

Akaroa Cricket Ground



[Akaroa](#) has both a Cricket Club and a Tennis Club. The cricket grounds are at the north end of Akaroa, near where the main road enters the town. Akaroa is the largest town on the [Banks Peninsula](#) and has plenty of activities to offer visitors, including sailing, whale watching, fishing, sea kayaking and walking. The nearest golf course is found at [Duvauchelle](#), some 8km north of Akaroa at the end of the long inlet on which both settlements are based on the south coast of the Banks Peninsula.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS AND GETTING THERE

Akaroa is about 80km from [Christchurch](#). The H75 runs from Christchurch along the Banks Peninsula to Akaroa. The journey takes about 1 hour and 20 minutes.

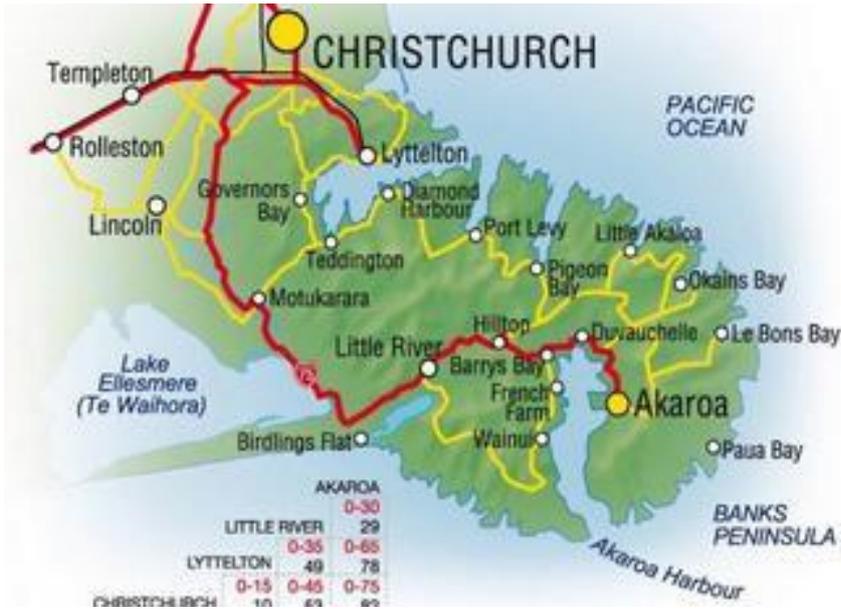
Akaroa Cricket Grounds - Banks Peninsula visitor guide showing a virtual tour of 'Akaroa Cricket Grounds' linked to an interactive map with local and travel information. 360° panoramas from Canterbury

See: photo at

[http://www.panoramicearth.com/2493/Banks Peninsula/Akaroa Cricket Grounds](http://www.panoramicearth.com/2493/Banks_Peninsula/Akaroa_Cricket_Grounds)

Akaroa Cricket Grounds - PHOTOGRAPHER COMMENT

A panorama taken from the small cricket ground at Akaroa. The cricket ground is on the northern end of the village, one of the first things you pass as you arrive, and shows the village buildings surrounding it. It is almost close enough to the sea for a six in the right direction to require a new ball for the next bowl. The Cricket Club pavilion is on the northern edge of the grounds.



