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Abberfield Lane		Named because of its proximity to Abberley Park.	St Albans	Named in 2002.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 30 January 2002	
Abberley Crescent	Abberley Road	Named after Abberley in Worcestershire, England.	St Albans	Thomas James Maling (1836-1922), an importer and merchant, built his home on this land in 1863, naming it Abberley. He was the only son of Admiral Maling of Abberley, Worcestershire. Abberley Road is referred to as the "new Abberley Road" in an article in the Star in 1876, appears on an 1879 map and first appears in street directories in 1887. Becomes Abberley Crescent in 1941.	Abberley Park	"Advertisement", Star, 22 May 1876, p 2 Plan of Christchurch and suburbs, 1879	"Obituary, Mr T. J. Maling", The Press, 2 December 1922, p 18
Abbey Place		Named because of its proximity to Westminster Street.	Mairehau	Named in 1955.	Westminster Street	"Names chosen for streets", The Press, 20 September 1955, p 15	

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Abbotts Place		Named after Colonel Bruce Aubrey Abbott (1903?-1967).	Avonhead	Abbott, a retired Indian Army Officer, opened a motor camp, Abbott's Park, at 308 Yaldhurst Road in 1950. First appears in street directories in 1977.		Waimairi life, p 13	
Abelia Lane		Named after the Abelia grandiflora shrub, also known as Abelia.		A plant grown in the subdivision. The Groynes Park subdivision was developed by Eminence Investments Ltd, a group of Malaysian nationals from Sarawak state, in conjunction with Groynes Development (2012) Ltd. Named in 2015.	Groynes Park	Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 14 October 2015 Shirley/Papanui Community Board minutes 14 October 2015	Groynes Park

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Aberdare Street		Named after Aberdare Park in the village of Trecynon, near the town of Aberdare in South Wales.	Halswell	In the Knights Stream Park subdivision where streets have been named with a common theme of World Heritage sites and national and major parks around the world.	Knights Stream Park		Knights Stream Park

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Aberdeen Street	Taylor's Lane	Formerly Taylor's Lane. Named after George James Taylor (1841?-1934). Re-named Aberdeen Street.	Central city	Taylor's Lane first appears in the Star in a report of a meeting of the city council in 1879 and also appears on an 1879 map. At another council meeting held on 5 April 1880 it is reported that Taylor's Lane has been "channelled, formed and shingled". First appears in street directories in 1883. Taylor, a storeman, is a resident, although his obituary says he died at his residence at 440 Madras Street. Re-named Aberdeen Street in 1893 after residents petitioned the city council asking for the change. Not recognised as a public street by the Christchurch City Council until 1960.		Plan of Christchurch and suburbs, 1879 "City council", Star, 2 December 1879, p 4 "City Council", Star, 6 April 1880, p 4 "City council", Star 25 July 1893, p 1 "General news", The Press, 17 March 1960, p 12	"Obituary", The Press, 12 December 1934, p 12

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Abingdon Court		Named after Abingdon, a small town in Lanarkshire, Scotland.	Avonhead	In the Hyde Park subdivision where many of the streets are named after stately homes of England or given English place names. First appears in street directories in 1991.	Hyde Park		
Acheron Drive		Named after the Acheron, the survey vessel that chartered New Zealand's coastline between 1848 and 1851.	Riccarton	Formed post-1997.		Information supplied in 2007 by Bob Pritchard, subdivisions officer, Christchurch City Council.	

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Acheson Avenue		Named after Archibald Howard McCausland Acheson (1891-1952).	Mairehau	Acheson was the vicar of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Shirley 1926-1928. Developed on farmland previously owned by Arthur William Emmett (d. 1948) and sold after his death. Part of the land was bought by the government for a state housing area "laid out on modern town-planning lines". It was referred to as Emmetts Block. Named on 24 June 1948. First appears in street directories in 1950.	Emmetts block	Waimairi County Council minute book, January 1947-February 1949, p 512, held at Christchurch City Council archives. "Major housing development in the Shirley district", The Press, 31 March 1953, p 3 "Naming of streets in new subdivisions", The Press, 1 November 1958, p 10	The Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy in the Pacific "Obituary", The Press, 11 December 1952, p 3

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Achilles Street	Ullrich Avenue. Ann Street was incorporated into Achilles Street.	Formerly Ullrich Avenue. Named after Frederick Ullrich (1886?-1964). Re-named Achilles Street. Named after the RNZN ship Achilles.	Burwood	Ullrich, an engine driver, lived at neighbouring Birchfield Avenue. Ullrich Avenue appears in street directories for 1940 only. Re-named Achilles Street in 1940 by the Waimairi County Council to commemorate the part HMNZS Achilles played in the 1939 Battle of the River Plate. "15 magnificent sections" in a new Shirley subdivision in Achilles Street are advertised for sale in The Press in April 1956.	Ajax Street	"Achilles and Ajax Streets", The Press, 22 February 1940, p 6 "New street names", The Press, 2 April 1956, p 7	[Nelmes New Brighton auction], The Press, 21 April 1956, p 4

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				Ann Street first appears in street directories in 1951 running off Birchfield Avenue. It became part of Achilles Street in 1956 when the two streets were linked.			
Acland Avenue		Named after Hugh Thomas Dyke Acland (1874-1956).	Avonside	Acland, a surgeon and local politician, lived at Chippenham, 51 Browns Road, from 1924 until his death.

Among a number of streets in Avonside named after prominent local people.

First appears in street directories in 1946. | | | View the biography of Hugh Thomas Dyke Acland in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. |

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Acorn Close		Named because of the impressive mature oak trees there which were preserved when the land was subdivided.	Waltham	Named in 1999.		"Warner and Masters, advertising supplement", The Press, 24 February 1999, p 16 "Acorn Close development", The Press, 28 April 1999, p 34	

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Acton Street	Bowen Street	Formerly Bowen Street. Named after Sir Charles Christopher Bowen (1830-1917). Re-named Acton Street. Named after Lord John Acton (1834-1902).	Central city	Bowen was an administrator, politician, poet, magistrate and educationalist. Bowen Street first appears in the Star in 1881 when a building licence is granted to a Mr Martin. First appears in street directories in 1885. James Martin, a blacksmith, is a resident. Re-named Acton Street by the Christchurch City Council in 1909. Acton was an English historian.		"City Council", Star, 10 May 1881, p 4 "New street names", Star, 2 November 1909, p 1 "Street naming", The Press, 3 November 1909, p 3	View the biography of Charles Christopher Bowen in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. "Street names", The Press, 6 October 1909, p 6 "Street names", The Press, 13 September 1924, p 13

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Adams Place			Woolston	Named on 19 September 1962. First appears in street directories in 1964.		Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 9 October 1962. "City Council news in brief", The Press, 20 September 1962, p 15	
Addison Place			Halswell	In the Oaklands subdivision. First appears in street directories in 1991.	Oaklands		
Ader Close		Named after Hammon Ader.	Halswell	Ader was a labourer of Great North Road. In a later stage of the Longhurst subdivision where the streets are named after members of the Canterbury Militia of 1860-1861. Named in 2012.	Longhurst	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 16 October 2012	Christchurch Militia List 1860 "Advertisements", The Lyttelton Times, 6 June 1860, p 6 Longhurst

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Admirals Way	Brighton Terrace		New Brighton	Brighton Terrace is first mentioned in The Press in 1885 when land for sale there is advertised. First appears in street directories in 1922. Re-named Admirals Way in 1978. This name continues the theme of naming streets in New Brighton after British Admirals, explorers and fighting seafarers.	Beresford Street	"Advertisements", The Press, 1 July 1885, p 4 Information on date of re-naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 19 April 1978. "Would road by any other name stay as street", Pegasus Post, 12 July 1978, p 16	
Adrian Place			Shirley	In a Blogg Brothers Ltd subdivision. Named on 15 June 1960. First appears in street directories in 1964.		Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 20 June 1960.	"Foremost developer and donor", The Press, 22 October 2005, p D19

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Aglaia Place		Named after Aglaia, a Greek mythological character.	Cashmere	Aglaia means brightness. In a subdivision by Worsley Prestige Ltd. at 358 Worsleys Road. Named in 2006.		[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board transport and roading committee agenda 26 May 2006](#)	
Aidanfield Drive			Halswell	Formed post-1997.	Aidanfield		
Aikmans Road	Aikman's Road	Named after Colin Campbell Aikman (1820-1906).	Merivale	Originally an accommodation road ie. a route for stock. Aikman was a partner in the firm of Aikman and Wilson, auctioneers and land agents. Aikman's Road is first mentioned in the Star in 1874 in a report of a meeting of the Avon Road Board. First appears in street directories in 1887. Aikman is a resident.		[A dictionary of New Zealand biography](#), p 7 "[Avon Road Board](#)", Star, 19 June 1874, p 4 "From Erin's Isle to Papanui, Mr John Joyce continues his story", The Star, 8 March 1919, p 8	"[Obituary](#)", The Press, 10 September 1906, p 9 [G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies](#): A54

