

## MEMORANDUM

FROM: Nigel Davenport  
TO: Donna Cross – Group Manager Commercial & Strategy Timaru District Council  
SUBJECT: Venture Timaru Operational Update for the six months to December 2020  
DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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### Background

Please find attached an update including some of the highlights and issues relating to our Economic Development and Visitor Promotion operations for the six-month period to December 2020.

### Highlights

**Regional Apprenticeship Initiative** – being appointed by the Government to act as the third-party administrator for Mid & South Canterbury & North Otago for this initiative, we are to progressively receive \$4.0m to support up to 100 new apprentices across the priority sectors of primary, construction, engineering, manufacturing, and wood processing. Noting the economic benefit of this support as it is released into our local economies is conservatively estimated at \$14m. As at the end of December we had approved 55 of our 100 allocated spaces but as at date of this report that figure had risen to 77 – this being representative of the extensive engagement we have had with our local priority sectors but also, as importantly, the value to our local businesses of this targeted government support. We anticipate having fully allocated the 100 spaces by early mid-March which will be approx. 5 months from date applications opened.

Importantly this support also includes pastoral care and business support training, and we are facilitating a variety of local providers to deliver this to the apprentices and businesses.

**Refreshed Economic Development Strategy (EDS) and new Destination Management Plan (DMP)** – known as “Project Thrive”, this is underway and is scheduled for completion late May/early June. Martin Jenkins have been appointed to complete this work which will encapsulate individual EDS and DMP’s into an overarching document that will inform our workplan in terms of priorities and opportunities for the next 8-10 years. The process to complete this work encompasses extensive stakeholder engagement across our business sectors and wider community. A selection of some of the consistent themes/priorities evident in the initial stakeholder engagement include:

- Workforce attraction still the main challenge for local business and industry
- Port and Airport are key strategic assets that need to be enhanced and leveraged more as “enablers of growth”.
- Central location of the District is a huge asset that can be further leveraged – opportunity to define the Timaru experience.
- the City Hub Strategy currently being developed is great but a real need to implement asap. This should also include an aligned plan for the Caroline Bay area,
- district has held up well but global freight and logistics delays, increased costs and inconsistency of service/supply are of critical concern.
- having a coordinated and varied events programme for visitor attraction
- Need to work with iwi and private sector to bring forward new assets within for example cruise sector, 4\* hotel, food destination restaurants, cultural experiences...

Our well-established Tourism and Visitor Advisory Group, representative of key operators across this sector, will be an integral part of stakeholder engagement for the DMP.

**Enhanced engagement with local industry** – the Sustainable is Attainable initiative we facilitate with 22+ of our local food processors and manufacturers continues to evolve and gain nationwide attention. A variety of immediate short- and long-term projects associated with sustainable waste management opportunities (protein extraction, value add, circular economy etc...) are being progressed with a variety of academic institutions, research entities and the private sector. As an example, these projects include pyrolysis processes to extract fuel ex plastics, soil conditioners, protein extraction from food waste, sustainable energy etc.

The Transport and Logistics Course (overseen by a local industry group, part funded by Provincial Development Unit grant \$600K and facilitated by us) commenced its 5<sup>th</sup> intake of students Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and continues to deliver new workers into this sector with enhanced skills, knowledge, and a Class 4 licence well on the way to class 5.

**Promotion of our District** – existing Visitor Grant funding has been significantly enhanced by receipt of targeted central government funding via Strategic Asset Protection Programme (STAPP, Regional Events Fund (REF) and Domestic Events Fund (DEF). This all being supplemented by TDC Events Stimulus Fund Grants. This has enabled us to both support existing, and develop new events whilst at the same time progress new product offerings and enhance relationships with neighbouring territorial authorities.

Various visitor attraction campaigns and events have taken place and are currently underway/proposed – refer visual examples later in this report.

Leading into our traditionally busy spring/summer harvest and processing period we have also launched a “We’ve Got Jobs” campaign targeted at workers across the South Island and lower North Island. This will be enhanced in Q1 2021 with a refreshed We love Timaru workforce attraction campaign into Auckland, Wellington etc...

