

# Raincliff Trust Board

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Raincliff Youth Camp  
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## SYNOD Report 2020

The Raincliff Youth Camp situated on Spur Road, Raincliff in South Canterbury continues to serve the community at large as it has done now for 49 years as a Christian Camp.

The Earthquakes in Canterbury have caused no ongoing issues for the buildings at the Camp or St David's Church, the latter being a wooden structure and we have managed to secure ongoing reasonable insurance without earthquake cover.

The buildings and grounds continue to be maintained to a high standard by a lot of voluntary helpers, and some paid part time staff. Plumbing, painting and building repairs have all been funded from revenue and grants. The next project is to install Heat pumps in the main hall.

The Trust Board also maintains and looks after St David's Church and graveyard as detailed in the Diocese lease. The Church has been repainted and essential maintenance carried out. A Christmas Carol Service, local Christenings and Weddings are held at St David's.

The playground continues to be a great asset to the camp, as well as being enjoyed by the many children in the local area. The extensive lawns are mowed regularly with the help of a ride on lawnmower and our very capable groundsman. Working bees of locals and committee members have kept the Rhododendron garden and 110m native border on the stop bank mulched and sprayed for weeds.

During the last financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, there have been 888 Adults and 851 Youth stay at Raincliff from 41 different groups for a total of 138 nights. There were also 789 day visitors. These figures are slightly down on last year but day visitors were up considerably, due to Church group day visitors. Of the 41 groups, 10 were Church groups, 3 Seminars, 8 Family Reunions, 14 Schools, 2 Weddings, 3 Sewing groups and Rural Fire and Emergency, who the camp cater for as a fundraiser. The camp is proving popular with Schools, Weddings, Reunions, Christian groups, Clubs and Seminars. A total number of 46,485 adults and 48,478 youth have now stayed at the camp over the last 49 years.

The Raincliff Camp has been in Lockdown for COVID 19 since 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Although many of the groups due in April/May have rebooked for later in the year there will be an effect on income.

Next year 2021 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Raincliff Camp, which we hope to celebrate.

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Juliet Shallard  
**Secretary Raincliff Trust Board**