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Aileen Place		Named after Aileen Jessie Colligan (1910-2010).	Upper Riccarton	Aileen Colligan was the wife of Joseph Irvine Colligan (1910-1965), chairman of the Waimairi County Council 1960-1965. Named in 1961. First appears in street directories in 1964.	Colligan Street and Janet Street.	Information supplied in 2004 by Aileen Colligan (1910-2010) in an interview with Margaret Harper. Waimairi County Council minute book CH357/50, 1961, p 1093, held at Christchurch City Council archives.	"Obituary, Mr J. L. Colligan was Waimairi chairman", The Press, 3 July 1965, p 16
Ailsa Street			Mairehau	Developed on farmland previously owned by Arthur William Emmett (d. 1948) and sold after his death. Part of the land was bought by the government for a state housing area "laid out on modern town-planning lines". It was referred to as Emmetts Block. Named on 24 June 1948. First appears in street directories in 1950.	Emmetts block	Waimairi County Council minute book, January 1947-February 1949, p 512, held at Christchurch City Council archives. "Major housing development in the Shirley district", The Press, 31 March 1953, p 3	

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Airedale Place	Gosling's right-of-way and Gosling's Lane.	Formerly Goslings Lane. Named after Joseph Gosling (1792?-1883). Re-named Airedale Place.	Central city	William Gosling (1820-1900) and his family arrived on the Randolph in 1850. His father, Joseph Gosling, a blacksmith, and his sister, Mary, arrived in 1863. William Gosling bought land for them in Salisbury Street west. At a city council meeting held 5 April 1880, it was reported that Gosling's right-of-way had been "channelled, formed and shingled". Gosling's Lane first appears in street directories in 1892. Re-named Airedale Place in 1914.	Gosling Crescent	"City Council", Star, 6 April 1880, p 4 "City Council", Sun, 13 October 1914, p 5 "Street names", The Press, 2 September 1930, p 12	The life and times of a Canterbury pioneer: William Gosling 1820-1900, p 4 "Street names", The Press, 13 September 1924, p 13

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Ajax Street		Named after the RNZN ship Ajax.	Burwood	Named in 1940 by the Waimairi County Council to commemorate the part HMNZS Ajax played in the 1939 Battle of the River Plate.	Achilles Street	"Achilles and Ajax Streets", The Press, 22 February 1940, p 6	
Akaroa Street			Mairehau	Developed on farmland previously owned by Arthur William Emmett (d. 1948) and sold after his death. Part of the land was bought by the government for a state housing area "laid out on modern town-planning lines". It was referred to as Emmetts Block. Named on 24 June 1948. First appears in street directories in 1950.	Emmetts block	Waimairi County Council minute book, January 1947-February 1949, p 512, held at Christchurch City Council archives. "Major housing development in the Shirley district", The Press, 31 March 1953, p 3	

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Akela Street	Milsom Street	Formerly Milsom Street. Named after Joseph Milsom (1820-1902). Re-named Akela Street. Named after Nellie Christensen (1927-1947), an Akela (cub leader).	Merivale	Milsom was a St Albans borough councillor elected 1885. Milsom Street first appears in street directories in 1896. Re-named Akela Street on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named. Nellie Christensen, an office worker of 27 Chapel Street, Christchurch, belonged to the Merivale Scout Group, which had its Scout Den in this street. She died in the Ballantyne's fire of 1947.		Ballantynes : the story of Dunstable House 1854-2004 , p. 153 "Street names changed: City council approves final list", The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3	G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: A460 "New names for streets", The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3 "New street names", The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2 "Akela St. Scout Den demolished", Merivale-St Albans Gazette, 19 February 1960, p 1

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Albany Street		Named after the dukedom of Albany.	St Albans	The dukedom of Albany is a peerage title occasionally bestowed on the younger sons in the Scottish, and later, British royal family. First mentioned in The Press in 1908 in an advertisement. First appears in street directories in 1909.		"Advertisements", The Press, 14 April 1908, p 12	
Albemarle Street		Probably named after Albemarle Street in London, off Bond Street.	Sydenham	The origin of the name is French, from the Aumale region of Normandy. First mentioned in the Star in 1884 in a report of a meeting of the Sydenham Borough Council. First appears in street directories in 1887.		"Sydenham Borough Council", Star, 15 January 1884, p 4	

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Albert Terrace		Named after Albert Ernest Small (1863?-1941).	St Martins	In electoral rolls of 1914, Small, a fruitgrower, is listed living at 69 Albert Terrace. First appears as a listing in street directories in 1918.		St Martins School: our special school, 1956-2006: St Martins School jubilee, p 6 The Port Hills of Christchurch, p 179	
Albert Sheppard Close		Named after Albert Shepherd George (1868?-1962). [NB His name is spelt incorrectly in the street name.]	Yaldhurst	The land developed into the Delamain subdivision had been owned by the George family for the last three generations. The original purchaser and his son were both named Albert Shepherd George. Named in 2007.	Delamain	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board Transport and Roading Committee agenda 29 June 2007	Delamain cognac

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Albion Lane			Hillmorton	In the first stage of Linden Grove, a Ngāi Tahu subdivision developed on the site of the former Sunnyside Hospital. Named in 2007.	Benjamin Mountfort Close, John Campbell Crescent, Levinge Lane, Linden Grove Avenue, Pavilion Crescent, Spruce Lane, The Oval, The Wickets, The Willows, Thomas Cane Lane and Yew Tree Lane. Also Linden Grove.	[Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board agenda 17 July 2007](#)	

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Alcester Street		Named after Alcester Lodge, a house in Durham Street South.	Central city	Alcester Lodge belonged to the Rev. Thomas Richard Fisher (1806-1890), a Methodist minister and businessman. At a city council meeting held on 5 April 1880, it was reported that Alcester Street had been "channelled, formed and shingled". First appears in street directories in 1885. The council made it a public street on 10 October 1892.		G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: F141 "City Council", Star, 6 April 1880, p 4 "Special meeting", Star, 11 October 1892, p 1	The history of Methodism in New Zealand, p 412
Alderney Mews		Named after Alderney Street in Pimlico, City of Westminster, London, England.	Casebrook	Named to continue the theme in the Regents Park subdivision of giving streets names connected with London. Named in 2001.	Regents Park	Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 4 July 2001	

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Aldershot Street		Named after Aldershot on the Hampshire, Surrey and Berkshire borders.	Aranui	In an area where all the streets are named after places in the county of Hampshire. There is a Christchurch city and a River Avon in Hampshire. Named in 1955.		"New streets in Christchurch", The Press, 28 June 1955, p 6	
Aldersley Street		Named after Philip Atkinson Aldersley (1883?-1963).	Richmond	Aldersley ran a bakery business in Richmond in the 1940s and 1950s. He lived at 17 Chrystall Street. In a government housing settlement off North Parade. When the street was named after Aldersley, he gave the Mayor, E. H. Andrews, £5 for the first baby to be born to residents of the street. Named in 1941. First appears in street directories in 1943.		Richmond, Christchurch: a regional history, p 18 "General news", The Press, 3 April 1943, p 4 "New Streets Named by City Council", The Christchurch Star, 16 March 1961, p 12	"General news", The Press, 3 April 1943, p 4 fur info

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Alderney Mews		Named after Alderney, the most northerly of the Channel Islands.	Casebrook	Named in 2001.		[Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 4 July 2001](#)	
Alderson Avenue		Named after William Stanley Alderson (1890-1974) and his sons, William Stanley Alderson (1915-2004) and Douglas Alderson (1922-1977).	Hillsborough	The Aldersons managed the Glenmore Products Ltd., brick and tile manufacturers, 1946-1965. First appears in street directories in 1991.	Lucas Lane, Peartree Lane and The Kilns. Also Glenmore Estate.	[History of quarries and brick works in and around Christchurch, 1973](#)	"Story of Glenmore began in 1851", The Press, 12 September 1970, p 5
Aldgate Street		Named after Aldgate, a London Underground station.	Redwood	One of a group of streets named after London railway stations. The Main North Railway passes right by the area. Named in 1955.	Camden Street, Ealing Street, Fenchurch Street, Grosvenor Street, Lambeth Crescent, Paddington Street and Uxbridge Street.	"New streets in Christchurch", The Press, 28 June 1955, p 6	

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Aldwins Road		Named after Samuel Aldwin (1846-1892).	Phillipstown	Aldwin's brickworks were on the corner of Aldwins Road and Ferry Road. Aldwin lived on "Parish Street, off Ferry Road". First mentioned in the Press in 1870. First appears in street directories in 1894.		"News of the day", The Press, 23 August 1870, p 2 "Advertisements", The Press, 2 January 1892, p 8	G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: A75 Early Christchurch and Canterbury: newspapers clippings, ca. 1923-1950, Vol 1, p 22
Alexandra Street	Victoria Street	Formerly Victoria Street. Named after HM Queen Victoria (1819-1901). Re-named Alexandra Street. Named after HM Queen Alexandra (1844-1925), consort of King Edward VII.	Richmond	Victoria Street first appears in street directories in 1892. Re-named Alexandra Street on 7 March 1904. [In 1926 the council proposed changing the names of 29 streets. 21 streets only were re-named after protests from the public. Alexandra Street was to have been re-named Ashby Street.]		"Re-naming streets", The Press, 8 March 1904, p 5 Christchurch City Council minute book, June 1903-October 1904, held at Christchurch City Council archives. "Advertisements", The Press, 28 May 1926, p 17	"Street names", The Press, 22 February 1926, p 10 "Street names", The Press, 26 May 1926, p 11 "Street names", The Press, 22 June 1926, p 10

