



Regeneration of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor

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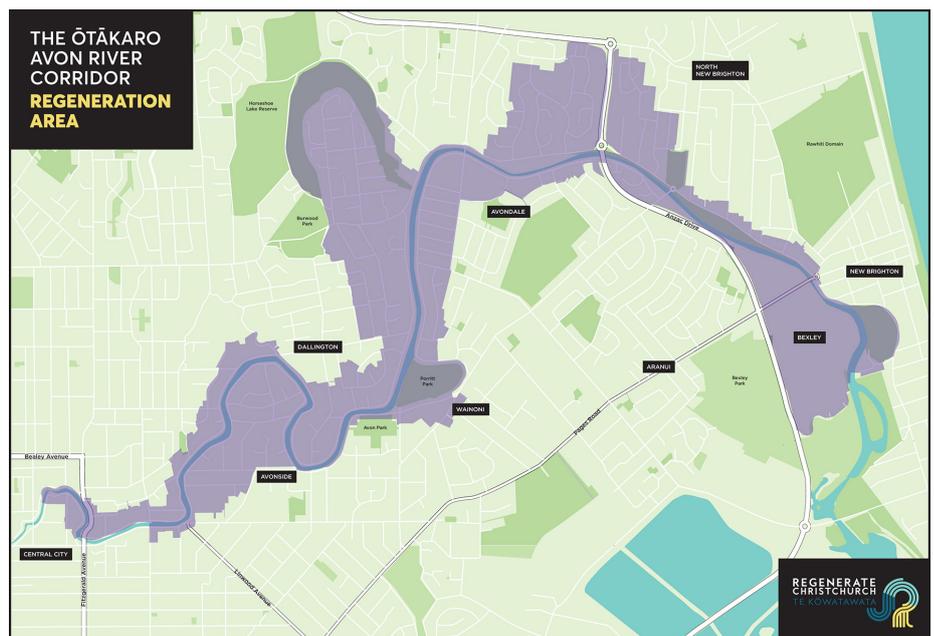
Avon-Ōtākaro Network (AvON) was founded in 2011 to promote a popular vision for the future of the Ōtākaro Avon River corridor regeneration zone (OARC), formerly known as the Avon River residential red zone.

Our vision is for a multi-purpose river park from city to sea that meets a diverse range of community needs. E.g., for environmental regeneration; celebrating heritage; food production; play, recreation and sport; arts and entertainment; learning, training, employment, business and tourism; and limited and conditional residential re-occupation.

While allowing for these multiple uses, our vision also includes the maximum possible restoration of native ecosystems to enhance water quality, biodiversity, mahinga kai values and resilience to natural hazards. For more info visit: www.avon.org.nz

Following the red zoning decisions of 2011, 450 hectares and over 5,000 households were red zoned in the Avon corridor. With the addition of other public lands, the OARC regeneration zone is now 600ha — four times the size of Hagley Park!

The social and environmental landscapes of eastern Christchurch, especially alongside the Ōtākaro Avon River, have now changed dramatically, and planning is underway to regenerate the area to forge a new sense of place and identity in the OARC.



The Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor describes a huge arc across the map of eastern Christchurch.

Regenerate Christchurch is the body tasked with this. Although it is taking time, this agency, unlike previous recovery agencies, is consulting with communities.

The agreed vision and objectives for the corridor (<https://engage.regeneratechristchurch.nz/vision>) do align very closely with the AvON vision. Consultation on options for future use of the red zone is still underway with a further big public engagement process due to take place in the next few weeks.

To date there has been an increasing consensus from the public with an emphasis on a greening of the red zone and allowing the river room to re-adopt its flood plain and for the estuary to migrate upstream with sea level rise. The appetite for residential redevelopment in the corridor is either non-existent or

low, restricted to marginal areas for experimental, relocatable homes on a leasehold basis. Provision for flat water sports and visitation remain elements that require further feedback from the public.

For a number of reasons regeneration is likely to take some years to be fully complete, hence transitional uses that activate the corridor in the interim are very important.

