

2021 AGM REPORT





The year reviewed in this report marks the 10th since the 2011 quakes and Avon's existence. It has been marked by the passing of one of our founders and soldier Evan Smith. We are grateful to him for laying a foundation for which our vision exists and for the work that he put into succession planning leaving us in good hands. Evan would be proud of the mahi that has happened this year but equally saddened by the glacial pace of the transition of ownership from the Crown to Christchurch City Council and the yet to be established Co-Governance Group.

Our organisation will continue to advocate strongly for the establishment of the Co-Governance model. We will work corridor wide to engage with the surrounding communities to continue to advocate for issues, improve access to the Otakaro Avon River Corridor (OARC) and facilitate activations that enhance, improve safety and security while pushing for maximum ecological restoration

SUMMARY

Advocacy & Communities

The return of the petition back to council chambers was a significant and symbolic moment for all the organisations and individuals that advocated for the Vision held in the Regeneration Plan. We continue to push for a true Co-Governance model with mana whenua and Community and advocate for good community engagement in the implementation of long-term Council projects as well as advocating for good interim governance of transitional uses and better processes as the shift from LINZ to CCC takes place. We facilitate and encourage stakeholders to submit on decisions that impact the OARC.

Collaboration is pivotal to achieving our strategic objectives. We have a proven track record of working along side the wide range of stakeholders in the OARC this includes LINZ, CCC, UC, other advocacy groups, projects both permanent and transitional, schools, communities surrounding the OARC and communities of interest.

We are signed partners of the Community Water Partnership Charter, we work closely with other river care groups and will continue to foster our relationship with the CCC teams.

Collaboration



We kicked the year off with a forum at the Tannery to hear from the CCC staff after the global settlement had been signed off, we followed this up with a series of workshops with the communities of interest and project groups these workshops have helped direct our focus for the last 12 months.

The first workshops were around the design of the bridges and landing.

Then other workshops we have held include the city to sea pathway high level design ideas, signage and interruption to cater for the long term and transitional needs of the groups and the wider corridor.

As well as this we coordinate regular catch up's with the Red Zone Facilitators to share information and foster collaboration

Workshops and Forums





We continue to maintain the mahinga kai Exemplar, Di's Heritage Garden and Riverbend refuge.

The white post access project is almost complete with 12 entrances left to put in, we worked with the Red Zone Rangers to remove all of the internal posts which has opened up the space to more people and reduced maintenance costs. The posts are being recycled into other projects such as the heritage trail signage, seating and compost bins.

In development is the Bexley Legacy project, Evans Way, Guardians of the Fruit trees, tree hut restoration and the preservation of trees of significance

We fully support the Riverlution Eco Hub and will be pleased to have space in there to store our equipment and as a working space for our facilitators.

PROJECTS AND RESTORATION

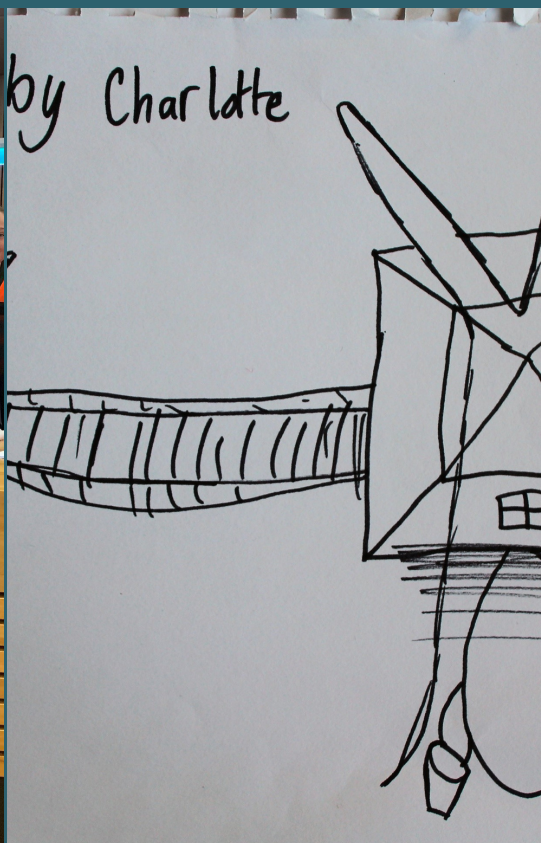
We now have 3 child-centred projects in the OARC, Banks Ave School - Adventure Ave, Whitau School - Fun Zone Red Zone and Christchurch East - yet to be named.