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Alexandrina Street		Named after Lake Alexandrina, a lake in the Mackenzie Basin in Canterbury.		The development company chose a theme of Canterbury lakes, rivers, lagoons and other water bodies for the street names in the subdivision. In stage 1 of the Prestons Park subdivision on the south side of Prestons Road, opposite the Prestons subdivision. Named in 2015.		[Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 21 September 2015](#) [Burwood/Pegasus Community Board minutes 21 September 2015](#)	

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Alfred Street	Pyke Street and Kensington Place.	Formerly Pyke Street. Named after William Pyke (1852?-1918). Re-named Kensington Place. Later re-named Alfred Street. Named after HRH Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh & Saxe-Coburg Gotha (1844-1900).	Central city	Pyke, an upholsterer and cabinetmaker, is a resident of the street in 1885. The formation of Pyke Street is mentioned in the Star in a report of a meeting of the Christchurch City Council held on 7 November 1881. Kensington Place is first mentioned in The Press in 1887. Renamed Alfred Street by 1898.		"City Council", Star, 8 November 1881, p 4 "Advertisements", The Press, 17 September 1887, p 8 "Late advertisement", Star, 12 February 1898, p 5	

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Algidus Street		Named after Mount Algidus, a high country station.	Sockburn	Formed on a subdivision of land in Craven Street owned by Ann Nora "Annie" Murray-Aynsley (1886-1973) and named Algidus Street by her on 26 August 1958. She was the second wife of George Murray-Aynsley (1865-1949). His first wife had been Blanche Murray-Aynsley, née Gerard, (1867?-1927). She had bought Mount Algidus in 1897 and her executors were still the owners in 1945. First appears in street directories in 1962.	Gladson Street	Information supplied by Bob Pritchard, subdivisions officer, Christchurch City Council in 2010.	"Obituary", The Press, 6 October 1949, p 6

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Alice Street		Named after HRH Princess Alice (1843-1878).	Burwood	One of three streets named after Queen Victoria's family. Princess Alice was a daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. First mentioned in The Press in 1923. First appears in street directories in 1924.	Goodman Street and Liggins Street.	"Advertisements", The Press, 23 May 1923, p 16	

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Allard Street	Cornhill Street	Formerly Cornhill Street. Named after either Cornhill on the Tweed or after a major English literary magazine. Re-named Allard Street. Named after Charles Allard (1850-1922).	Edgeware	Cornhill Street is first mentioned in The Press in 1903 when sections in the Croydon Estate are advertised for sale. First appears in street directories in 1906. Re-named Allard Street on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named. Allard was secretary of the North Canterbury Board of Education. He was also a well-known bowler, belonging to the Edgeware Bowling Club. At the time of his death he was living at 533 Barbadoes Street.	Croydon Estate	"Advertisements", The Press, 9 December 1903, p 11 "Street names changed: City council approves final list", The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3	"Obituary", The Press, 30 October 1922, p 2 G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: A103 The Cyclopedia of New Zealand, Vol 3, p 172 "New names for streets", The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3 "New street names", The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2

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Allen Street		Named after George Allen (1805-1871).	Central city	Allen, a market gardener and carrier, owned the New Zealander Hotel. His widow, Lizzie, née Westwood, (1826-1910) married John Etherden Coker (1832-1894) in 1872 and he built Coker's Hotel (demolished 2011 following earthquake damage) on the land she had inherited from her first husband. Allen Street appears on an 1879 map. The city council formally took over this street on 18 July 1881. First appears in street directories in 1883.	Southwark Street	Plan of Christchurch and suburbs, 1879 "City Council", Star, 19 July 1881, p 4	Unsung heroines, biographies of Christchurch women written to commemorate women's suffrage year 1993 G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: A109 "Obituary", The Press, 5 August 1910, p 10

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Allison Place	Bond Place		Shirley	Developed on farmland previously owned by Arthur William Emmett (d. 1948) and sold after his death. Part of the land was bought by the government for a state housing area "laid out on modern town-planning lines". It was referred to as Emmetts Block. Bond Place was named on 24 June 1948. Re-named Allison Place on 14 September 1948 as Bond Place was seen as "a name conflicting with a similar name in the Christchurch City".	Emmetts block	Waimairi County Council minute book, January 1947-February 1949, pp 512 & 571, held at Christchurch City Council archives. "Major housing development in the Shirley district", The Press, 31 March 1953, p 3	

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Allister Avenue			Strowan	Developed to give public access to Elmwood Park from Leinster Road. The land for the street was donated by Charles Wood (1864?-1957), a sheep farmer of 95 Leinster Road. A petition was circulated around local residents in 1920. They wanted a "handsome" street developed rather than a right-of-way. Named in 1921. [In 1922 the Elmwood School Committee described Allister Street as an unsuitable name, suggesting Elmwood Avenue instead, because the street connects Elmwood School with Elmwood Park.] First appears in street directories in 1928.		"Elmwood Park", The Press, 30 May 1919, p 7 "Elmwood Park", The Press, 6 January 1920, p 6 "General news", The Press, 8 June 1920, p 6 "City Council", The Press, 1 November 1921, p 9 "General news", The Press, 13 April 1922, p 6	

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Allom Lane		Named after Thomas Allom (1804-1872).	Cashmere	Allom, an English artist, topographical illustrator and architect, was one of the founder members of what eventually became the Royal Institute of British Architects. He was a friend of Edward Gibbon Wakefield and spent some time in Canterbury where he lithographed some works of Heaphy. Two of his sons, Alfred and Charles, later emigrated to New Zealand. First appears in street directories in 1990.		Information supplied in 2007 by Barry Allom in an interview with Margaret Harper.	
Alloway Street		Named after Alloway, a former Scottish village that is now a suburb of Ayr.	Avondale	Named on 15 December 1969, the same day as neighbouring Ardrossan Street. First appears in street directories in 1976.		Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 24 March 1970.	

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Alloy Street		Named after Alloy Steel (NZ) Ltd., Main South Road, Sockburn.	Sockburn	Formed alongside this engineering firm. Named in 1958 by the property owner.		"Naming of streets in new subdivisions", The Press, 1 November 1958, p 10	Down the years in Christchurch : a century of progress, p [12]
Alma Place		Named after Alma Schumacher, née Brightling, (1900-1977).	Shirley	Alma Schumacher was a city councillor 1956-1968. She was a granddaughter of John Brightling. Named on 24 April 1963.	Brightlings Road	Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 29 April 1963. "A tree to mark the opening of pensioners' cottages", The Press, 6 June 1963, p 14	"Death of former councillor", The Press, 19 December 1977, p 6
Almont Gardens			Bexley	In the Morganwood subdivision. Named in 1996.		Meeting of the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board 4 June 1996	

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Alpers Place		Named after Oscar Thorwald Johan Alpers (1867-1927).	Hoon Hay	Alpers was a teacher, journalist, writer, poet, lawyer and judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. In a 145-acre housing subdivision planned by the housing division of the Ministry of Works. The land was purchased from the Church Property Trustees and the Loughnan estate. In 1968 the street names sub-committee of the council felt that as Halswell was named after a prominent English Queen's Counsel, it would be appropriate to record the names of judges in street names there. Many of them had been QCs or KCs before appointment to the Bench.	Barrowclough Road, Callan Place, Dalglish Place, Fair Place, Haslam Crescent, Herdman Road, Leicester Crescent, McCarthy Street, Myers Place, Northcroft Road, O'Leary Street, Ostler Place, Salmond Road and Stanton Crescent.	"Judges' names", The Press, 17 September 1968, p 1 Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 24 March 1970.	View the biography of Oscar Thorwald Johan Alpers in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography "Mr Justice Alpers", Auckland Star, 22 November 1927, p 9 "New Halswell subdivision", The Press, 8 December 1960, p 19 "Hoon Hay subdivision provides 570 sections", The Press, 30 September 1964, p 1

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				Alpers Place was named on 15 December 1969 - later than other streets in the subdivision named after members of the judiciary.			
Alpha Avenue	St Andrews Avenue	Formerly St Andrews Avenue. Named because of its proximity to St Andrew's College. Re-named Alpha Avenue.	Strowan	St Andrews Avenue is first mentioned in The Press in 1923, where it is described as a "new avenue". First appears in street directories in 1925. Re-named Alpha Avenue on 24 September 1926, probably because there had been confusion with St Andrews Square. A Papanui war memorial street.	Tillman Avenue	"Advertisements", The Press, 8 May 1923, p 14 "Advertisements", The Press, 28 May 1926, p 17	"Street names", The Press, 22 February 1926, p 10 "Street names", The Press, 26 May 1926, p 11
Alpine View Lane			Parklands	First appears in street directories in 1987.			