It is for this reason that much of AvON's work to date has been on building Te Ara Ōtākaro, the transitional Avon River Trail, exemplars such as the Mahinga Kai Exemplar in Anzac Drive Reserve and events such as Meet in the Middle. Expect to see a lot more about other transitional uses in the coming months.

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Also expect to hear this year more about the future ownership, governance and funding of the corridor. These are exciting times; make sure your views are heard in any future engagement.

Visit <https://engage.regeneratechristchurch.nz> to find out more.

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Richmond History Online

Several people have remarked on the front-page story, 'We Go Exploring', in our February issue. This is just a small part of a truly remarkable piece of work; a 320-page document prepared by the pupils at SIS as part of the NZ centennial celebrations in 1940. This resulting document is a real gem; offering us a wonderful snapshot of our suburb nearly 80 years ago. All the work is handwritten and the many illustrations are hand-drawn by the pupils. The original book is getting quite frail and the binding has partly disintegrated. But now we can share this wonderful document with no risk of harm to the delicate original.

The Richmond History Group is embarking on a project to digitise items in its collection. The material includes photographs, documents and other memorabilia. As we scan items we are placing the files on the History page of the Avebury house website (www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/richmond-history-group). It is still early days, but we have made several items available in this way:

St. Saviour's Orphanage Cookbook (1939): this publication was prepared as a fundraiser for St. Saviour's, which by this time ran two orphanages: the one in Richmond, for girls and another for boys in Timaru. The cookbook offers a fascinating insight into daily life in Richmond before WW2. As well as many recipes, the book contains general information, such as 'Hints for the Kitchen', 'Home Medical Treatment' and 'Household Hints'. Even the many advertisements make fascinating reading!

The first two issues of the Richmond Rambler, (1976): The Richmond Rambler was a monthly publication of the Richmond Working Mens' Club, published between 1976 and late-1980s.

Roy Burns' photos of the construction of Richmond village shopping centre (1979-80): In 1978 Roy Burn ran a shoe store at 333 Stanmore Road. Roy took a series of 43 photos of the Richmond Village construction, beginning with the demolition of some of the old buildings and showing various stages in the construction of the new ones.

A Flesher family photograph album (1909-10): The photographs show the Flesher family and their home at Avebury in 1909-11, after the 1907 renovations overseen by James Glanville, the original architect. Apart from the valuable records of Avebury and its surroundings, the photos give an interesting insight into the lives of a wealthy family in Edwardian Christchurch.

...as well as the entire SIS document.

We hope people who are interested in our local heritage will keep an eye on the site — and please share the link with family and friends.

“Taking the Bar” — New Local History Book

Colin Amodeo has a long-standing connection with the Richmond area and Shirley Boys' High School in particular. This link began in the early 1960s when he was a student teacher on section at the school. He returned to SBHS in the 1990s as an English teacher, followed a decade later in the position of school archivist and editor of the school magazine, *The Shirley Man* and the quarterly *Old Boys'* newsletter, *The Parade*.

Colin has also been a prolific author of Canterbury history; he has authored, edited or contributed to more than twenty books on aspects of Canterbury history over nearly four decades. He wrote the school history 'On Parade — Shirley Boys High School, the First 50 years' published in 2007, and is working on an updated version to be completed when the school moves to its new site, planned for the middle of next year. His latest book is titled "Taking the Bar", — a history of Kaiapoi port.

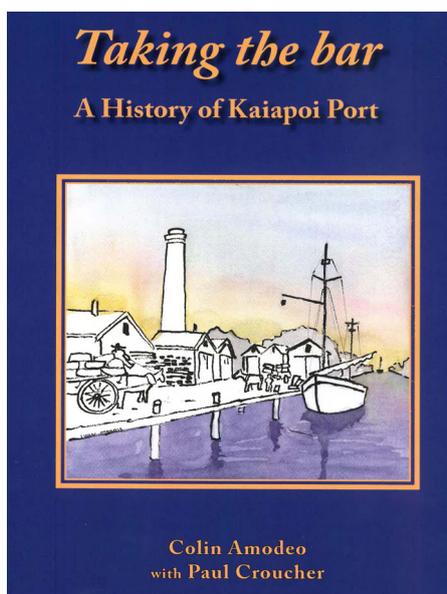
My interest in Kaiapoi shipping goes back to the early 1970s when I was living at Ohoka. My family and I would make regular trips to the wharf and the Waimak mouth. At this time, the *Tuhoe* was laid up and of considerable interest. She had been a former Northern Steam Ship Company coastal trader in the first decades of the 20th Century and was still in her Northern Company green paint.