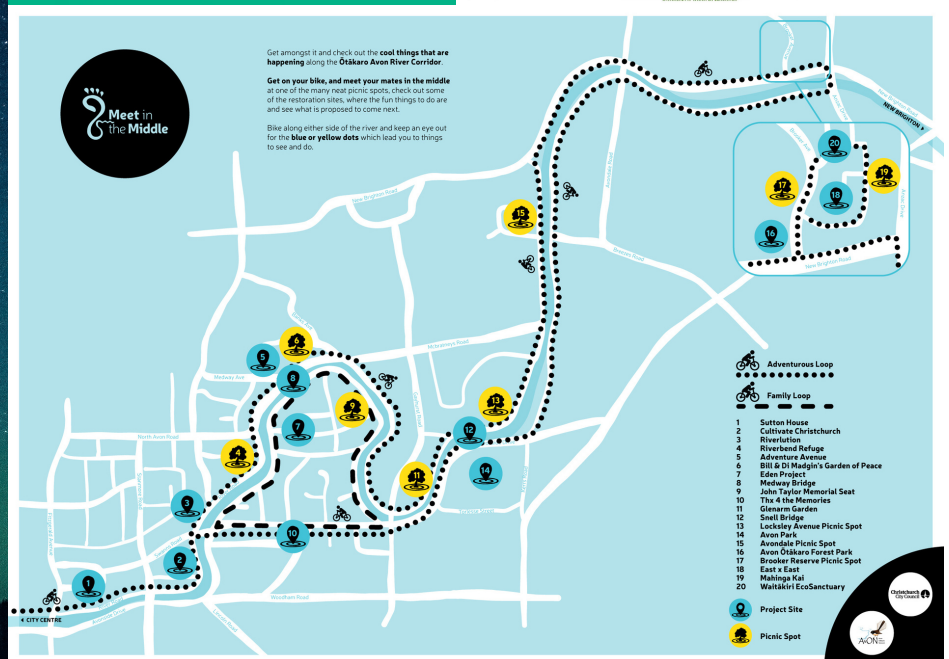
Each project is in different stages but the program follows the same format, it is completely children led ,our facilitators are just there to provide guidance.

This program is unique and after a couple of years we can start to document the successes and the positive impact this is having on the children who have opted in.

The sites are located in Richmond, Avonside and the Avonloop, the program engages the children with the surrounding communities, their school communities and local govt processes.

Child-Centred Projects





River of flowers marked the 10th anniversary of the Feb 22nd quakes, we coupled this occasion with a community day with the Banks Ave School and WSP down by the Medway bridge site. A few weeks later we assisted the Student Volunteer Army with their annual Big Give with over 200 students working up and down the corridor.

Covid 19 had a large impact on our events this past year, this forced us to improvise and as a result we think we have made Meet in the Middle a much better format to engage more people with the OARC all year round rather than just once a year, watch this space.

Matariki in the Zone was once again successful and we hope to evolve this event to connect back to it's roots at Anzac Drive in the coming years.

Our Red Zone exhibition has been rolled out to a number of events this year including, the Grow show, our Xmas event, Avebury Gala. This exhibition incorporates the majority of the projects and advocacy groups currently active or in planning and is a great opportunity for everybody to show case the energy and passion surrounding the OARC

EVENTS



Thank you