

# 'Community Snapshot' ... put names to faces and make connections!

Hopefully by now you will have heard about our plan to produce a “**Community Snapshot**”.

If you haven't – please read the “Snapshot Summary” on page 2 which will give you a little more detail about it, and more importantly, how we hope it can enhance our church life together.

We would really love **everyone** who sees themselves as part of Leith Valley to contribute to this.

**In the blurb, you can include as much or as little information as you wish, but at the very least, having a photo for as many as possible would be great!**

**\*\*\*PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS: [silorimer@ihug.co.nz](mailto:silorimer@ihug.co.nz)**

It will just take a few minutes of your time to write a little about yourself or your family. See the “Samples” below for some ideas as to how to go about this, and some important information.

## The main points:

What we need from YOU are:

### PHOTO

- Group photo if you are a family, rather than 4 or 5 individual ones.
- 50KB in size, bigger if it will need cropping. If you don't know how to resize it, just send as is.
- A printed photo is also fine, hand in at church in an envelope marked SNAPSHOT. Put your name on the back of the photo and we'll return it when we've scanned it.

### BLURB

- A few words about yourself / your family (100 words maximum)
- See attached “Samples” for ideas. Keep it simple. Bullet points are fine.
- Please include in your description, the **suburb** of Dunedin that you live in, as we want to group people in areas.

That's it! Then I get to do the fun part of putting it all together ...

Which brings me to my final point – it would be REALLY helpful if you can action this as soon as possible. The less time I need to spend on the admin side of it (contacting people, emailing again, taking photos, etc etc) the more cost-effective it is for church and the sooner we will have this resource in our hands. ***So why not do it now, or tonight – while you remember.***

I have time over the next few weeks to work on this, but will be busier on other things once I get into October, and then away from Dunedin during November.

Thanks so much for your help with this. Feel free to email me back if you have any questions,

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# Leith Valley “**COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT**” ... coming soon!

## **WHAT IS IT?**

- A collection of words and pictures about the people who make up our church community in 2014. (A printed publication, only for distribution amongst church community, not on website.)

## **WHY?**

- Help us know each other better
- Put ‘names to faces’ and people in families
- Find out who else from church may be in your neighbourhood
- Connect with others who may have similar work/leisure/ministry interests and passions
- Help “grow great community”

## **WHO will be in it?**

- Everyone, we hope! family groups, couples, individuals ...
- Everyone who considers themselves a part of Leith Valley Community (you don’t have to be an ‘official’ member)

## **HOW?**

- Please respond as quickly as possible to an email coming soon – asking you to forward a photo and a short ‘blurb’ – examples will be provided so that you know the kind of thing we are looking for. (A quick response from everyone will save admin time and energy!) If you don’t/can’t respond by email, expect to be approached about it at a Sunday morning service soon...

## **SAMPLE BLURBS**

This doesn’t have to be a literary work of art, and please try not to make it too wordy – aim for no more than 100 words per family/household.

Sample ‘blurb’ about a fictitious family:

**We have lived in Dunedin for 5 years, and before that, in Timaru. John is a teacher at Otago Boys, and Mary is main care giver to Jimmy and Penny. Previously, she worked as a nurse and hopes to return to this in the future. We enjoy gardening and going to movies. Jimmy (10) goes to North East Valley School and loves playing soccer. Penny (3) enjoys going to kindy. We have a Labrador called Fred. We also go cycling sometimes and like going to the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings. John has been involved in Scouts for a number of years.**

OR same info as bullet points:

- **Originally from Timaru, in Dunedin for 5 years**
- **John: teacher at Otago Boys, involved in Scouts**
- **Mary: main caregiver to Jimmy and Penny; previously worked as a nurse**
- **Jimmy (10): NEV school, loves playing soccer**
- **Penny (3): goes to Kindy**
- **Family pet, Labrador called Fred**
- **Interests: going to the Farmers market, gardening, cycling, movies**

If you’re not sure how to start with your writing, just use (some or all of) the prompts below:

- How long in Dunedin, and where from if not Dunedin?
- Work? Study? (Main focus?)
- Children’s schools?
- Special interests / hobbies / leisure activities?
- An area of ministry/service you are especially interested in?