Some 25 years earlier, my great grandfather, Captain Frank Amodeo, had been a foundation skipper with the Northern Company, so for me, there was a connection which went back to the 1880s. He had been master in the *S.S. Argyle* which delivered the McCall Family to 'Amodeo Bay' in the Coromandel, as well as master in the *S.S. Iona* which discovered the previously-uncharted 'Amodeo Rock' in Tryphena Harbour, Great Barrier Island, by hitting it.

There are two stories from *Taking the Bar* which I found particularly memorable.

Man's Best Friend

Some time in the 1860s, the crew of the *S.S. Moa* had gone out over the bar into a choppy sea. Once in the offing and eating breakfast, the crew saw one that member was missing; Fan, the master's black retriever.



The *Moa* steamed south towards Lyttelton. So did Fan, swimming bravely with the current until picked up by the ketch *Margaret*.

The Thames Bell

Off the beach near the Ashley mouth, the brig *Thames* went ashore while delivering long poles for the telegraph line proceeding north of Kaiapoi. She became a total wreck and her bell was salvaged, eventually ending up in the grounds of Southbrook School at Rangiora. A real connection with Victorian-era shipping.

And a particular memory of the *Tuhoe*:
I was aboard on her first passenger

trip in 1983 and only just avoided nasty accident. Some folks down in the hold who were enjoying a quiet rum missed my near-miss completely. The untrimmed willows thrust well out over the river. I was on the port wing taking notes and looking to starboard as the *Tuhoe* came in close to the bank. Someone yelled "Duck!" I dropped, then spat out leaves and grit, finding all my notes were missing. Looking out over the stern, there they were in the water. I'd have to start all over again.

Writing about ships has been a lifelong interest. This began with the writing of a history of the early days of the Northern Steam Ship Company, produced in 1981 as *A Trial of Strength*. Much later came *The Summer Ships*, the first volume of my Canterbury trilogy, published in 2000. This was the story of the first six immigrant ships to Canterbury in 1850-1851. It was followed in 2003 by *Forgotten Forty-niners*, then came the third volume, *The Mosquito Fleet of Canterbury* in 2005 which looked at the development of shipping from the 1830s to the 1870s along the Canterbury coast. This latter book was a valuable source for the writing of *Taking the Bar* for the Kaiapoi Maritime History Trust, launched in early December 2017.



Valerie Allen (née Hatch) 1935–2017

Valerie died in December, at Windsor Care, after a long illness. She never changed but remained a gentle dignified lady. She was born in Stapletons Road and grew up in the area, attending Shirley Primary, Shirley Intermediate and Avonside Girls' High before going to Christchurch Teachers' College. She taught at Quinns Road and North New Brighton Schools before going to the North Island with her husband, Roger Allen, also a teacher, to do their country Service at Waihou and Te Aroha Schools in the Thames Valley.



children, providing gentle individual care and instruction. Mothers bringing their children to school for the first time were so pleased to have Val Allen as their child's first teacher. She taught at Banks Avenue from 1976 to 1990.

Her Hatch family were heavily involved in tennis. She was a talented tennis player belonging to both Shirley and Burwood tennis clubs. She represented both Canterbury and Thames Valley in senior tennis teams. On

returning to Christchurch she continued with her interest in the sport.

Val had a great loyalty to St. Stephen's Anglican Church; she was on the committee of the Comte de Paris Association (descendants of the first French settlers) and showed an active interest in family history.

