

## The Courier Front Page Timaru Rotary Article (07.04.22).

# Charities get pick of the crop

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Timaru Rotary Club members have turned their hands to fruit picking to help out local food banks.

Club members recently spent two Saturday mornings at a South Canterbury orchard picking about 90 boxes of apples for food banks at Family Works, the Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul, City Foodbank and Te Aitarakihi Marae-a-iwi.

Immediate past-president Jess Hewitson said the opportunity to pick apples that had not been able to be exported this season came via Family Works, and the first day's pick was destined for that organisation.

The club had to pick, pack and distribute the apples, and with some members isolating or dealing with Covid-19, the club rounded up extra support from past members, family and friends.

With a day's picking completed, but plenty of apples remaining, the club gained permission to return to pick more for other local foodbanks.

The second Saturday pick resulted in 60 boxes of apples for other foodbanks, filling the back of a ute and the boot of a large SUV.

"We were able to give the foodbanks as much as they could handle. It was a great way to help those in our community by providing fresh fruit that would otherwise go to waste."



**An apple a day . . .** Timaru Rotary Club member Bruce Borrell plucks a fine specimen off the tree, to be added to local food parcels.

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