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# Newsletter

February 2018

## Welcome!

NESE continues to be a respected voice in discussions on the development of secondary schooling in Christchurch. Our Annual Report outlining last year's activities is attached.

NESE has a strong desire to increase participation and success in secondary education for all groups, especially for those who are not currently reaching their full potential.

Amanda Williams                      NESE Chairperson

## NESE AGM

**7.30pm Friday 16 February**

**24 Travis Country Drive, Burwood**

All welcome.

## \$1 Raffle 3D Fairy Picture

Buy tickets from us at Parklands at Play  
If you can't visit us on the day, please deposit \$1 per ticket with your cell number in NESE's account 0208630031312000 before 28 February. Email us if you have a lucky ticket number you'd like. 100 tickets. Raffle drawn 15/3/18.

## Parklands @ Play

**12 noon - 3pm**  
**SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

A great day to play, connect and celebrate music, sports, games and eat tasty food at Parklands Reserve. Heaps of fun with **FREE** things to do and try for all ages!

NESE will have a stall here. Please support our fundraising. We're selling raffle tickets, plants from some much admired local gardens, seeds, rhubarb as well as pumice for DIY pedicures.





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## Secondary School Zone Review

A city wide review of all secondary school “enrolment schemes” (or zones as most of us know them) is nearly complete.

NESE’s School Zone Strategy was prepared to contribute to the Ministry of Education’s discussions. Email us to receive your copy [nese.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nese.newsletter@gmail.com)

## NESE’s Goals

Our advocacy work is focused on achieving these key objectives:-

- Primary aged students have a clear vision of their future secondary education pathway.
- All homes fall inside a defined catchment for both a primary and secondary school.
- Barriers to secondary education are actively reduced.
- All students can get to school by active transport.
- Students are confident about being educated in their local community.
- Schools provide community access for continued education, clubs and interest groups.
- Schools develop robust networks through sharing resources and working together

### NESE’s Officers

Chairperson	Amanda Williams
Vicechairperson	Greg Morehouse
Secretary	Elissa Smith
Treasurer	Kerri Rowlands

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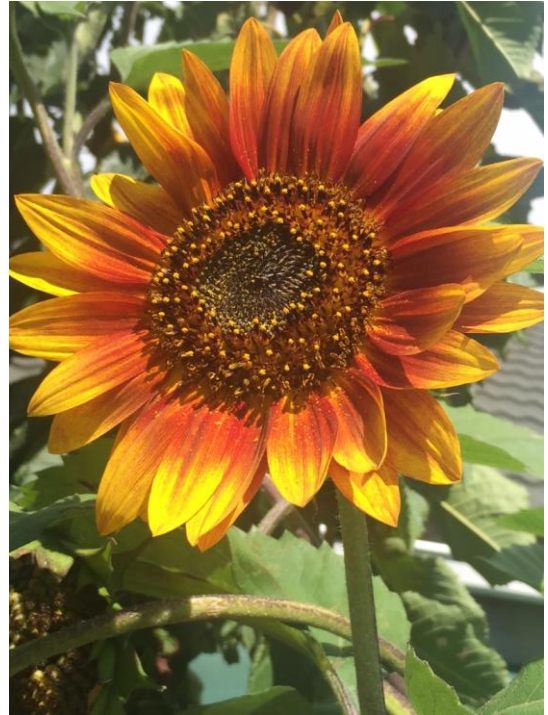
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## Parklands @ Play Plant Sales

Here is a taste of some of the plants we're selling:- Sunflowers (giants & multi-headers), Hellebores, Chinese Forget Me Nots (grow to 1m), Perennial Cornflowers & Hollyhocks. Check out our plant stall on the day for more great plants for your garden.



## **Annual Report 2018**

The North East Secondary Education Committee Inc. (NESE) advocates for secondary education in North East Christchurch. NESE has been actively lobbying politicians and the Ministry of Education since 2009. NESE's Management Committee members are all volunteers from our local community.