Returning to Christchurch, Roger and Val raised a family of a daughter and three sons. When the youngest son was school age she returned to teaching at Banks Avenue where she is most remembered as the caring new entrant teacher who treated all her pupils as her own

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Delta News

Tony McCahon — a Change in Seasons

by Tim Weir, Delta Community
Support Trust Board



On Friday the 9 February Delta Community Support Trust had a special Delta Inn community meal celebrating Tony McCahon's 21 years of contribution to Delta's community services. The celebration marked Tony's transition from the role of Community Development Services Manager to a new community chaplain role.

Tony is a treasured member of our Delta community. His passion for people experiencing personal hardship, disadvantage and marginalisation, has seen the growth of many services and activities over the years. These include the Delta Inn community meal, Footprints Café, empowerment personal development courses and food store.

Tony has a unique ability to be patient with people, to laugh with them and to make them feel valued. Tony has spent many hours listening to and advocating for people in all walks of life. The messiness of life and relationships doesn't faze him. This has contributed greatly to the sense of community and inclusive culture of Delta. We are glad he's still going to be around, along with his love of bad jokes and otherwise quirky humour!

In Tony's new role as Community Chaplain he'll be available for people needing someone to talk to, pray and journey with. He'll also be working with Mary Allan the new Senior Pastor at North Avon Baptist Church to explore and respond to spiritual needs in our local Richmond community.

To contact Tony McCahon, email:
tony@deltatrust.org.nz or phone (03) 389 0249.

Delta Evergreen Club — Volunteers

No such thing as a FREE LUNCH? *Yes there is!*

If you are:

- Interested in people.
- Want to give back to your community.
- Enjoy activities like crafts, bingo, or outings, etc.
- Can make a good cup of tea, and put a tea-towel to good use...

Delta Trust runs an engaging 'Evergreen Club' for the elderly, every weekday between 10 a.m.–3 p.m., and we are looking for volunteer activities assistants to help our members. These fun roles are non-paid, but every Volunteer receives a FREE cooked lunch on the days they come to help. And if English is not your first language, this would be a great place to get some practice.

Please call Kathryn on **03 960-3228** to discuss what times or days you could contribute.



A 'Walk for Dementia' Sunday 25 March 2018

By Karon Storr, Dementia Canterbury

We are excited to announce a national 'Get together for Dementia'; the first in a series of fundraising initiatives for 2018, and warmly invite you to join in the fun.

Dementia Canterbury are holding a guided 'Walk for Dementia', starting at 1.30 p.m. on Sunday 25 March, which will make use of the recently opened Ōtākaro-Avon River Corridor (formerly the red zone). Beginning in the stunning grounds at Avebury House, in a loop designed to cater for all ages and fitness levels, and taking in the sights and history of the surrounding area, we are encouraging Cantabrians to walk in memory of, or support for those living with dementia in our community.

We feel the venue is fitting as a living memorial, and are keen to see the trails being used to rejuvenate community spirit and engagement in the eastern suburbs and outlying Christchurch areas. Our collaboration with Avebury House, coupled with the expertise of the Avon Ōtākaro Network will provide an informative afternoon. Encompassing the memories of the past with the transformation and regeneration of today, and the hopes and plans for a positive future, will give Cantabrians the confidence to re-enter the East.

It's Dementia Canterbury's aim to create an event with something for all, and we are seeking local businesses who would like to showcase their products/produce on the lawn in a 'market day' feel. We'll treat you to some local entertainers and there will be refreshments available to purchase. Our hope is that alongside the recognition of cultural and community heritage, it will be a fantastic opportunity to make an impact in the lives of those with dementia.

So, get your family, friends and colleagues together, contact us to register, and get cracking with some sponsorship. It's easy! You can set up your own Give A Little page (<https://givealittle.co.nz/>), or set to and get some 'old fashioned' pledges. Dress up, show up, have some fun, and connect with others on their journey to make a difference with Dementia Canterbury.

To register contact me, Karon on **03 3792590**
(karon@dementiacanterbury.co.nz).

Richmond Community Garden

by Rachel Thwaites

Exciting things are happening at the Richmond Community Garden. What a summer it has been... bees and monarch butterflies are pollinating flowers and all manner of vegetables are coming into season. The garden is growing well and the raised beds of woven hazelnut and willow are looking great and doing a great job! We are donating produce to Delta food bank and the City Mission on a regular basis. When we have produce available for the local community, we will place blackboards up around the site identifying what is available to pick, along with low-cost recipe ideas.

