

Raincliff Trust Board

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**Raincliff Youth Camp
and Conference Centre**

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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 53 years as a Christian Camp.

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 Trust Board also maintains and looks after St David's Church and graveyard as detailed in the Diocese lease. The Church was repainted some time ago and essential maintenance continues to be carried out. A Christmas Carol Service, local Christenings and Weddings are held at St David's. It is proposed to put in another berm.

The playground is 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 and 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.

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.

Future projects may include upgrading the shower blocks and a committee has been formed for that purpose.

During the last financial year to 31st March 2024, there have been 1164 Adults and 1151 Youth stay at Raincliff from 47 different groups for a total of 160 nights. There were also 1073 day visitors. These figures are well up on last year. The new Booking Officer/Cleaner has been running the camp very efficiently and to a high standard. The camp is proving popular with Schools, Weddings, Reunions, Christian groups, Clubs and Seminars. A total number of 50,374 adults and 52,222 youth have now stayed at the camp over the last 53 years.

Juliet Shallard

Secretary Raincliff Trust Board