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Alport Place	Part of Dyers Road.	Named after Augustus James Alport (1816-1886).	Woolston	Alport was Lyttelton's auctioneer and a shareholder in the Christchurch Conveyance Company. He became a director of the short-lived Canterbury Steam Navigation Company in 1858. He was also a Canterbury Provincial councillor up until 1861. Formed because of the Woolston Cut flood relief development. One of three streets in close proximity named in 1986 to give a maritime theme to the area.	Gould Crescent and Palinurus Road. Also Brenchley Road.	"What's in a name?", Shoreline: the community news magazine, April 1995, pp 18-20	G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: A142 Canterbury Block Pre-Adamites Forgetten forty-niners: being an account of the men & women who paved the way in 1849 for the Canterbury pilgrims in 1859 "Street-name changes proposed in Woolston", The Press, 4 October 1985, p 5

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Althorp Place		Named after Althorp, the stately home of the Spencer family in Northamptonshire, England.	Avonhead	In the Hyde Park subdivision where many of the streets are named after stately homes of England. First appears in street directories in 1991.	Hyde Park		
Alvarez Place			Somerfield	First appears in street directories in 1991.			
Alvaston Drive			Halswell	In the Oaklands subdivision. First appears in street directories in 1987.	Oaklands		
Amamoor Street			Northwood	Developed by Belfast Developments Ltd and Styx Developments Ltd. The developers "chose names suitable for the length of the road rather than trying to establish a common theme throughout the subdivision". Named in 2000.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 March 2000 Report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Council 19 April 2000	

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Ambleside Drive			Burnside	Formed on land owned by Professor Albert Hugh Flay (1905-1973) and developed by his son. First appears in street directories in 1964.	Flay Park	Information supplied in 2009 by Peter Foster in an interview with Margaret Harper.	
Ambrosia Lane			Halswell	Continues the theme in the Aidanfield subdivision of naming the streets after members of the Order of St John Of God. Named in 2008.	Aidanfield	[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board minutes 3 June 2008](#)	

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Amelia Lane		Named after Amelia Frances Rogers, née Inwood, (1849-1928).	Burwood	Amelia Rogers opened the first post office in Burwood and was the founder of the All Saints Sunday School. She was a daughter of Henry Inwood. A right-of-way at 13 Bassett Street. The developer of the subdivision wished to retain historic links with early settlers in the area. Named in 2000.	Amelia Rogers Reserve	[Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 27 March 2000](#)	[Amelia Rogers](#) [Amelia Rogers](#) "Obituary", New Zealand Church News, January 1929, pp 19 & 20, held at Anglican Archives. [Unsung heroines](#)
Amelia Place		Named after Amelia, the daughter of the developer.	Wigram	In the Whittaker Estates subdivision at 306 Wigram Road and Awatea Road. Named in 2014.		[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 15 July 2014](#) [Riccarton/Wigram Community Board minutes 15 July 2014](#)	

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Amherst Place		Named after Bryan Amherst Barrer (1908-1980).	Cashmere	Barrer was a lawyer and foundation member of the Canterbury Mountaineering Club. First appears in street directories in 1978.	Barrer Lane		"Mr B. A. Barrer was lawyer, mountaineer", The Press, 28 May 1980, p 10
Amoka Crescent		Amoka means: tall totara.	Parklands	In the first stage of the subdivision of the land adjacent to Burwood Hospital. The Community Board had requested Māori street names. Developed by the Ngāi Tahu Property Group. Named in 2000.		Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 2 October 2000	
Amos Place		Named after Leslie George Amos (1906-1978).	Shirley	Amos, a company director, was a city councillor 1944-1959 and 1965-1974. Named in 1960.		"Names for new streets", The Press, 17 March 1960, p 15	
Amstel Lane			Richmond	First appears in street directories in 1993.			

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Amuri Park Lane			City Centre	First appears in street directories in 1991.			
Amuri Street		Probably named after the Amuri County, in North Canterbury, one of the former counties of New Zealand.	Hei Hei	First appears in street directories in 1960. Amuri Street was at first considered to be in Hornby. It was later listed in Hei Hei. Hornby streets are not listed separately until 1960.			The Amuri: a county history
Amyes Road		Named after Edmund Amyes (1811-1900).	Hornby	Amyes farmed in Upper Riccarton. First mentioned in The Press in 1877 when its formation was discussed by the Spreydon Road Board.	Oakhampton Street	G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: A153 "Advertisements", The Press, 28 September 1877, p 4	"Deaths", The Press, 21 March 1892, p 3 (death notice for Elizabeth Amyes) Paparua County Council history, p 53
Anchorage Road		Named after Anchorage, a seaport and the largest city in Alaska.	Hornby South	The street names in this business subdivision have a Canadian theme. Formed post-1997.	Calgary Place, Canada Crescent, Edmonton Road, Klondyke Drive, Prairie Place and Yukon Place.		

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Anderson Street			Addington	Some of the streets in the vicinity of the Addington Railway Workshops were named after railway employees. First mentioned in The Press in 1878 when sections in "the great township of Crewe" are advertised for sale. First appears in street directories in 1910.	Lowe Street and Tyne Street.	Beyond the city: the land and its people, Riccarton, Waimairi, Paparua, p 80 "Advertisements", The Press, 22 June 1878, p 3	
Andover Street		Named after Andover, a town in north-west Hampshire, England.	Merivale	First mentioned in the Star in 1877 in a report of a meeting of the Board of Health. First appears in street directories in 1887.		"Board of Health", Star, 6 September 1877, p 2	

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Andrews Crescent		Named after Sir Ernest Herbert Andrews (1873-1961).	Spreydon	Andrews was mayor of Christchurch 1941-1950. First mentioned in The Press in 1944. First appears in street directories in 1946. [Twenty-four single pensioners' flats were built there by the Christchurch City Council in 1953.]		"City housing scheme", The Press, 3 October 1944, p 4 "Cottage flats for pensioners", The Press, 1 August 1953, pp 2 & 6	"Sir Ernest Andrews", The Press, 10 November 1961, p 12
Andybrae Lane		Named by the developer who wished to honour his Scottish origins and also his father.	St Martins	The developer's father was named Andrew. A private right-of-way, not a legal road. Named in 1993.		Spreydon/Heathcote community board special meeting 2 December 1993	

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Angela Street			Upper Riccarton, Sockburn	One of the five residential streets containing mainly workers' cottages making up the area known as Peerswick. First mentioned in The Press in 1878 when land in the Peerswick Estate is advertised for sale. First appears in street directories in 1910.	Peerswick	"Advertisements", The Press, 24 June 1878, p 4	
Anglem Way			Northwood	Developed by Belfast Developments Ltd and Styx Developments Ltd. The developers "chose names suitable for the length of the road rather than trying to establish a common theme throughout the subdivision". Named in 2000.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 March 2000 Report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Council 19 April 2000	

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Angus Street		Named after John Craib Angus.	Sydenham	St Andrew's Presbyterian marriage records have Angus, a saddler, marrying Janet Murison in 1859 at the home of John Anderson, Cashel Street. Angus was a member of the first Christchurch City Council in 1868. He later absconded overseas, probably to Australia, to escape his creditors. An election was held in 1869 to fill the vacancy on the Christchurch City Council caused by his departure.		Sydenham Borough Council minute book 1879-1880, p 91, held at Christchurch City Council archives. "City Council election", Star, 17 September 1869, p 3 "Sydenham Borough Council", Star, 1 May 1878, p 3	G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: A225 John Craib Angus "Supreme Court", Star, 10 April 1872, p 3

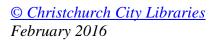| Current name	Former name	Origin of name	Suburb	Additional information	See	Source	Further information
				The formation of this street was discussed at a meeting of the Sydenham Borough Council in 1878 when Thomas Russell, a carpenter and resident, applied for it to be formed. This was agreed to "provided the street be dedicated and the cost of formation prepaid". First appears in street directories in 1887.			
Annaby Drive			Northwood	Developed by Belfast Developments Ltd and Styx Developments Ltd. The developers "chose names suitable for the length of the road rather than trying to establish a common theme throughout the subdivision". Named in 2000.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 March 2000 Report of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to the Council 19 April 2000	

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Annell Place		Named after Annie Elizabeth Witbrock, née Ell, (1868-1947).	Burnside	Named by her daughter, Mabel Mabel Winifred Witbrock (1893-1991). Annie Witbrock was the daughter of Charles and Mary Ell and a cousin of Henry George "Harry" Ell (1862-1934). She is listed in street directories from 1939 living at 184 Burnside Road (later Memorial Avenue).	Grangewood Lane, Parkham Drive and Witbrock Place.	Information supplied in 2010 by Ngaire Anne Kelly, granddaughter of Annie Witbrock, in an interview with Margaret Harper.	
Anne Ward Lane		Named after Anne Ward (1826?-1896).	Burwood	Anne Ward was the first President of the Women's Christchurch Temperance Union. Named in 2000.		Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 31 January 2000	View the biography of Anne Ward in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography.