A New Lease on Life!?

Before Xmas we signed an extension to our lease with LINZ for an extra acre of red zone land. This new area is adjacent to and south of the present garden. We are looking for ideas from the community on how best to utilise this space. Contact me, Rachel, on **022 0467 224**.



Not all the latest news has been good. Our tool shed was burgled recently and many of our tools were stolen. This has been a real inconvenience for us, as you can't do much gardening without tools. We have had a great response from our local community and the people and businesses of Christchurch, who have responded with donations of tools and words of support.

We are currently seeking donations of pruning equipment such as saws and secateurs. If you can help please contact me, or tools can be dropped off during one of our volunteer sessions — see below for times.

The garden has been created by volunteers in your community. We have two work sessions each week: **Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. & Saturdays 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** It's fun, it's healthy and it's a great way to meet local people with a bit of get-up-and-go! You can reach the community garden from either River Road, east of the Swanns Rd bridge, or from Avebury Park — head south from the paddling pool on Eveleyn Couzins Avenue. All welcome.

Puzzle

For those of you who felt the Sudoku in last month's issue was just too easy, here is one that may prove more of a challenge...enjoy!

The solution to our February puzzle is below.

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Shirley Recreational Walkers

Sue Lang has been involved with Shirley Recreational Walkers for over twenty years, and the group has been going for longer than that. Sue plans the walks, reconnoitres the route where that is necessary, either for a new route or to check that streets are open and areas accessible; a necessary precaution in these post-quake days. The group meet twice a week — Monday & Thursday mornings, for a walk around the city's streets and reserves.

The Monday walks generally stick to the flat areas of Christchurch and are reasonably gentle affairs, while the Thursday walks explore the hill suburbs and Port Hills tracks. These are fairly challenging and require a reasonable level of fitness. This is a great way to find your way about new or unfamiliar parts of town, to meet people in a congenial atmosphere and to get some good exercise at the same time.

The group meet at the north end of Chancellor St near the intersection with Shirley Rd at 9:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. From there, some people take a carload to the start point for that day's walk; each passenger pays the driver \$4. Sue emphasises that the accent is on recreational walking; that the Monday walks are (mostly) gentle and the pace is easy, while the Thursday walks offer more of a challenge. The company is fun and the emphasis is on friendship and companionship. Some people attend most days, others pick and choose their walks depending on their other commitments or the location or perceived difficulty of the walk for a particular day.

Most days the walk takes 2–3 hours. There is always a break part-way for a cuppa and a breather. Newcomers are always welcome. If any of the walks in the March programme take your interest, head along to Chancellor St by 9:30 on the appropriate day, or ring Sue (981-7071 or 027 775-4635) to learn more.

Programme for March

Meet at 9:30am, Mondays & Thursdays by the Shirley Community Centre Site for car pool to start of walk. Park on Chancellor Street (entrance off Shirley Road). \$4.00 petrol contribution to driver (unless otherwise stated).

1st March: TAI TAPU–GERKINS ROAD (2½ hours approx.)

This is a combination of flat and hill walking in the countryside with great rural views. Start from The Reserve (through brick archway) then walk to Gerkins Road via Rhodes Road, Otahuna Road and Cossars Road. Return via Cossars Road. Take lunch as this walk is a bit longer. \$5.00 to driver.

5th March: THE GROYNES-OTUKAKINO TRACK-WAIMARI WALKWAY (2 hours approx.)

Check out these realigned walkways along with the new Western Bypass. Take lunch. Entrance to The Groynes is via Groynes Drive, then turning right at the roundabout and hard left along the small road to reach car park by suspension bridge.

8th March: GREENWOOD PARK (2 hours approx.)

This is an undulating walk with great views out over Sumner, Godley Head and Lyttelton Harbour. Start from top of Clifton Terrace near bottom of Revelation Drive on Clifton Hill.

12th March: HEATHCOTE RIVER TOWPATH-FERRYMEAD (2 hours approx.)

