



Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens



***A Lasting Gift for the
Christchurch Botanic Gardens***





The Christchurch Botanic Gardens have long been the centrepiece for Christchurch's reputation as the "Garden City". Founded in 1863, the gardens sprawl over 21 hectares in the heart of the city and feature heritage conservatories, herbaceous borders and a magnificent rose garden.

The Gardens are under constant development and plans are underway for a new Gondwana-themed garden, Childrens' Garden and Research Centre.

Ask any resident of Christchurch and they will tell you of the special place this quiet oasis of reflection and beauty holds in the hearts of all Cantabrians. Ask any visitor to our city and they will tell you that the Botanic Gardens feature high on their list of 'must-sees' when here for a few days.





Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens

The Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens Inc is a group of people interested in supporting the Gardens (since 1989) and helping to make them a very special place.

We act as an advocate for the Gardens, we give tours daily (September to April), we lead guided walks and arrange talks for the Friends and members of the public. We also have funds which we can use to support facilities and activities in the Gardens that would not be funded out of usual operational budgets.

We are a group of people with all sorts of backgrounds but with a common desire to help maintain the Botanic Gardens as one of the 'jewels in the crown' of Christchurch.

We see the Gardens as more than a pretty park and take an interest in the plants that grow there and in the scientific and educational activities that go with having a **Botanic** gardens in the city.





Are you thinking of leaving a lasting gift to a worthy cause, in your will? The friends welcome bequests to help us to ensure the Gardens remain the lungs of our Garden City.

If there is an area of the Gardens that is of particular interest to you we welcome you stating in your bequest exactly what you would like to use the money for. It always pays to speak to us when you are thinking of something specific, to ensure we are able to adhere to your wishes.

Or, you can simply leave it up to us. We are very happy to receive bequests that allow us to determine where the best place is to spend the money given to us. If in doubt, simply give us a call and one of our advisors can come out and see you.

Leaving us a Gift

There are several ways to leave a gift to the Friends in your will:

- **Nominated Sum** You can leave a set sum of money to our cause or a specific item of value
- **Residual Estate** After you have made provision for all your loved ones, you may leave the residuary estate to the Friends
- **Non-Cash Assets** You do not have to leave us cash. You may consider leaving us an asset such as property, jewellery, artwork or vehicles.





We'd like to chat!

We would love to speak to you about your plans to leave a lasting gift to the Botanic Gardens through the Friends.

We recommend you talk to your family and to your legal advisor about your plans and then we'd be happy to meet with you and any other members of your family, or your lawyer, to talk about what you'd like to see us do with your generous gift.

If you would like us to visit you to talk about your gift, please email us at friendsofthegardens@gmail.com or phone 021 043 5342.

Past donors have considered these purposes for their gift to the Gardens:

- Our apprentice scholarship scheme
- The Childrens' Garden
- The Botanic Gardens Research Centre
- Cuningham House





Te Māra Huaota o Waipapa

Te Māra Huaota o Waipapa is the Māori name, gifted by Ngāi Tahu, for the Gardens. It translates as the Botanical Gardens of Waipapa, Waipapa being the name of the area along the Ōtākaro-Avon River where the Gardens are located.

"Wow! These gardens are just magic. We visited during the second week of October and the tulips were in full bloom. Amazing old trees, magic conifers and beautifully presented gardens of flowers, all located around the crystal clear River Avon.

We visited the gardens over two days and still didn't get to see it all."

Hannah

"Lovely mature trees, sumptuous gardens. Hydrangeas an absolute delight, a stunning rose garden, cactus house and so much more, well tended, nicely labelled, informative and just absolutely beautiful, thank you so much."

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