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Annex Road	Lincoln & Riccarton Junction Road and Junction Road.		Middleton	In 1914 it was named Lincoln & Riccarton Junction Road. Junction Road first appears in street directories in 1936. Re-named Annex Road in June 1948 when 24 streets in the Waimairi County were re-named.		[Riccarton, the founding borough: a short history, Canterbury's founding settlement,](#) p 31 "Street names changed", The Press, 25 June 1948, p 9	"Street names changed", The Press, 25 June 1948, p 6
Annie Going Lane		Named after Annie Mary Nicholl, née Going, (1890-1980).	Halswell	Annie Nicholl was born in Halswell, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Going. She was brought up on a farm on the corner of Sabys Road and Ellesmere Road. She married Albert Edward Nicholl in 1910. A private right-of-way named by Graeme Nicholl, Annie Nicholl's grandson. Named in 2014.		[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 14 October 2014](#)	

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Annies Lane		Named after Sister Annie.	Halswell	Sister Annie was an Aidanfield Board member and Provincial Leader in 2006. The street names in the Aidanfield subdivision are those of former Sisters of the Good Shepherd Order and former residents of the Good Shepherd Sisters' Home at Halswell. Named in 2006.	Aidanfield	[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board transport and roading committee agenda 26 May 2006](#)	[Mount Magdala : 80 years of care…with a short history of the institution](#) [Pitch your tents on distant shores: a history of the Sisters of Good Shepherd in Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand and Tahiti](#)
Anstorer Street			Bryndwr	Named in 1959. The source says this was "a new street in the DSIR block south of Christchurch".		"Streets named and changed", The Press, 1 September 1959, p 16	
Antigua Street	Windmill Road was incorporated into Antigua Street.	Named after Antigua, a colonial bishopric, Antigua in the West Indies. The section of the street south of Moorhouse Avenue was formerly named	Central city	One of the original streets of Christchurch named in 1850 by surveyors [Captain Joseph Thomas](#) (b. 1803?) and [Edward Jollie](#) (1825-1894). The names were taken from		[Reproduction of Edward Jollie's 1850 map of the proposed city. Department of Lands and Survey, Christchurch. Historical Maps](#) "[Advertisements](#)", The	"[Street names](#)", The Press, 6 October 1909, p 6 "[Obituary](#)", The Press, 9 August 1894, p 5e "[Obituary](#)", Star, 9

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		Windmill Road. Named after the flourmill erected in 1856 by William Derisley Wood (1824-1904). It was on the site of the Canterbury Brewery which was demolished following the earthquakes of 2010/2011.		bishoprics listed in Burke's Peerage. First mentioned in The Lyttelton Times in 1852 when 1/4 acre sections are advertised for sale there. Windmill Road as an alternative name appears in an advertisement in the Star in 1868. William Feathery (1829?-1910) bought the windmill there in 1866 and moved it to Leithfield where it stood behind Leith's hotel. Officially re-named Antigua Street in 1909.		Lyttelton Times, 7 August 1852, p 2 Reminiscences of a surveyor, runholder and politician in Canterbury and Otago, 1841-1865, pp 28-29 Early days of Canterbury, p 27 The evolution of a city, p 13 Old Christchurch in picture and story, pp 50-51 "Advertisements", Star, 14 May 1868, p 3 "Obituary", The Press, 3 October 1904, p 7 "Street naming", The Press, 3 November 1909, p 3 "The old mill at Leithfield", The Press, 12 December 1936, p 15 "Street names in	August 1894, p 1 G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: J169 & T144 View the biography of Joseph Thomas in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. Wood's Mill: the architectural heritage of Christchurch, 9 "Mr Wm. Feathery", The Press, 27 July 1910, p 8 "Street names", The Press, 13 September 1924, p 13

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						Christchurch", The Press, 6 December 1952, p 3	
Antonia Place		Named after Sister Antonia.	Halswell	Sister Antonia was involved with the early work of the Order of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Christchurch. The street names in the Aidanfield subdivision are those of former Sisters of the Good Shepherd Order and former residents of the Good Shepherd Sisters' Home at Halswell. Named on 31 January 2001.	Aidanfield	Biographical information supplied in 2007 by Fraser Faithfull, archivist with the Good Shepherd Provincialate in Abbotsford, Victoria in correspondence with Margaret Harper. Other information supplied in 2007 by Bob Pritchard, subdivisions officer, Christchurch City Council.	Mount Magdala : 80 years of care…with a short history of the institution Pitch your tents on distant shores: a history of the Sisters of Good Shepherd in Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand and Tahiti

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Antrim Street		Named after County Antrim, one of six counties forming Northern Ireland.	Sydenham	Named in 1927 at the request of the estate of W. Walls, the owner of the land subdivided to form the street. Described as a "new" street in The Press in 1928. First appears in street directories in 1929.		"Hearth and Home", The Press, 21 July 1927, p 4 "Advertisements", The Press, 30 April 1928, p 16	
Anvers Place		Named after the Siege of Anvers, a battle in 1914 during the 1st World War.	Hoon Hay	Named because it runs off Mathers Road and is near Fusilier Place. First appears in street directories in 1950.	Fusilier Place and Mathers Road.		

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Anzac Drive		Named in honour of the Burwood-New Brighton people who served New Zealand in conflicts overseas.	Burwood	Named by Alan Young, a returned serviceman. It was the first stage in the Burwood Expressway. Named in 1999 and officially opened in 2000.		[Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 2 August 1999](#) "Returned serviceman to open new road", The Press, 17 August 2000, p 7 "A new road with no-one living nearby", The Press, 22 August 2000, p 9	
Anzani Lane		Named after the Anzani engine.	Wigram	Training started at the Sockburn Flying School in 1917 with one aircraft, a Caudron II bomber with an Anzani engine. In the Wigram Skies subdivision where the street names have an aviation theme. Named in 2014.	Wigram Skies	[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 15 July 2014](#) [Riccarton/Wigram Community Board minutes 15 July 2014](#)	[Wigram Skies](#)

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Aorangi Road	Rosewarne Street and Rosewarnes Road. Wanaka Road was incorporated into Aorangi Road.	Named after Aoraki/Mt Cook, also known as Aorangi. It is a peak in the Southern Alps, a mountain range running the length of the South Island's west coast.	Bryndwr	Rosewarnes Road (Stone's street directory) and Rosewarne Street (Wise's street directory) first appear in 1914. Re-named Aorangi Road on 24 May 1926 when 21 streets were re-named. [There was confusion over the next few years because the street was partly in Waimairi County Council and partly in Christchurch City Council and both names were being used.] One of several streets in the area named after scenic attractions in Otago.	Earnslaw Crescent, Hollyford Avenue, Hooker Avenue, Lyall Place, Sealy Place.	"Advertisements", The Press, 28 May 1926, p 17 "Papanui News. Which name?", The Press, 22 June 1929, p 8	"Street names", The Press, 22 February 1926, p 10 "Street names", The Press, 26 May 1926, p 11

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				Wanaka Road appears in street directories 1950-1952. In 1953 it becomes part of Aorangi Road.			
Aotea Terrace			Huntsbury	First mentioned in The Press in 1925. First appears in street directories in 1928.		"[Heathcote County Council](#)", The Press, 11 July 1925, p 18	
Apollo Place		Named after the Apollo spacecraft.	Papanui	Named on 15 December 1969 at a time of much space exploration. First appears in street directories in 1972.		Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 24 March 1970.	
Apple Orchard Lane			Yaldhurst	In the Noble Village subdivision developed on the former Applefields land in Yaldhurst Road. Named in 2011.	Founders Lane, Gallop Lane, George Noble Road, Sir John McKenzie Avenue, Stirrup Lane and Stud Road. Also Noble Village.	[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 15 August 2011](#) [Riccarton/Wigram Community Board minutes 23 August 2011](#)	

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Appleby Crescent		Named because of the apple trees that once grew on the verges outside the houses.	Burnside	First appears in street directories in 1962.		Information supplied in 2007 by Mrs Daisy Greenaway in an interview with Margaret Harper.	
Applecross Lane		Named after a town, river and forest on the Scottish mainland opposite the Isle of Skye.	Harewood	In the Skyedale subdivision. Formed on land once part of the property of Ross Jason Macleod. His ancestral home is on the Isle of Skye and all the streets on his subdivision have their origins there. Named in 2002.	Kilmuir Lane	Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board agenda 30 April 2002	
Applefield Court		Named because this name preserves a little of the previous longtime use of the site for orcharding.	Northwood	Named in 2003.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 2 July 2003	
April Place	Part of Willock Street.		Hillsborough	April Place was named in 1997 at the request of residents.	Willock Place	Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Agenda 6 June 2001	

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Apsley Drive		Named after Apsley House, one of London's finest houses, situated on Hyde Park corner.	Avonhead	In the Hyde Park subdivision where many of the streets are named after stately homes of England. First appears in street directories in 1994.	Hyde Park		
Araucana Way		Named after Araucana, a breed of poultry.	Burwood	The Araucana chicken originated in Chile and is known for the blue eggs it lays. Named because the street was developed on land once the site of the Premier Poultry Farm at 307a Burwood Road 1966-1974. Named in 2010.		Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 17 May 2010	

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Arawa Street			Shirley	Developed on farmland previously owned by Arthur William Emmett (d. 1948) and sold after his death. Part of the land was bought by the government for a state housing area "laid out on modern town-planning lines". It was referred to as Emmetts Block. Named on 24 June 1948. First appears in street directories in 1950 as a blind street off Orontes Street.	Emmetts block	Waimairi County Council minute book, January 1947-February 1949, p 512, held at Christchurch City Council archives. "Major housing development in the Shirley district", The Press, 31 March 1953, p 3	
Archdall Place		Named after William Hewan Archdall (1920-1990).	Avonhead	Archdall was a stock and station agent. From 1964 he lived at 93 Avonhead Road. First appears in street directories in 1972.			"Obituary", The Press, 14 May 1990, p 5 Pyne, Gould, Guinness Ltd: the jubilee history 1919-1969

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Archer Street			Mairehau	First mentioned in The Press in 1880 when land is advertised for sale there.		"Advertisements", The Press, 16 June 1880, p 4	
Arcon Drive			Broomfield	First appears in street directories in 1987.			
Ardmore Place			Bishopdale	First appears in street directories in 1987.			
Ardnave Lane		Named after Ardnave Point, a coastal promontory on the northwest of Islay, a Scottish island.		In Stage 6 and 7 of the Kintyre Estates subdivision, where streets are named after names and features in the locality of Kintyre in Scotland. Named in 2015.		Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 17 March 2015 Riccarton/Wigram Community Board minutes 17 March 2015	
Ardrossan Street		Named after Ardrossan, a town on the North Ayrshire coast in western Scotland.	Avondale	Named on 15 December 1969, the same day as neighbouring Alloway Street. First appears in street directories in 1977.		Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 24 March 1970.	