Via funding received from STAPP we are in Q1 developing a range of new “Hero” Videos to promote our district and look forward to sharing these once complete.

**New Business Opportunities** - At various stages of progression, these opportunities are across education, energy, waste, processing, tourism, distribution & logistics sectors. The value of TDC’s “ease of doing business” (as highlighted in our survey undertaken annually in May), coupled with proactive local stakeholders’ keen to progress and assist new and exciting opportunities cannot be underestimated. We will, as these parties permit us to communicate these opportunities in more detail as many remain at commercially sensitive stages of progression.

We are also working closely with the Timaru Airport Manager to progress a number of opportunities to enhance this important district asset.

**Canterbury Regional Skills Leadership Group** - Representing our district and lower Canterbury sub-region, this group is tasked with developing a workforce development plan which as a priority foundation will be fully informed by industries current and future workforce needs. The established relationships we have across business and industry will ensure a strong voice is heard from our district and sub-region.

OBJECTIVES	KPI	ACHIEVED
<b>encourage innovation and facilitate the growth of existing business</b>	a minimum of 20 new connections facilitated for existing businesses per month	Yes – a variety of intro’s made e.g., local orchards to national recruitment platform, proposed new business to professional consultants, 2 x event organisers to 12 local suppliers, HR consultant to local businesses.
<b>assist business to re-deploy, retain, and attract a skilled workforce</b>	quarter on quarter improvement in the district’s unemployment rate	No – June 3.3%, Sept 3.7%, and Dec 4.0%. Still below NZ 4.6%. with trend in recent months seeing a reducing number of jobseekers By way of comparison our districts jobseekers Jan 20 were 537, peaking Aug 20 at 944 and as at Dec 20 783
<b>deliver tourism and visitor attraction services for the District</b>	quarter on quarter improvement in the district’s tourism expenditure	Yes – June ¼ impacted by lockdown with <b>\$30m</b> visitor spend. Sept ¼ buoyed by busy School Holidays rose to <b>\$36m</b> and Dec ¼ to <b>\$44m</b>
<b>create an environment to attract and assist new and developing business</b>	a minimum of 10 new and developing business opportunities identified and engaged per quarter	Yes – as detailed above with various promising discussions ongoing.

### Issues

These remain as reported in our last report to Oct 2020:

- Supply Chain disruptions – as a Central South Island area known to annually produce enough food and beverage to feed approx. 40m people, our most critical challenge currently is getting our product to the market. Global supply chain disruptions has seen imported containers of goods and products become increasingly disrupted with volumes and regularity becoming very inconsistent - exacerbated by well publicised delays at Auckland Port. This has seen the volume of containers, both standard and refrigerated, available to export our own goods and products (in our case the food/beverage & other products we produce locally) become significantly affected. Local business and industry advise us with approx. 3-4 months remaining in the peak processing season we are already seeing dry and refrigerated storage space across the east coast of NZ critically nearing capacity.  
The government have recently instructed some of the larger shipping companies to get containers to the South Island, but we have yet to see this eventuate. We are obviously maintaining a close watch as this unfolds and are where possible advocating to central government the importance not only to us but NZ inc of restoring much needed container volumes asap. For example, a local coolstore operation advises they need 100 containers next week but can only access 30 and the space, in which the 100 containers of product to be packed currently resides, is already committed. This situation is being experienced and is amplified many times over by other local producers and manufacturers.  
We are also advocating with Port of Tauranga and others the need for a unbranded white coastal shipping provider into Timaru to provide much needed certainty of service to local producers – those who are existing customers of Primeport but also those who are geographically closer to Primeport yet are shipping their containers ex Port Chalmers or Lyttleton port.
- Attracting a skilled workforce – pre covid & for the past 5-6 years this has been the biggest challenge facing our local economy and this has intensified in recent months as significant shortages have become evident nationally as we head into the traditionally busy spring and summer harvest & processing periods. We continue to facilitate regular communication with local business, recruiters, and MSD to ensure collaborations and connections are made to alleviate workforce pressures as best we can. We have also undertaken a targeted “We’ve Got Jobs” campaign across the South Island and wider North Island highlighting the variety of both seasonal and permanent jobs on offer here in Timaru District and South Canterbury. Q1 2021 will see a refreshed We love Timaru workforce attraction campaign launched into metropolitans e.g., Auckland and Wellington.