ROAD FROM CHRISTCHURCH TO AKAROA

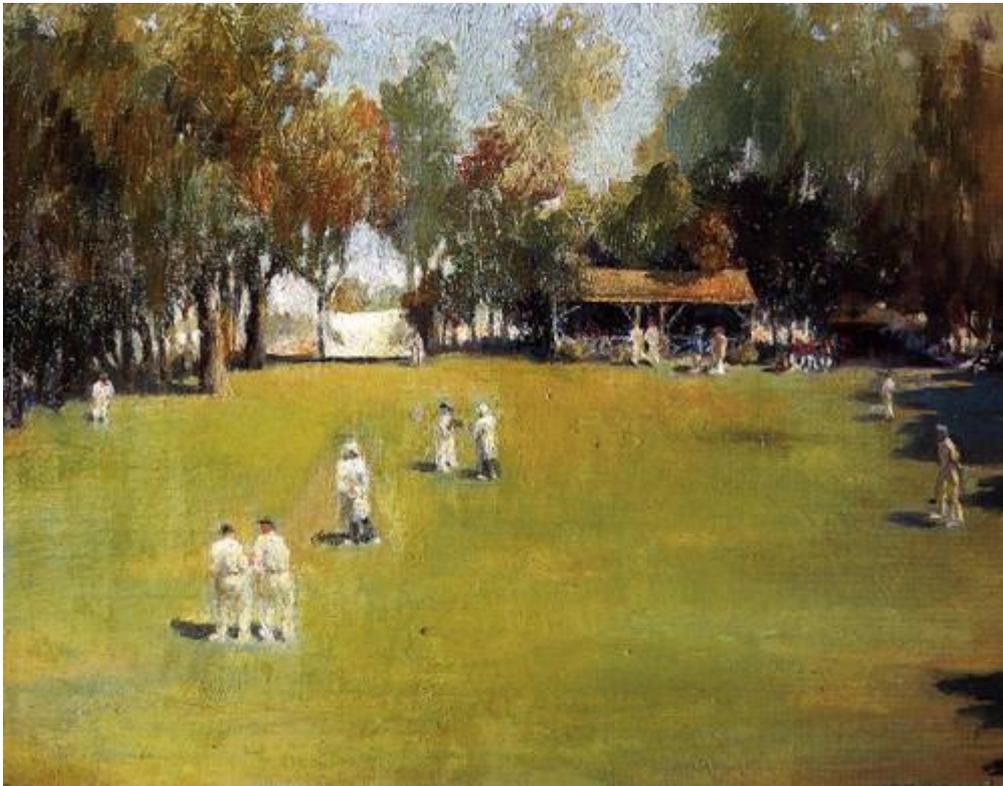


AKAROA FROM SUMMIT HILLS

The Valley of Peace Cricket Club

The Valley of Peace Cricket Club ground is situated 15 minutes out of the Christchurch CBD at the top end of Hoon Hay Valley. This beautiful and unique ground is located in a rural setting and blends well with its peaceful surroundings. Bellbirds and other native birds sing, pheasants and quail call – this surely is ‘The Valley of Peace’.

See: <http://valleyofpeace.co.nz/>



The Valley Of Peace cricket ground

The Valley of Peace regularly hosts cricket teams from around New Zealand and abroad, including Australia, England, and the USA. If you are considering or are already organising a cricket tour of New Zealand we welcome your enquiry

The Club History

In 1927 Mr Harry Waters, the proprietor of Christchurch Cinemas, addressed the problem that his staff were denied the opportunity to enjoy their sporting interests due to their Saturday work. He approached Miss White (of A J White Ltd) to lease 1.0947ha of rough pasture, with the intention of clearing and draining the land and converting it into a small cricket ground for the use of his staff on Sundays. He then formed the Christchurch Cinemas Cricket Club, the ground was known as the Valley of Peace cricket ground.

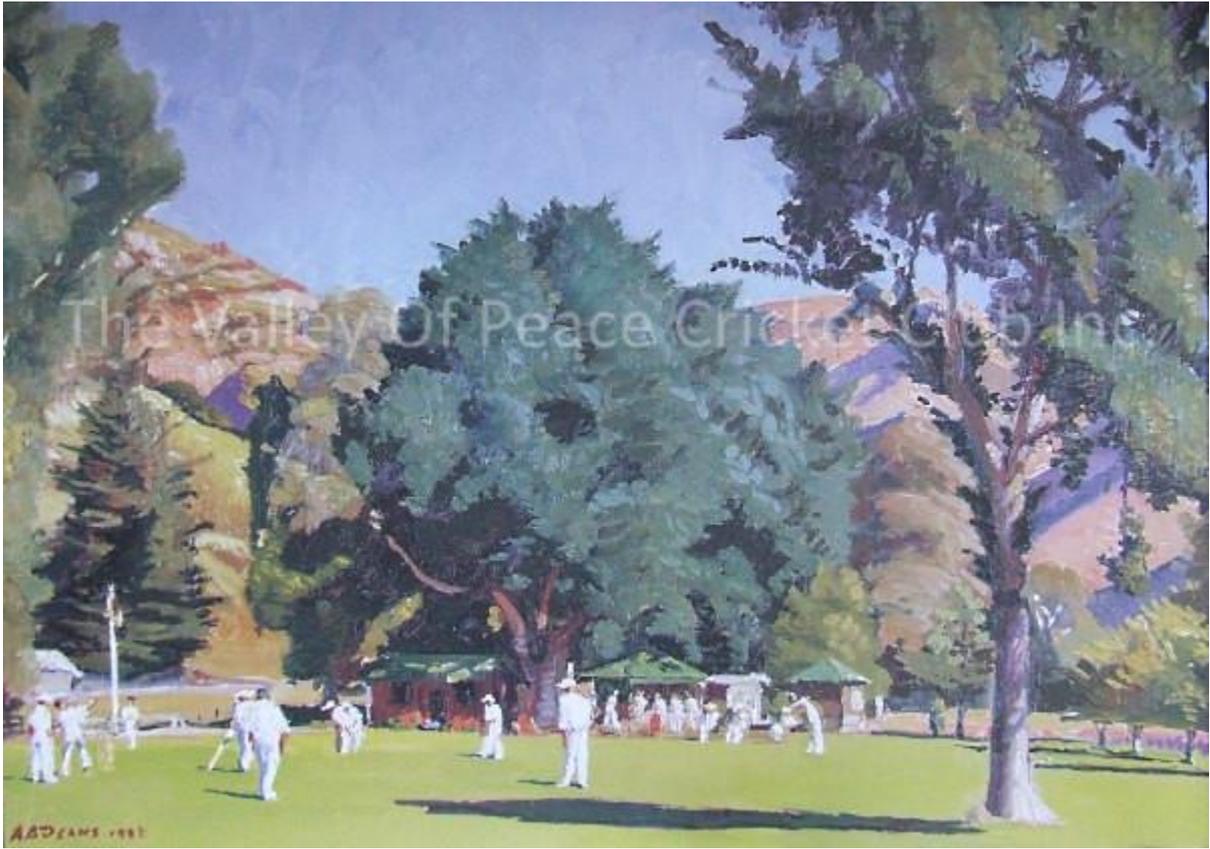
From the outset, the size of the ground necessitated variations to the rules of cricket. Fours and sixes are signalled in the traditional manner, but recorded in the scorebook as twos and fours. However the most important aspects of cricket remains sacrosanct – the players wear white, and the spirit of honesty and friendship must be observed and maintained at all times.

