



Upcoming Event –

Behind the Scenes Bus Trip to Christchurch Sunday May 3rd –
Exclusive tours and the stories behind these wonderful heritage buildings that include
The **Heritage Hotel, Trinity Church and Isaac Theatre Royal.**

This will be popular so book your seat now!

Book your seat now by filling in the attached form or by email.

Historic grain store under threat of demolition

Although it suffered no significant earthquake damage, an application has been made to the Ashburton District Council to demolish Peter Cates Grain and Seed building on West Street. This building has a Cat II heritage listing with Heritage New Zealand, and Group 1 heritage listing on the Ashburton District Council Historic Heritage Schedule. *More about these listings on Page 2*



This building has had significant links to Mid Canterbury's agricultural past for the last 125 years. Once contacted, Heritage New Zealand were keen to come and view the building. They agreed it was worthy of trying to save. The owners Initial Assessment Procedure only rated it as 11% of New Building Code, but as said above, it suffered practically no earthquake damage.

Heritage New Zealand, our Society and some individuals we know of, have submitted against the resource consent to demolish. In fairness, we have asked that the owners look for adaptive reuse alternatives. We have also asked that another independent, accurate and detailed engineering report be obtained so that if attempts to save this building are unsuccessful, we know that every alternative has been thoroughly considered.

What has the Mid Canterbury Society been up to so far this year?

Waitangi Day And Multi Culture Bite

We had our stall up the street on this very busy day complete with photo boards etc.

It is great to talk to so many people and learn new information, hear concerns and in general be heritage advocates.

Antique Fair

On Saturday March 7 the very popular annual antique fair was held in the sports hall and we were lucky enough to be invited to have a static display stand. Lots of people took the opportunity to look at the photos and pick up a brochure.