- Heated Housing and tight Rental Markets – although we have some of the most affordable housing in NZ (see data later in this report) it is the new house and land packages in the \$500-850K range where we are struggling to compete with near neighbours Selwyn and Ashburton Districts. It is this segment of the market that is attractive to young families looking at the middle management and professional roles needing to be filled in the District. These include sectors such as health, education, accounting, solicitors, engineers, processing, and manufacturing etc... We are progressing, as a priority, identification of opportunities to address this challenge with council, local developers and enabling third party investors.

## Financials

### AORAKI DEVELOPMENT Profit & Loss Statement

1 July 2020 - 31 December 2020

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	FULL YEAR BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>			
Economic Development Grant - TDC	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	\$ 640,000
Tourism Grant - TDC	\$ 175,002	\$ 175,002	\$ 350,000
MyNextMove Contract - MSD	\$ 82,498	\$ 72,498	\$ 145,000
Transport & Logistics Funding - Provincial Development Unit	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 300,000
Capability Funding for Special Proj Role - Provincial Development Unit	\$ 25,002	\$ 25,002	\$ 39,584
Reg Apprenticeship Initiative - Provincial Development Unit	\$ 347,706	\$ 347,706	\$ -
Events Stimulus Funding - TDC	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Stapp Funding	\$ 117,264	\$ 209,500	\$ 400,000
Other Income	\$ 10,370	\$ 8,875	\$ 17,750
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,377,842</b>	<b>\$ 1,458,583</b>	<b>\$ 2,042,334</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Economic Development Expenses	\$ 144,406	\$ 170,073	\$ 363,725
Human Resources	\$ 148,290	\$ 154,207	\$ 332,924
Tourism Expenses	\$ 131,856	\$ 166,740	\$ 350,000
MyNextMove Expenses	\$ 57,159	\$ 60,469	\$ 145,000
Transport & Logistics Panel Expenses	\$ 94,871	\$ 183,072	\$ 300,000
Reg Apprenticeship Initiative Expenses	\$ 347,706	\$ 347,706	\$ -
Events Stimulus Payments	\$ 117,140	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
STAPP Expenses	\$ 117,264	\$ 209,500	\$ 400,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,158,692</b>	<b>\$ 1,441,767</b>	<b>\$ 2,041,649</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 219,150</b>	<b>\$ 16,816</b>	<b>\$ 1,200</b>

Our YTD financials evidence the diverse income streams in addition not our operational TDC funding that we have successfully obtained from central government agencies such as MSD and the Provincial Development Unit. These relate to specific projects benefiting our local economy and community.

It is important to note most of these central government contracts fund us in advance for work to be completed which in turn contributes to our YTD surplus of \$219K v our originally budgeted position YTD of \$17K – a variance of \$202K.

Of this YTD surplus variance of \$202K we advise:

- \$88K - PDU Funded Transport & Logistics Course - to be expensed over coming months as further student intakes commence and associated course related expenses are incurred.
- \$13K - MyNextMove – to be expensed over coming months on planned Youth Transition Events such as Girlboss (March) and South Canterbury Pathways Expo (May)
- \$33K - TDC Events Stimulus Fund payments to approved recipients – scheduled to be paid out Q1 2021 in line with the timing of the events.
- \$33K – Economic Development operations – largely o/a timing and to be expensed across residual 2020/21 year on planned workforce attraction campaigns and associated new/update of video and hard copy collateral. HR costs approx. \$6K below budget YTD o/a delay in replacing our Special Projects Coordinator who oversees such projects as Aged Workforce Strategy and Sustainable is Attainable for example.
- \$35K – Tourism and Visitor operations –some planned activities and expenses have been able to be funded ex central government support. This has however enabled us to enhance other planned T&V activities including events promotion and visitor attraction campaigns, with more planned in the residual of the 2020/21 year and beyond.