In 1955 Mr Waters sold his business and the Valley of Peace Cricket Club Inc. was formed on 15 December 1955. The land was purchased from the then owner Cdr. Beauchamp, and freeholded by the Club.

The Club has traditionally adopted a conservative approach to its fixtures, but this has not inhibited its reputation throughout the cricketing world. Two notable artists, Arthur Mailey and Austen Deans have painted the ground. Mailey's original hangs at Lords, and the Deans' original was gifted to the Club by the artist.

For many years in the past women were not welcome on the ground when a match was being played. The small boundaries contributed to a danger for spectators who were unaccustomed to hard hit cricket balls. While the danger still exists, women who are prepared to accept the risk are now welcome to enjoy their experience at the Valley. Because of the risk of injury, children under the age of twelve are not welcome when a match is being played.

The Club prides itself in the fact that it has provided uninterrupted cricket for members and other local cricketers since 1928, and hosted many teams from throughout New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom, and the West Indies.



The Valley Of Peace Cricket Club – Austen Deans

HEATHCOTE CRICKET CLUB

<https://www.heathcotecricket.co.nz/>

WELCOME!...to possibly the best cricket club in New Zealand!

Heathcote Cricket Club is nestled at the foot of the steep volcanic crags that form the northern edge of the Port Hills, just 8 kilometres southeast of Christchurch city centre. Surrounded, on three sides by hills, we have one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in New Zealand.

HISTORY

While officially 'founded' in 1928 the Heathcote Cricket Club is proud that it can trace its active involvement in competitive cricket back to the 1860s. In February 2014 we held a match to commemorate the 150th anniversary of a game played between a Heathcote Valley Cricket Club eleven and an eleven from the Albion Cricket Club in February 1864.

For the first fifty years or so, the club was fairly small, usually fielding two teams, and the facilities consisted of a 'hut', which provided a changing room. In 1978 this hut was demolished and a new Community Centre facility was built on the site. The club was allocated a changing room at the end of this new building to compensate for the loss of the 'hut'. The 1980s saw considerable growth in the club, both on and off the field. We were now regularly fielding five or six teams, and through this decade the single changing room was progressively added on to, until by 1990 we had a large clubrooms and bar area, changing room showers, internal toilets and a kitchen.

2008 saw another leap forward in our facilities. We were able to annex an adjacent unused scout den which allowed us to create a second changing room, a new entrance foyer, and an accessible toilet.

In February 2011 the epicentre of a significant earthquake was located almost directly below the club. Thankfully, most of the new addition survived the earthquake and subsequent aftershocks, but unfortunately most of the nineteen eighties additions, did not. This resulted in a major fund raising effort to rebuild the clubrooms ([link –Post earthquake re-build](#)). This re-build was completed in September 2013. We now have a two storey clubrooms with a viewing balcony, resplendent with an electronic scoreboard donated by our Club Patron, Dave Collier.

While our facilities were growing, playing numbers were also steadily increasing, resulting in the club entering eight teams for the 2014/15 season.