### **Building alliances in the community**

NESE committee members continually meet people in the community to share ideas and gather public opinion and feedback in education related issues. NESE Committee members consult widely to establish good working relationships with influential people and organisations. In the last year committee members met and attended meetings with representatives of other organisations, elected officials people and community leaders. Some of these are detailed below. We continue to benefit greatly from their advice and encouragement.

### **NESE's School Zone Strategy for North East Christchurch**

NESE's School Zone Strategy was developed in October 2017 and submitted to the Ministry of Education to help inform the city wide school zone review. In addition, the report identified specific issues in North East Christchurch where access to secondary education could be improved through school zone implementation, road safety upgrades and bus route improvements etc. Subsequent meetings with the Ministry of Education and other education leaders generated good discussion. One of our suggestions has already being implemented, with indications that more may follow. Email us to receive your copy of this report at [nese.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nese.newsletter@gmail.com)

### **QEII Park Campus – New School Zones**

The Ministry of Education is reviewing the new school zone for Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys' at QEII Park. Changes will be made to the two schools' current enrolment schemes to reflect their new location. This decision is being made in conjunction with the review of all Christchurch secondary school zones. Zone review discussions are progressing. Schools with established zones may have boundary changes with the revised zones. Schools with no current zone may have a zone implemented.

NESE advocates for a dual layer for school zones, where every home has access to both co-ed and single sex education. We know our community will have strong opinions about where zone boundary lines are. Public consultation on the new zone for Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys' will be held in early 2018.

### **QEII Park Master Plan**

In NESE's March 2016 submission to the City Council, on the sale of QEII Park land to the Ministry of Education we asked for a QEII Park Master Plan to be created for the entire 49 Ha of QEII Park. A Master Plan will help maximise the potential of the education, aquatic and other recreation

facilities as well as enabling the incorporation of smaller projects. We also asked for the land sale agreement to include a commitment to work with the community to complete the plan. Progress on this has been slower than we hoped. We understand the community will have the opportunity to have active input in to QEII Park's Master Plan in early 2018.

### **Community Events Attended**

NESE committee members attended the "Red Zone Community Day" in March. They shared their ideas and talked to families with the aim of contributing to a community vision for the long term development of the Red Zone area.

In March committee members were invited to a Council workshop about "Safe and active travel for high school students in Christchurch". After much discussion and debate, the outcome of workshop discussions was a goal to "normalise cycling and walking as methods of transport", encouraging initiatives which make it easy for students to use active transport to get to school.

In May committee members attended the community meeting to hear the plans for Avonside Girls' & Shirley Boys' High Schools at QEII Park. There was a good community turnout with questions answered about the campus layout, school zone, modern learning environments, the availability of the buildings as a community resource and green building systems. The two new schools will open at the start of Term Two in 2019.

### **Mairehau High School**

NESE's Secretary Elissa Smith has been co-opted onto Mairehau's Board of Trustees. The Board will benefit greatly from her sound community knowledge and calm investigative approach.

### **Find out what's going on**

Facebook allows us to quickly share information with you. We aim to be a reliable source of local information. Follow us to keep up with events as they happen at [facebook.com/NESEInc](https://www.facebook.com/NESEInc)  
Our most popular posts in 2017 were those sharing information on the new QEII Pool complex as well as posts about Avonside Girls' and Shirley Boys' moving to QEII Park.  
NESE's occasional newsletter was sent to our subscribers in February. Our documents are available on NESE's website [nese.org.nz](http://nese.org.nz) and by email on request from [nese.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nese.newsletter@gmail.com)

### **NESE's Management Committee 2017**

I would like to thank committee members for their ongoing commitment towards achieving our community's goals. The Management Committee is a dedicated group of volunteers. NESE's Management Committee 2017 was Amanda Williams (Chairperson), Greg Morehouse (Vice Chair), Elissa Smith (Secretary) Kerri Rowlands (Treasurer) and Committee Member Rae Mills.

### **Community Support**

Secondary education remains a high priority for families in our community. Committee members would like to thank all our supporters who share information with us and support us in other ways. We are grateful for your ideas and encouragement.

Amanda Williams  
Chairperson