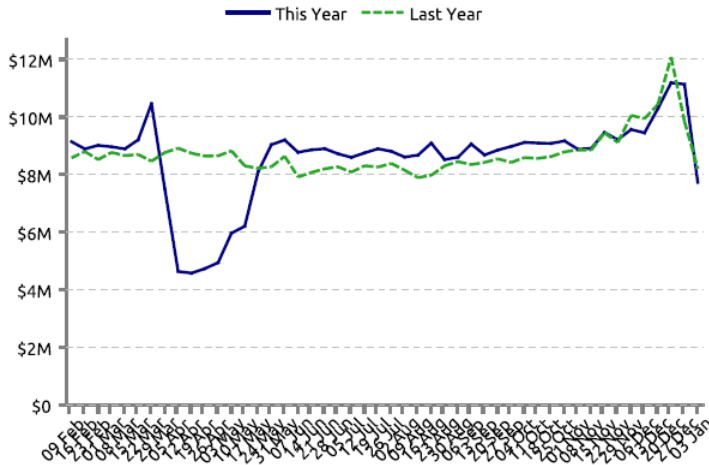
In summary, our now diversified income streams coupled with the welcomed foresight of Council to fully integrate our districts Economic Development and Tourism operations is enabling us to significantly enhance targeted and aligned actions in both areas.

As a small team with multiple active networks across our district, throughout our wider region and nationwide - we are better placed and informed to act quickly in a nimble and more coordinated way.

## REPORTING – Key Data Metrics:

Timaru District  
Week ending 3 January 2021

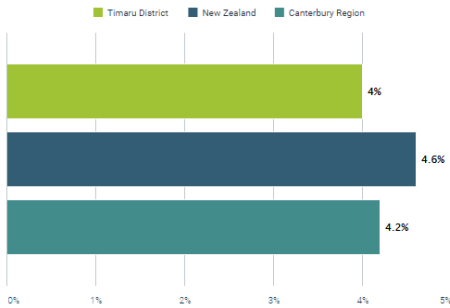
### 1. WEEKLY VALUE OF SPENDING



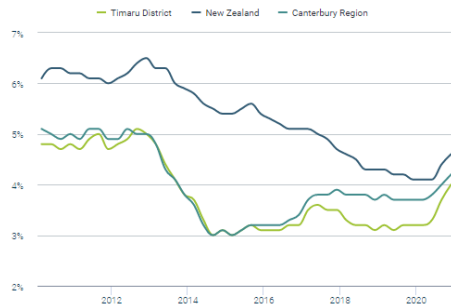
### 6. WEEKLY SPEND AND TRANSACTION CHANGES

Week Ending	SWLY		Cumulative	
	\$	#	\$	#
20-Sep	+3.6%	+1.8%	-2.9%	-11.4%
27-Sep	+6.6%	+5.5%	-2.7%	-10.9%
04-Oct	+6.1%	+3.4%	-2.4%	-10.5%
11-Oct	+6.2%	+4.9%	-2.2%	-10.1%
18-Oct	+5.3%	+5.6%	-2.0%	-9.6%
25-Oct	+4.3%	+2.6%	-1.8%	-9.3%
01-Nov	+0.3%	-0.6%	-1.7%	-9.1%
08-Nov	+0.7%	-1.2%	-1.7%	-8.9%
15-Nov	+0.2%	+1.1%	-1.6%	-8.6%
22-Nov	+1.0%	-0.8%	-1.5%	-8.4%
29-Nov	-4.8%	-5.2%	-1.6%	-8.3%
06-Dec	-5.0%	-6.3%	-1.7%	-8.3%
13-Dec	-1.4%	-2.8%	-1.7%	-8.1%
20-Dec	-7.4%	-6.2%	-1.9%	-8.1%
27-Dec	+13.0%	+6.6%	-1.5%	-7.8%
03-Jan	-5.8%	-3.4%	-1.6%	-7.7%

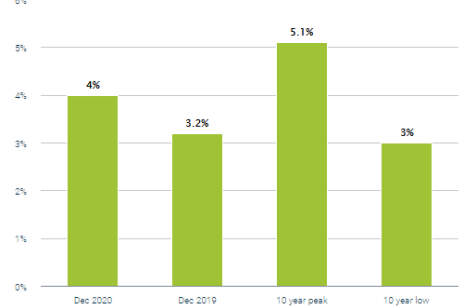
Unemployment rate  
Annual average % change December 2019 - December 2020