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Ardtrea Lane			Heathcote Valley	Named in 1997.		[Meeting of the Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board, 2 July 1997](#)	
Argo Place			Casebrook	First appears in street directories in 1980.			
Ariel Place			Aranui	Named on 15 March 1961. First appears in street directories in 1964.		Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 17 March 1961.	
Ariki Place			Hei Hei	First appears in street directories in 1960. Ariki Place was at first considered to be in Hornby. It was later listed in Hei Hei. [Hornby streets are not listed separately until 1960.]			
Arkwright Place			Halswell	In the Oaklands subdivision. First appears in street directories in 1991.	Oaklands		

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Arlington Street			Burnside	In a subdivision by Maurice F. Carter Ltd. First appears in street directories in 1962.		Information supplied in 2008 by Maurice Carter (d. 2011) in an interview with Margaret Harper.	"Maurice Carter leaves behind immense legacy", The Press, 10 May 2011, p A3

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Armagh Street		Named after the Anglican bishopric of Armagh in Ireland.	Central city	One of the original streets of Christchurch named in 1850 by surveyors Captain Joseph Thomas (b. 1803?) and Edward Jollie (1825-1894). The names were taken from bishoprics listed in Burke's Peerage. First mentioned in The Lyttelton Times in 1852 when 1/4 acre sections are advertised for sale there.		Reproduction of Edward Jollie's 1850 map of the proposed city. Department of Lands and Survey, Christchurch. Historical Maps "Advertisements", The Lyttelton Times, 7 August 1852, p 2 Reminiscences of a surveyor, runholder and politician in Canterbury and Otago, 1841-1865, pp 28-29 Early days of Canterbury, p 27 The evolution of a city, p 13 Old Christchurch in picture and story, pp 50-51 "Street names in Christchurch", The Press, 6 December 1952, p 3	"Obituary", The Press, 9 August 1894, p 5e "Obituary", Star, 9 August 1894, p 1 G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: J169 & T144 View the biography of Joseph Thomas in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography.

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Armitage Street			Bishopdale	Named in 1961.		"Street names approved", The Press, 20 May 1961, p 14 "Hoon Hay subdivision provides 570 sections", The Press, 30 September 1964, p 1	
Armour Place			Halswell	This name continues the theme of English heritage and "Courts and Castles" used for the street names in the subdivision. Developed off Milns Road/Sparks Road by Brian Gillman Ltd. Named in 2003.	Sentinel Place and Shield Place.	[Report of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 4 June 2003](#)	

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Armstrong Avenue		Named after Hubert Thomas Armstrong (1875-1942).	St Martins	Armstrong was Minister of Labour and later Minister of Public Works in the first Labour Government 1935-1949. Named in 1940 at the request of the Government Housing Department. First appears in street directories in 1943.		"General news", The Press, 14 May 1940, p 8	View the biography of Hubert Thomas Armstrong in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography
Arncliff Street	Alexandra Street	Formerly Alexandra Street. Named after HM Queen Alexandra (1844-1925), consort of King Edward VII. Re-named Arncliff Street. Probably named after Arncliffe in North Yorkshire, England.	Bexley	Alexandra Street first appears in street directories in 1914. Re-named Arncliff Terrace in 1933 by the Public Utilities Committee of the Heathcote County Council.		"Street names", The Press, 15 October 1932, p 14 "Street names", The Press, 31 January 1933, p 3	

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Arnold Street			Sumner	Arnold Street is first mentioned in The Press in 1895. First appears in street directories in 1912.		"Borough Councils", The Press, 25 July 1895, p 6	Sumner
Arnst Place		Named after Richard Arnst (1883-1953).	Burwood	Arnst was the world sculling champion in 1910. Named in 1955.		"Names chosen for streets", The Press, 20 September 1955, p 15	"Mr Dick Arnst's death", The Press, 9 December 1953, p. 6 Richard Arnst: the single sculls world champion from New Zealand
Arran Crescent		Named after Arran or the Isle of Arran, the largest island in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland.	Woolston	In a subdivision where the streets have all been given the names of islands off the west coast of mainland Scotland. There are two main groups: the Inner and Outer Hebrides. First appears in street directories in 1972.	Bute Street, Islay Place, Jura Court and Jura Place and Staffa Street.		

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Arthur Street	Toroa Road	Named after Arthur William Biggs (1881-1955).	Upper Riccarton	Toroa Road first appears in street directories in 1955. Re-named Arthur Street in 1958. Arthur Biggs, a farrier, had premises at 347 Riccarton Road during the 1920s and 1930s. Re-named by Joseph Irvine Colligan (1910-1965), a hairdresser and chairman of the Waimairi County Council 1960-1965.		Information supplied in 2004 by Aileen Colligan (1910-2010) in an interview with Margaret Harper.	"Obituary, Mr J. L. Colligan was Waimairi chairman", The Press, 3 July 1965, p 16
Arundel Gate		Named after Arundel Gate, a square situated in the heart of Sheffield in England.	Avonhead	Named in 1987 by Philip Carter, managing director of the Carter Group which developed the Hyde Park subdivision. Many of the streets there are named after stately homes of England or given English placenames.	Hyde Park	"New release of sections in Hyde Park subdivision", The Press, 20 October 1987, p 40	

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Ascot Avenue	An extension of Marriotts Road.	Named after the Ascot Racecourse in Berkshire, England.	North New Brighton	The names of three famous racecourses - Ascot, Flemington and Randwick - were chosen for streets on the north-east side of the New Brighton Trotting Club's course at North Beach. Ascot Avenue first appears in street directories in 1938, running off Racecourse Road (later Bower Avenue).	Flemington Avenue and Randwick Avenue.	"Naming of streets in new subdivisions", The Press, 1 November 1958, p 10	

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Ash Street	Elm Street and Beech Street.		Central city	Elm Street is first mentioned in the Star in 1892 when the Christchurch City Council made it a public street. First appears in street directories in 1906. Re-named Beech Street in 1926 when 21 streets were re-named. Re-named Ash Street on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named.		"Special meeting", Star, 30 October 1892, p 1 "Advertisements", The Press, 28 May 1926, p 17 "Street names changed: City council approves final list", The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3	"Street names", The Press, 22 February 1926, p 10 "Street names", The Press, 26 May 1926, p 11 "New names for streets", The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3 "New street names", The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2
Ashboult Street		Named after Thomas Ashboult.	Halswell	Ashboult was a groom of Riccarton. In a later stage of the Longhurst subdivision where the streets are named after members of the Canterbury Militia of 1860-1861. Named in 2012.	Longhurst	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 16 October 2012	Christchurch Militia List 1860 "Advertisements", The Lyttelton Times, 6 June 1860, p 6 Longhurst

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Ashbourne Street		Named after Ashbourne in Derbyshire, England.	Burnside	About 1963 Waimairi County Council minuted a policy that all its streets be named after English place names. In a subdivision by Maurice F. Carter Ltd. First appears in street directories in 1966.		"Street names", The Papanui Herald, 17 April 1973, p 9 Information supplied in 2008 by Maurice Carter (d. 2011) in an interview with Margaret Harper.	"Maurice Carter leaves behind immense legacy", The Press, 10 May 2011, p A3
Ashbrook Lane			Somerfield	First appears in street directories in 1976.			
Ashby Place	Ashley Place		Bryndwr	Ashley Place first appears in street directories in 1949. Re-named Ashby Place in 1950.			
Ashdale Street			Strowan	A private street. Named on 22 March 1971. First appears in street directories in 1976.		"Street named," The Papanui Herald, 20 April 1971, p 6	

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Asheridge Place		Named after Asheridge, a homestead near Waimate, South Canterbury.		Continues the theme in the Broken Run subdivision of naming streets after high country farms. Named in 2015.	Broken Run	[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 16 December 2014](#) [Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 3 February 2015](#)	
Ashgrove Terrace	River Road and Ashgrove Road.		Somerfield	River Road was re-named Ashgrove Road by the Spreydon Road Board in 1911. First appears in street directories in 1913. Becomes Ashgrove Terrace by 1917.		"[Road Boards](#)", The Press, 11 March 1911, p 6 "[Borough Councils](#)", The Press, 13 September 1917, p 8	

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Ashmole Street		Named after Elias Ashmole (1617-1692).	Woolston	Ashmole presented his collection of curiosities to Oxford University, for the Ashmolean Museum. There is a group of streets near the Radley Bridge given names associated with Oxford, England. First mentioned in the Star in an advertisement in 1881. First appears in street directories in 1907.	Clarendon Terrace and Sheldon Street. Also Cumnor Terrace.	"Advertisement", Star, 7 October 1881, p 2	
Ashmore Lane			Strowan	Developed at 155 Blighs Road. Named in 1997.		Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 29 October 1997	

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Ashtead Lane		Named after Ashtead, a village in Surrey near the Epsom Racecourse.	Sockburn	Developed off Epsom Road. Named in 2004.		[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 1 September 2004](#) [Report of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to the Council meeting of 23 September 2004](#)	
Ashwood Street			Parklands	Parklands was established near the Bottle Lake forest and the street names have a "tree" theme. First appears in street directories in 1976.	Four Elms Place, Heathglen Avenue, Pinaster Place, Radiata Avenue, Sequoia Place and Sophora Place.		

