Margie-Jane, Candice & Karina in the rose garden at Mona Vale; TK playing Connect Four at the Halswell Library; Nathan making pizza for his lunch; the beautiful mural which was donated to CRC Sockburn by Jason from Hornby Mall.



# THE LEACROFT CENTRE

Tenā Koutou Katoa

Welcome to our March newsletter. Our Centre is actively fundraising by doing Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day raffles and with much success! By utilising these funds, we have taken opportunities to venture out for fun filled days as a unit – accessing places such as Spencer Park where we had a BBQ; games and using the wheelchair swing; having Fish & Chip afternoons; and many other activities. We have had a few visits from Toni and Karen who come to the Centre and read books from the Christchurch City Libraries.

***Stay Safe – From the Team at Leacroft***



Photos from top left – clockwise: Jesse in the full swing of things at Spencer Park; James, the man in charge of our Summer BBQ; Alex enjoying a day at the river, with water play & ball games; David being at one with the wildlife at Horseshoe Lake; Joshua at Ruapuna Raceway.

Centre – Isaac out & about with the community & enjoying a cool breeze while sitting under the trees.

# HOON HAY 3

Hoon Hay Three has begun the year with much enthusiasm – with new staff and people joining our team.

We have maintained normality as much as possible by participating in day outings, sensory explorations, café visits, JOLT music groups, horse-riding activities, to name but a few. We have all risen to the challenges of 2022 with a determination to achieve.

*Shelley Godman – Centre Manager*



Simon



Harry



Eli & Patrick



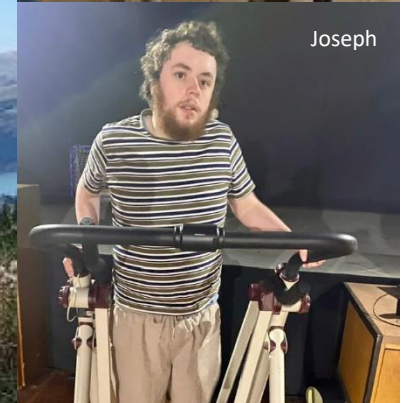
Nikki



Howard



Nikki



Joseph

## An Introduction

I'm Shelley Godman and from the end of 2021 I was privileged to be appointed to the role of Centre Manager in HH3. I come to the role with over 20 years' experience working within the disability sector and the last 10 of those years I have had a professional connection with CRC. I'm soon to complete a Diploma in Health & Safety Workplace Management, which I have been studying through distance learning for the last four years. I'm excited to now be an official member of the Chris Ruth Centre family and looking forward to getting to know everybody as well as negotiating the years to come.





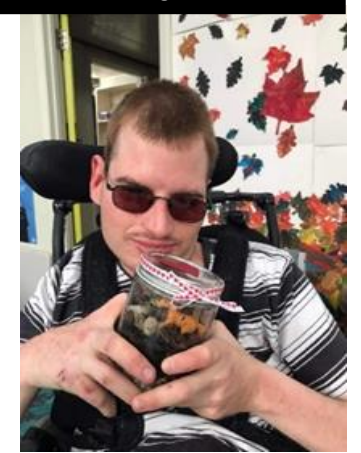
Hoon Hay One have been keeping busy over these past few months. We have made the most of any good weather, heading out and about experiencing as many activities as possible at this time. Over the last month all sorts of crafty things have been going on for example: constructing terrariums, making a Korowai (Maori cloak handmade with feathers), painting masterpieces, model making and making cards for family and friends.

Some outdoor highlights have been: Gondola rides, Jurassic Adventure mini golf, He Puna Taimoana hot pools, Time Zone and checking the new Museum exhibition. Some regular favourites include going to Jolt, Music Therapy, swimming and horse riding.

We have recently said farewell and good luck to one of our colleagues Jenny Reuben and a person we support – Tia de Bie. We congratulate Nikita Bell on passing her Level 3 CareerForce papers. Well done!

We're getting ready for our Easter craft, egg hunt and raffles. Enjoy the autumn colours and take care – Adrienne & Team

From top left – clockwise: Lou on his horse; Mike & his furry friend; Alice finally back in the pool; Sofia up to monkey business; Sudip & Anne at the museum; Lucas very proud of his terrarium; Kristian making dinner; Junior helping to make Anne's birthday cake; Shane exploring the CBD; Claudia at mini golf; Lucas looking for trouble.



# ASHBURTON CENTRE

Kia ora koutou,

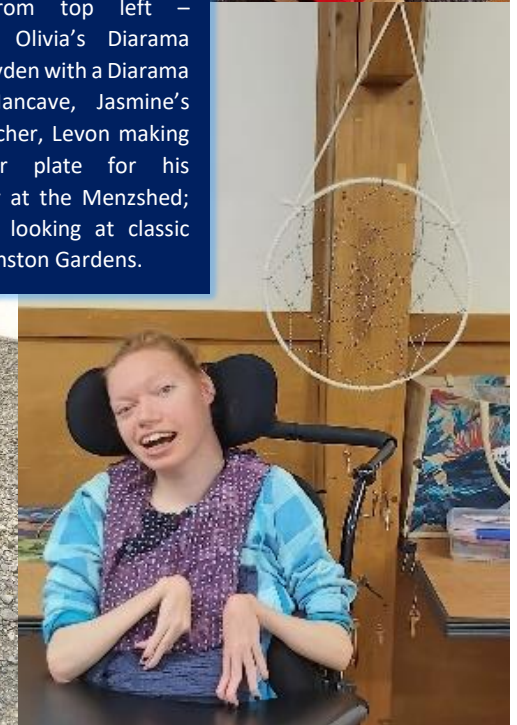
Welcome back to all our families, friends and community supporters. We trust everyone had a lovely festive season and break. We have started back with a hiss and a roar and everyone has settled in well. Now that autumn is upon us, I just want to take this time to remind families/caregivers to dress your person accordingly to the weather conditions and to please send a spare change of clothes. I hope everyone has a lovely and enjoyable Easter break. Here we have shared some pictures for you all to enjoy.

Ngā mihi nui  
Sapphire Stanley

Daniel enjoying our new sensory room.



Photos from top left – clockwise: Olivia's Diarama House, Hayden with a Diarama of his Mancave, Jasmine's dream catcher, Levon making a number plate for his wheelchair at the Menzshed; the group looking at classic cars at Coinston Gardens.



# KAIAPOI

Kia ora,

We have had a busy, fun and exciting start to the year at our Centre.

Firstly, there were birthday celebrations where we hold a monthly birthday party with cake and dancing. We have also had St Patrick's Day with lots of activities including baking green cupcakes, making tricolour flags and dancing to traditional Irish music.

We would like to welcome Daniel Coker and his family to our Centre. Daniel has settled in very well.

People have been here, there and everywhere. They have visited Willowbank, picnics at the Groyne, treasure hunts, fishing, plenty of walks, crafts, gardening, sewing and lots more.

We have been very fortunate to receive a donation of a BBQ and outdoor furniture. We have a lovely space outside where we have had picnics and dancing.

As the weather is getting cooler please remember hats and coats so we can still get out and about in the community.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to get in touch.

From all the team in Kaiapoi.



Photos from top left – clockwise: Bruce celebrating St Patrick's Day; Daniel and Mitch (next photo) enjoying the park; Courtney in our new swing; Anthony doing a spot of fishing.





## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*29 April 2022*

*1:00pm*

*Hoon Hay Centre*

*Please RSVP to:*

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