Unemployment rate  
Annual average rate

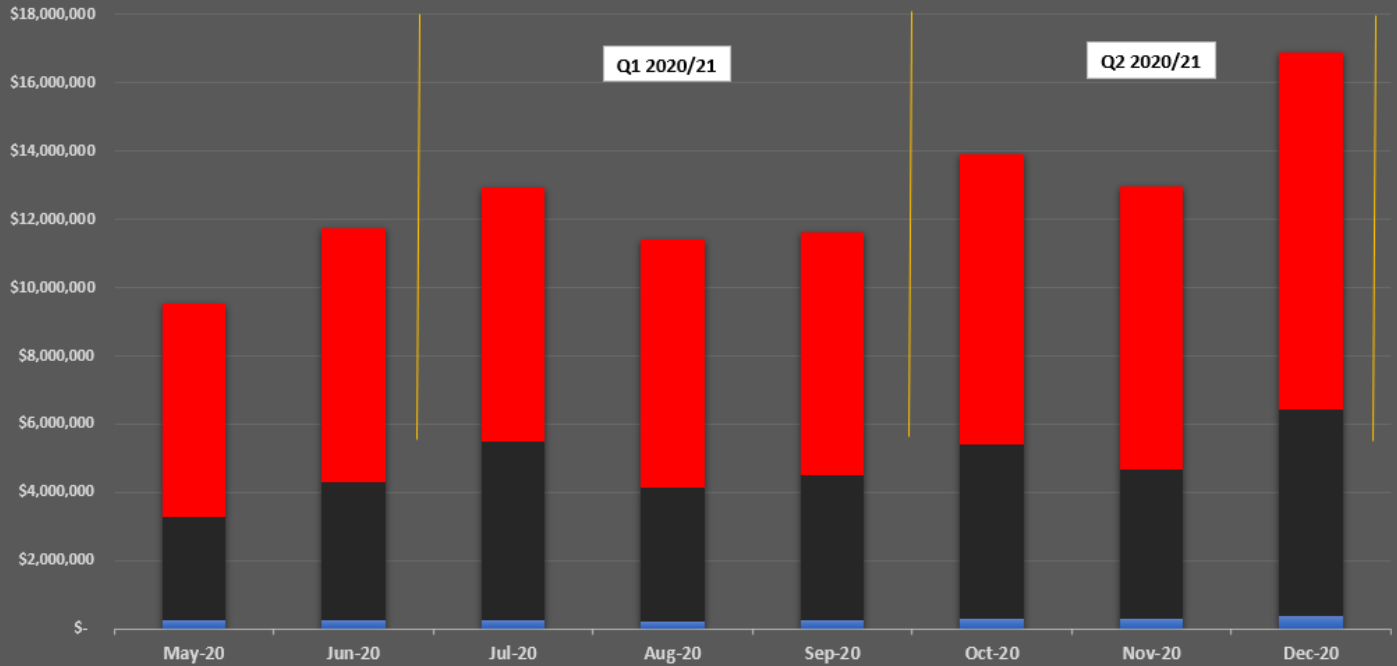


Unemployment rate  
Annual average, Timaru District





## Timaru District Visitor Spend



	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Canterbury	\$6,247,992	\$7,455,539	\$7,414,802	\$7,262,385	\$7,129,046	\$8,488,327	\$8,286,317	\$10,450,640
Rest of NZ	\$3,033,353	\$4,036,331	\$5,259,684	\$3,929,339	\$4,254,049	\$5,126,900	\$4,375,653	\$6,052,852
International	\$242,410	\$251,199	\$246,747	\$224,699	\$248,148	\$283,785	\$292,777	\$383,129