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Assisi Street		Named after Assisi in Italy.	Mount Pleasant	Developed by William "Bill" Clapham, an auto-electrician, and Frank Nelson Parnham (1908-1999), a surveyor and local body officer. They had neighbouring land titles. Named on 22 March 1971. First appears in street directories in 1976.	Parnham Reserve.	The Port Hills of Christchurch, p 95 Additional information supplied in 2009 by Peter Foster. Information on date of naming in a letter sent to the City Librarian from the Town Clerk dated 24 March 1971.	

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Aston Drive	Vogel Street and Aston Street.	Formerly Vogel Street. Named after Sir Julius Vogel (1835-1899). Re-named Aston Street and later Aston Drive. Named after Sidney John Aston (1886-1946).	North New Brighton, Waimairi Beach	Vogel was the Prime Minister of New Zealand 1873-1875 and 1876. One of a small group of streets at Waimairi Beach named after New Zealand politicians. Vogel Street is first mentioned in the Star in 1885 when land for sale in Vogel Street is advertised. First appears in street directories in 1887. Re-named Aston Street in 1948 when 24 streets in the Waimairi County were re-named. Becomes Aston Drive in 1995.		"Advertisements", Star, 30 September 1885, p 2 Information supplied in 2005 by Virginia Aston, great-niece of Sidney Aston, in an interview with Margaret Harper. Waimairi County Council minute book, January 1947-February 1949, p 546, held at Christchurch City Council archives.	View the biography of Julius Vogel in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography.
				Aston owned land in the area. He lived at 177 Racecourse Road (later Bower Avenue).			

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Astor Place			Halswell	First appears in street directories in 1995.			
Atap Place		Named after the Nypa fruticans palm or the nipa palm. In Indonesia it is called the buah atap palm.		The Groynes Park subdivision was developed by Eminence Investments Ltd, a group of Malaysian nationals from Sarawak state, in conjunction with Groynes Development (2012) Ltd. Named in 2015.	Groynes Park	Shirley/Papanui Community Board agenda 14 October 2015 Shirley/Papanui Community Board minutes 14 October 2015	Groynes Park
Atatu Lane		Atatu means: the dawn and the street was named because it runs off Awatea Road. Awatea means: light or bright pathway.	Hornby	Developed at 101 Awatea Road by Awatea Property Developments. Named in 2014.		Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 15 July 2014	

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Athelstan Street		Probably named after Athelstan (c.895-939).	Spreydon	Athelstan was the first king of all England, and Alfred the Great's grandson. Athelstan Street is first mentioned in The Press in 1913 when 32 sections in Spreydon were auctioned. First appears in street directories in 1924.		"Sale of Spreydon sections", The Press, 23 January 1913, p 8	
Athol Terrace	Godley Street	Formerly Godley Street. Named after John Robert Godley (1814-1861). Re-named Athol Terrace.	Upper Riccarton	Godley was a lawyer, writer, administrator, coloniser and public servant. Godley Street first appears in street directories in 1930. Re-named Athol Terrace on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named.		"Street names changed: City council approves final list", The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3	View the biography of John Robert Godley in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography. G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: G231 "New names for streets", The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3 "New street names", The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2

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Atom Lane		Named because of its proximity to Rutherford Street.	Woolston	Ernest Rutherford (1871-1937) was a scientist who is widely credited with first "splitting the atom" in 1917. First appears in street directories in 1987.	Rutherford Street		
Attlee Crescent		Named after Clement Attlee (1883-1967).	Bryndwr	Attlee was British Labour Prime Minister 1945-1951. In a small group of streets named after politicians. Truman Road and Attlee Crescent were formed on what had been the Bateman farm. Name suggested by W. W. Laing, the chairman of the Waimairi Council Council, on 22 April 1948. First appears in street directories in 1950.	Bevin Place, Eden Place, Evatt Street and Truman Road. Also Bateman Road.	Waimairi County Council minute book, January 1947-February 1949, p 571, held at Christchurch City Council archives. "Waimairi County street names", The Press, 23 April 1948, p 6	

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Augusta Street	Augustus Street	Formerly Augustus Street. Named after Augustus William Bennetts (1860-1936). Re-named Augusta Street.	Redcliffs	Bennetts was an auctioneer and a member of the syndicate that subdivided part of Redcliffs. He is also listed in street directories of 1890 as a cattle dealer of Ferry Road. He is mentioned in the Star in two entries. In 1894 he was declared bankrupt. Augustus Street first appears in street directories in 1901. First appears as Augusta Street in The Press in 1907.		The Port Hills of Christchurch, p 57 "Supreme Court", Star, 2 October 1894, p 3 "Magisterial", Star, 2 July 1907, p 1 "Sumner Public Works", The Press, 18 September 1907, p 8	G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: B372

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Augustine Drive	Augustine Place		Aidanfield	In stages 8 and 9 of the Aidanfield subdivision where all the street names are those of former Sisters of the Good Shepherd Order and former residents of the Good Shepherd Sisters Home at Halswell. Named in 2011. Re-named Augustine Drive in 2012 when it was no longer a cul-de-sac.	Aidanfield	[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 15 August 2011](#) [Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 4 September 2012](#)	[Mount Magdala : 80 years of care…with a short history of the institution](#) [Pitch your tents on distant shores: a history of the Sisters of Good Shepherd in Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand and Tahiti](#)
Aurora Street			Hei Hei	First appears in street directories in 1960. Aurora Street was at first considered to be in Hornby. It was later listed in Hei Hei. Hornby streets are not listed separately until 1960.			

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Auster Avenue		Named after Auster Aircraft Limited, a British aircraft manufacturer 1938-1961.	Hornby	In the Wigram Skies subdivision at the former Wigram Air Force Base where the street names are either those of aircraft, or the names of the first 100 students at the Flight School established by Sir Henry Wigram in 1917. Named in 2012.	Wigram Skies	[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 4 September 2012](#)	[Wigram Skies](#)

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Austin Street		Named after Alfred Austin (1835-1913).	Sydenham	Austin was a lawyer, editor and poet and English poet laureate 1896-1913. Probably named to continue the theme of "poets and writers" streets of Sydenham, Addington and Waltham named by a committee of the Sydenham Borough Council on 19 January 1880. The Sydenham Borough Council decided to make Austin Street a public street on 13 March 1882. First appears in street directories in 1887.		"Borough Councils", Star, 14 March 1882, p 4	Report of the street naming committee, Sydenham Borough Council minute book 1879-1880, p 217, held at Christchurch City Council archives. "Borough Council", Star, 20 January 1880, p 3

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Austin Kirk Lane		Named after Austin, Kirk and Co., owners of the Farnley Brick and Tile Works.	Huntsbury	John Austen (1824-1903), William Austen (1835-1910), Thomas Austen (1844-1918) and Henry Bland Kirk (1842-1927) owned the first of the local brickworks to produce domestic wares. They operated from a site in Port Hills Road (later re-named Centaurus Road) 1875-1888. First appears in street directories in 1987.	Farnley Reserve		[G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies](): A329 & K191 "[Local industries and Drainage Board]()", Star, 30 March 1880, p 3 "[Local industries]()", Star, 1 February 1886, p 3 "[Local Industry]()", Star, 7 October 1890, p 4 [Pottery in New Zealand: commercial and collectable](), pp 59-60
Autumn Place		Named because it runs off Winters Road.	Mairehau	This is an unfortunate naming because Winters Road is not named after the season. Named in 1987.	Winters Road	"New streets", [The Papanui Herald](), 18 August 1987, p 1	

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Ava Place		Named after Ava Lavinia Gardner (1922-2001).	Dallington	Ava Gardner was an Academy Award-nominated American screen actress. One of two streets named by Harry Morgan, a draughtsman with the Ministry of Works. First appears in street directories in 1957.	Kim Place	Information supplied in 2006 by Bob Pritchard, subdivisions officer, Christchurch City Council.	
Avalon Street	Part of North Avon Road from Fitzgerald Avenue eastwards was incorporated into Avalon Street. Fooks Street and Fowke Street were incorporated into Avalon Street.	Named after Avalon, the legendary island featured in the Arthurian legend. Fooks Street (and also Fowke Street) was named after Charles Edward Fooks (1829-1907).	Richmond	In 1926 the City Council decided that North Avon Road would go under two names: the street lying to the north of Fitzgerald Avenue would be called Whitmore Street and the street running east and west and connecting with Fowke street, also Fowke street itself, would be known as Avalon Street. Residents had been	Whitmore Street	Map of Christchurch shewing tram routes & public buildings, 1912 [This map shows there were two streets called North Avon Road. One was the road which became Avalon Street. To its east and parallel to it, was the road which was North Avon Road and remains North Avon Road today.] Information about the naming of Avalon	G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: F220 Avonside Parish leaflet, May 1930, pp 3-4, held at Anglican Archives "Obituary", The Press, 18 November 1907, p 7