International Rest of NZ Canterbury



	Population	House price	Income	Median multiple				
				Jan-21	Dec-20	Nov-20	Jan-20	Jan-19
New Zealand	5,101,000	730,000	\$95,540	7.64	7.81	7.83	6.56	6.05
Whangarei	89,700	650,000	\$93,726	6.94	7.06	6.32	5.52	5.90
Auckland metro	1,657,000	1,000,000	\$100,000	10.00	10.27	10.34	8.91	8.46
- North Shore	225,800	1,255,000	\$106,008	11.84	11.63	11.64	10.64	9.12
- Waitakere	204,500	942,000	\$98,172	9.60	9.70	9.27	8.66	8.03
- Central	444,100	1,105,000	\$103,396	10.69	12.31	12.14	9.18	8.86
- Manukau	368,500	935,000	\$93,209	10.03	9.41	9.92	8.97	8.79
Hamilton	165,400	695,000	\$92,617	7.50	7.90	7.50	6.69	6.59
Tauranga	131,500	854,000	\$90,459	9.44	9.14	9.27	8.04	7.75
Rotorua	71,700	600,000	\$92,347	6.50	5.86	6.16	5.43	4.91
Gisborne	48,500	470,000	\$83,444	5.63	7.08	6.38	4.91	4.21
Napier	79,900	770,000	\$86,889	8.86	8.14	7.80	6.98	6.27
Hastings	62,000	557,000	\$86,620	6.43	7.89	8.17	6.33	5.13
New Plymouth	80,700	600,000	\$87,207	6.88	6.82	6.68	5.29	5.30
Whanganui	44,500	485,000	\$83,123	5.83	4.94	5.34	4.24	3.61
Palmerston North	87,300	650,000	\$92,563	7.02	6.70	6.61	5.78	4.61
Wellington metro	487,700	792,000	\$103,005	7.69	7.87	7.70	6.16	5.74
- Kapiti Coast	52,700	860,000	\$90,129	9.54	9.18	8.69	6.70	6.46
- Porirua	56,100	730,000	\$98,627	7.40	8.64	8.15	8.38	6.56
- Upper Hutt	43,200	\$549,150	\$100,172	5.48	5.47	5.45	5.31	5.13
- Lower Hutt	104,700	800,000	\$101,202	7.90	7.67	7.63	6.07	5.21
- Wairarapa	40,800	550,000	\$73,413	7.49	7.92	7.11	6.14	4.15
- Wellington City	212,700	885,000	\$114,593	7.72	8.32	8.59	6.77	6.47
Nelson	51,400	712,500	\$87,823	8.11	7.70	7.66	6.97	6.76
Christchurch	381,500	520,000	\$93,681	5.55	5.88	5.84	5.14	4.91
<b>Timaru</b>	<b>47,100</b>	<b>426,000</b>	<b>\$87,523</b>	<b>4.87</b>	<b>4.41</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>3.86</b>	<b>4.18</b>
Dunedin	128,800	618,000	\$82,650	7.48	7.14	7.19	6.79	5.22
Queenstown-Lakes	37,100	975,000	\$74,654	13.06	14.30	14.58	14.40	13.28
Invercargill	54,800	385,000	\$86,599	4.45	4.36	4.64	4.09	3.37

This widely used “Housing Affordability Median Multiplier” sourced from Interest.co.nz is calculated by dividing the median household income into the median house price. The higher the multiple the more unaffordable housing is.

As seen, we compare favourably to just about all other reported areas of NZ, however the challenge for us, as stated, is the mix of housing (and for that matter rental stock) that is available on the market at any given time.

The <\$400-500K and >\$850K segments of the market are in general terms catered for, but we crucially need new stock in the \$500-850K segment which means urgently enabling new residential subdivisions.



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- CAROLINE BAY
- TIMARU CBD
- CEMETERY TOUR
- TUHAWAKI (LACK'S POINT)
- CENTENNIAL PARK

Two Movies:  
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9PM HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE

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# 6 SUMMER HOLIDAY activities to get you out enjoying Timaru District

- 1. SUNSATIONAL 2021 CHALLENGE**  
Grab a Bingo card, complete challenges, and win cool prizes. This fun challenge runs from January 5 - 31. Prizes include a laptop, tablet and vouchers. Bingo cards can be collected from district pools, libraries, museums and the Alightnight Art Gallery. [museums.timaru.govt.nz](https://museums.timaru.govt.nz)
- 2. ROCK POOLS AND FOSSILS**  
Join in on these cool free expeditions with the South Canterbury Museum! Explore the rock pools at Washdyke on Thursday 14 Jan, and on Tuesday 19 Jan get on a fossil hunt at Evans Crossing. Both expeditions are free, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. [museums.timaru.govt.nz](https://museums.timaru.govt.nz)
- 3. MOVIES IN THE GARDENS**  
There are two movies showing, there will be food stalls onsite and live music from The Groove. Bring a picnic, cushions, bean bags and enjoy.  
Movies: 6pm Peter Rabbit, 9pm Hunt for the Wilderpeople  
Feel free to bring a gold coin donation for Alzheimers NZ.
- 4. BECOME A MINI GOLF CHAMP**  
Enter the South Canterbury Mini Golf Champs and spend summer practising at our mini-golf courses.  
Registrations close on January 20. There are two sections - Junior (10 to 15 years), and Open (16+) - It costs \$30 to enter, limited to 96 entries. [scmini-golfchamps.co.nz](https://scmini-golfchamps.co.nz)
- 5. SWING AT THE NEW DRIVING RANGE**  
Recently opened at Gleniti Golf Course, this driving range is fantastic. Practice your swing to improve your game, or just have a fun outing.  
A bucket of 25 balls is \$5.50, or \$10 for 50 balls and \$18 for 100 balls. Club hire is \$5. Open 7 days. [peterhayesgolf.co.nz](https://peterhayesgolf.co.nz)
- 6. HIT THE ROAD**  
Have you tried out the new Suburban Lions Bike Skills Park at Caroline Bay?  
It's near the playground and it's so much fun. Bring bikes, trikes and scooters along and let the kids loose on the little sign posted roads.

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**EVENTS CALENDAR**  
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Timaru District was buzzing last weekend with fantastic events and markets supported by Timaru District Council's stimulus fund, that we administered on their behalf.

Well done to all the event organisers, and everyone involved in bringing these events to life.



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PREMIER EVENTS

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**1. Rose Festival**  
It's 3 days of fabulous events culminating in the market day on Sunday at Caroline Bay. Pop down before or after the Christmas Parade.  
[festivalofroses.co.nz](http://festivalofroses.co.nz)

**2. Blooming Amazing**  
Featuring amazing creations from Jenny Gillies. Doors open at 6pm for a complimentary bubbles, grazing table and cash bar. The show starts at 7pm.  
[festivalofroses.co.nz](http://festivalofroses.co.nz)

**3. Garden Party @ Jakar Gardens**  
Pack a picnic for a day at Jakar Gardens. Weekdays and family entertainment from 10am - 4pm. Tickets \$5 at the gate, kids free with an adult.  
[festivalofroses.co.nz](http://festivalofroses.co.nz)

**4. Markets**  
Shop direct from the makers and growers.  
Timaru Artisan Farmers Market | Saturday 9.00am - 12.30pm | Landing Services area, 2 George Street  
Temuka Market | Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm | Town Square, King Street  
Geraldine Craft & Produce | Saturday 9.00am - 12.30pm | October to April | St Mary's Church car park  
Geraldine Farmers Market | Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays | 8.30am - 3.30pm | Cox Street  
[welovetimaru.nz](http://welovetimaru.nz)

**5. Saturday Live**  
Head into Timaru on Saturday morning for live entertainment and the chance to shop and win prizes.  
[welovetimaru.nz](http://welovetimaru.nz)

**6. Tickets on Sale**  
Make sure you lock your tickets in for this new event at Caroline Bay, to be held on March 13 2021.  
[thefestival.co.nz](http://thefestival.co.nz)

**7. Christmas Parades**  
We're spoilt for choice with the Geraldine Parade on Friday night, and Timaru's on Sunday.  
[welovetimaru.nz](http://welovetimaru.nz)

**8. Live Music**  
Speight's has live gig Friday, Saturday and Sunday this weekend, plus a whole lot more lined up for summer.  
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## Temuka

*Being nothing but nothing... and having a place to go to? Temuka is the place for you.*

Located at the centre of a rich sheep and dairy farming region 13 kilometres north of Timaru and 140km south of Christchurch, Temuka is also the perfect spot for those who'd like to fish for salmon or shop for the anonymous pottery the area is famous for.