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				asked to choose a name. Avalon Street was suggested by James "Jim" Duncan, a journeyman cabinetmaker. In 1928 street directories he is listed living with, his sister, Jessie, at 37 Avalon Street. In 1924 their address had been 75 North Avon Road. Their father, Robert Duncan, had retired from farming at Menzies Ferry, Southland and moved there with five of his thirteen children. Fooks Street in mentioned in the Star from 1874 and Fowke Street from 1887. Fooks was a surveyor and architect and Government engineer 1856-1876. He bought property in Richmond		Street supplied in 2010 by Jocelyn Drysdall, daughter of Jim Duncan's youngest sister, Josephine. "Advertisements", Star, 10 March 1887, p 2 "Avon Road Board", Star, 3 October 1874, p 3 "Advertisements", The Press, 28 May 1926, p 17 "General news", The Press, 9 November 1926, p 8 "General news", The Press, 21 December 1926, p 10	

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				from W. Guise Brittan. This land was on the river bank opposite the Anglican church at Avonside which Fooks designed.			
Avenger Crescent		Named after the Grumman TBF Avenger, a torpedo bomber.	Wigram	In the Wigram Skies subdivision at the former Wigram Air Force Base where the street names are either those of aircraft, or the names of the first 100 students at the Flight School established by Sir Henry Wigram in 1917. Named in 2013.	Wigram Skies	[Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 17 September 2013](#) [Minutes of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board minutes 17 September 2013](#)	[Wigram Skies](#)

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Averill Street		Named after the Rev. Alfred Walter Averill (1865-1957).	Richmond	Averill was the vicar of St. Michael's Anglican Church 1894-1910. He then became Bishop of Waiapu before becoming Bishop of Auckland. He was Archbishop of New Zealand 1925-1940. First mentioned in The Press in 1912 when land in North Richmond is advertised for sale by the church property trustees. First appears in street directories in 1914.		The Canterbury church property : articles, p 34 "Advertisements", The Press, 12 March 1912, p 11	The Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy in the Pacific View the biography of Alfred Walter Averill in the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography

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Avery Place		Named after Stewart Avery Browning Blakely (1913-1980).	Redcliffs	Blakely was the father of developer Jerry Blakely. Named in 1997 when its name was approved for the Kildare Estate subdivision off Glenstrae Road. The council wrote to the developers, Jerry and Sue Blakely of the Coley Park Trust, "congratulating them on excellent choices of names adequately reflecting the history of the area".	Harry Fergus Lane, John Monck Lane, Melleray Place, Omeo Crescent, Ophir Lane and Serenata Lane. Also Kildare Estate.	Kildare Estate Meeting of the Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board, 2 July 1997	
Aviation Drive	That portion of the former Pound Road running south-west off McLeans Island Road.	Named because of the street's proximity to Christchurch International Airport.		A section of Pound Road re-named in 2015 because of the extension of the north-western runway at the airport.		Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board agenda 16 March 2015	

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Aviemore Drive		Named after Lake Aviemore, a man-made lake in South Canterbury, part of the Waitaki hydroelectric scheme.		The development company chose a theme of Canterbury lakes, rivers, lagoons and other water bodies for the street names in the subdivision. In stage 1 of the Prestons Park subdivision on the south side of Prestons Road, opposite the Prestons subdivision. Named in 2015.		Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 21 September 2015 Burwood/Pegasus Community Board minutes 21 September 2015	
Avoca Valley Road		Named after The Vale of Avoca, a poem by Thomas Moore (1780-1852).	Heathcote Valley, Hillsborough	Formed from land owned by William Robinson and named by him. His farm was subdivided from 1918 and the road formed. First mentioned in The Press in 1921. First appears in street directories in 1921.		The Port Hills of Christchurch, p 154 "County Councils", The Press, 23 July 1921, p 11	

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Avondale Road	Brian's Road and the Breezes Road extension.	Named because it runs through Avondale which, in turn, is named because it is near the Avon River.	Avondale	Brian's Road is first mentioned in The Press in 1925. First appears in street directories in 1930 running from the Francis Street (later Bassett Street) bridge to Breezes Road.	Avondale	"Advertisements", The Press, 20 January 1925, p 14 "General news", The Press, 25 July 1931, p 14 "General news", The Press, 15 August 1931, p 14	

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				A petition from the ratepayers of the Breezes Road extension, requesting that the name "Breezes Road extension," and also Brian's road, should be changed, and suggesting that the road from Wainoni Road to the Burwood Bridge should be called Avondale Road, was presented to a meeting of the Heathcote County Council in July 1931. The Council decided to postpone action until enquiries had been made. The change was agreed to in August 1931.			

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Avonhead Road	Part of Coringa Road (between Russley Road and the airport) and Harewood Road.	Named because it runs through Avonhead which, in turn, is named because the Avon River arises from a spring on Nortons Road in Avonhead.	Avonhead, Sockburn, Yaldhurst	Is referred to as Avon Head Road in the Star in 1868 when the clearing of gorse from it was discussed at a meeting of the Riccarton Road Board. First appears in street directories in 1903. Sections of it were later re-named Roydvale Avenue and Wooldridges Road.	Roydvale Avenue and Wooldridges Road. Also Avonhead.	"Local and General", Star, 5 November 1868, p 2	"Discovering the source of the Avon", The Press, 24 April 1976, p 11
Avonside Drive	River Road	Named because it runs alongside the Avon River.	Avonside, Linwood, Wainoni	River Road first appears in street directories in 1887. Re-named Avonside Drive in 1933 by the Public Utilities Committee of the Heathcote County Council.		"Street names", The Press, 15 October 1932, p 14 "Street names", The Christchurch Times, 1 February 1933, p 3	

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Avro Crescent		Named after Avro, a British aircraft manufacturer founded in 1910.	Hornby	Named because it was formed near the RNZAF station at Wigram. First appears in street directories in 1960. Hornby streets are not listed separately until then.			
Awatea Gardens		Awatea means: light or bright pathway.	Hornby	One of the partners in the development company, Enterprise Homes, is a keen gardener. Most of the streets in this subdivision all have the names of flowers. Named in 2000 in the first stage of the subdivision as its main cul de sac.	Begonia Lane, Clematis Place, Jasmine Place, Protea Place and Robinia Place.	Riccarton/Wigram Community Board agenda 2 February 2000	

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Awatea Road	Chapel Road	Formerly named Chapel Road. Named after a small chapel at the corner of Carrs Road and Chapel Road. Re-named Awatea Road. Awatea means: light or bright pathway.	Halswell, Hornby	Awatea Road first appears in street directories in 1960.			
Aylesford Street	Part of Shirley Road (from Hills Road to Westminster Street).	Named after Aylesford, a village and civil parish on the River Medway in Kent, England.	Mairehau	A section of Shirley Road was re-named Aylesford Street on 1 September 1948 when 120 streets were re-named.		St Albans: from swamp to suburbs an informal history, p 30 "Street names changed: City council approves final list", The Press, 24 August 1948, p 3	"New names for streets", The Press, 2 June 1948, p 3 "New street names", The Press, 24 July 1948, p 2

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Aylmer Street		May have been named after the Rev. William Josiah Aylmer (1802?-1883).	Somerfield	Aylmer was a member of the Canterbury Association 1851-1852. He was also the vicar of Akaroa 1851-1872. His son was John Justin Aylmer (1832-1885). [No Aylmers appear in street directories living in the vicinity of where the street was formed.] First mentioned in The Press in 1901. First appears in street directories in 1903.		"Advertisements", The Press, 24 April 1901, p 11	The Canterbury Association: a study of its members' connections, p 19 The Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy in the Pacific G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: A340 Scrapbook of J. J. Aylmer, 1870-1896
Aylsham Lane	Aylsham Gardens	Probably named after Aylsham, a town in north Norfolk, England.	Casebrook	Aylsham Gardens first appears in street directories in 1993. Becomes Aylsham Lane post-1997.			

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Aynsley Terrace	River Road	Named after Hugh Percy Murray-Aynsley (1828-1917).	Hillsborough	Murray-Aynsley arrived in New Zealand in 1858. He owned Riverlaw 1863-1905, a property at what later became 81 Aynsley Terrace. River Road "from the Opawa Bridge to the Rapaki Road" was re-named Aynsley Terrace in 1916. First appears in street directories in 1917.	Murray-Aynsley Hill	The Port Hills of Christchurch, pp 168-170 "County Councils", The Press, 12 January 1916, p 4 "Street names", The Press, 15 October 1932, p 14 "Street names", The Press, 31 January 1933, p 3	"Obituary", The Press, 23 February 1917, p 3 G R Macdonald dictionary of Canterbury biographies: M774
Ayr Street		Named after the town of Ayr in Ayrshire, Scotland.	Riccarton	Named to continue the theme of naming streets in Riccarton after places in Ayrshire, Scotland, from whence the Deans family originated. Ayr Street is first mentioned in The Press in 1878. First appears in street directories in 1900.	Avon River	"Advertisements", The Press, 2 August 1878, p 4	

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Azure Place			Burwood	Named in 1999.		Burwood/Pegasus Community Board agenda 3 May 1999	