The town boasts several well-preserved heritage buildings, and frequently holds traditional farming events.

**FOSSICK FOR VINTAGE TREASURE**  
Temuka is a second-hand shopper's dream. At last count there were six stores selling vintage goods, with rooms full of furniture and treasures to discover.  
The up shop scene is vibrant in the part of the South Island, with lots of bargains to be found. The best time to hit the shops is during the week, as some of the stores are closed in the weekend.

**TEMUKA POTTERY**  
Temuka Pottery is world famous and has been produced locally since 1933. Temuka Pottery now features an array of colourful and fashionable designs, available to view and purchase at the Temuka Pottery Shop. The cafe attached to the shop does great food and coffee, too.

**LOCAL LEGEND**  
Legend has it that sometime in March 1903, Richard Pease got his aircraft into the air without the use of a ramp and flew 80 yards before crashing into a hedge. There is some dispute over the date of the flight, but it was witnessed by many local people whose grandchildren still insist it was before the famous Wright brothers' flight. Check out the Richard Pease Memorial, Main Waihohi Road, Waihohi.

**TEMUKA COURTHOUSE MUSEUM**  
The Temuka Courthouse Museum is a great way to find out about the town's rich history. The ornate building was used as a courthouse right up until 1979. The museum is open on Sundays from 2pm to 4pm, Labour Weekend and Queen's Birthday Weekend, or by arrangement with the Temuka Information Centre.

**THE TEMUKA DOMAIN**  
The Domain covers 75 hectares of land and is great place to play, have a picnic or just sit back and soak up the atmosphere.

There are sports grounds, a skate park, a mini golf course, a children's playground, an ivory coloured granite statue trees and an area of native bush called Gullions Bush, named after Mr T Gullion who planted it way back in 1930.

**RIDE TO SCHOOL**  
Gullion School has a new bike track that people are welcome to use outside school hours. Designed in consultation with the school pupils, there's a section suitable for learning to ride and a more advanced section for practising your skills.

**OPIHI RIVER MOUTH**  
The Opihi River Mouth is a great place for fishing, camping, picnics and wildlife spotting - dolphins and even a seal, even a Southern right whale and her calf have visited.

**GO FISH**  
Fishers from around the world are drawn to the fine fishing here, especially where the Rangitika and Opihi rivers meet the Pacific Ocean. The quintessential salmon is cause for local pride, but the area is also well-known for its excellent trout fishing and the variety of nearby waterways.  
For more information, check out [www.waikaiti.govt.nz](http://www.waikaiti.govt.nz)

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Lots of great reasons to head to Timaru CBD this Saturday



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**TICKETS ARE ON SALE!**

The Highlanders and Crusaders will descend on Temuka to lace up their boots for the 6th annual Farmlands Cup match on February 12.

Get your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/2Kaban4>

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TEMUKA RUGBY CLUB, 12 FEBRUARY

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Venture Timaru, along with Fulton Hogan, are thrilled to be bringing The Good Oil **Tactix** to Timaru for two matches on March 12 and 13!

The pre-season matches will be against their netballing neighbours the Southern Steel, and will be held at The Southern Trust Event Centre.

These will be fantastic matches to watch! ... [See More](#)



## Venture Timaru Tourism

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Got plans for the weekend?

The **Temuka market** kicks off for 2021 on Saturday.

While you're out that way...

- 🍷 Wine and dine at local favourite [Austin92 Restaurant](#).
- 🏌️ Hang out in the domain, play mini golf, try out the new disc golf course, go for a swim.
- 🛍️ Go shopping, check out the cool second hand stores. Have you been to the new [Green Hayes Cafe & Emporium](#)? It's a cool pop-up vintage shop at Green Hayes historic homestead, 45 Milford Cladeboye Rd.
- 🚶 Walk the tracks.
- 🌊 Check out Opihi River mouth.

Get more Temuka inspiration here <http://bit.ly/398H1gI>

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## Venture Timaru Tourism

December 13, 2020 · 🌐

We love the Edwardian streetscape in our little seaside city of Timaru.

Timaru's main street is frozen in time due to the 'great fire of 1868'. So many different colours and architectural styles.

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## THE BANDQUET

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