This walk follows The Heathcote Towpath along to Ferry-mead and back. Park on Gould Crescent at the Ferry Road end. Go in the entrance closest to the tunnel roundabout.

15th March: TAYLORS MISTAKE-BOULDER BAY-GODLEY HEAD (DAY WALK)

Take lunch, drinks, warm/waterproof clothing, good shoes/boots. Walk along Pilgrims Way to Boulder Bay, then carry on up to Godley head and back. Start from Taylors Mistake near the Surf Club.

19th March: SHIRLEY-HORSESHOE LAKE (2 hours approx.)

This local walk features Burwood Park, Horseshoe Lake and Shirley Golf Course. Start from Chancellor Street just off Shirley Road.

22nd March: SIGN OF THE KIWI-WORSLEYS RESERVE (2 hours approx.)

This walk takes you along The Crater Rim Track (on the Lyttelton side of Coronation Hill) then out to and up Worsleys Road. Return back down the road then along The Crater Rim and around the city side of Coronation Hill. Start from the car park near The Sign of the Kiwi.

26th March: NEW BRIGHTON-BEXLEY WETLANDS (2 hours approx.)

This is a new walk from New Brighton into the Bexley Wetlands red zone area and back. It will be followed by coffee in one of New Brighton's Cafes for those who wish. Park cars on North Ramp off Marine Parade.

29th March: DRAYTON RESERVE-KILDAIRE HEIGHTS-MONCKS SPUR (2 hours approx.)

This is a combination of flat and hill walking featuring The Coastal Pathway, McCormacks Bay and a reserve with great views from the top. This walk will be followed by coffee at The Spur café for those who wish.

What's on in Richmond

AVEBURY HOUSE, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue. Phone (03) 381-6615

The **Avebury Community Library** is open every day, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. in the Margaret Deakin Room at Avebury House.

Monday

Chit chat Club: 10–10:30 a.m.

The Chit Chat Club is for the older adults (55+) in our community to get together and have tea and catch up.

Gentle Exercise: 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Gentle exercise class. Now with a new tutor, Dee Owers, who guides you through an exercise routine designed to keep those muscles moving! \$5/session

Tuesday

Yoga: 8:45–9:45 a.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session. Also Thursday evening.

Art Class: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Bring a project along or work on some skills. Drop in anytime. \$5/session.

Wednesday

Richmond Community Garden:

From 9:30 a.m. onwards.

We welcome volunteers, be they seasoned gardeners or newbies, to help create a beautiful veggie garden for our community to enjoy!

Hugs All Round Quilting Group:

1–3 p.m. We make quilts for children who need an extra hug. Join us to learn more about quilting; this includes machine and hand-sewing.

Thursday

Yoga: 6:00–7 p.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome.

\$6/session. Also Tuesday morning.

Tension Release Course for Families:

Starts 8 March at 7:30 p.m. Runs for 5 weeks. *See article on p4.*

Book with Kathy: **022 650 7896.**

Koha what you can.

HOLY TRINITY AVONSIDE, 168 Stanmore Road.

Thursday

Exercise at Avonside, 11 a.m.–12 noon at Holy Trinity Hall, 168 Stanmore Road, Avonside. Cost: \$4, followed by a light lunch.

SHIRLEY LADIES FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet on 2nd Wednesday of each month (Feb–Dec), in the All Saints Church Hall, 305 New Brighton Road at 10 a.m. New members welcome. Contact Sandra: **381-7129.**

CHRYSTAL PALACE 12 Chrystal Street

Come belly dance with Soul Star Tribe: all ages, backgrounds, and fitness levels welcome! All classes \$10 casual. For more information, contact Sam: 027 6525 993.

Friday

Intermediate Skirt, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Gypsy Caravan Beginners, 10 a.m.

Gypsy Caravan Intermediate, 11 a.m.

DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST

105 North Avon Road.

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Free bread, Monday–Friday:

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., as available.

Monday

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free, some criteria apply.

Footprints Café: Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches,

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.

Craft Group: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Addington Net: Computer & tech help for all. 10 a.m.–12 noon.

Wednesday

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL): Wednesdays,

10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. \$2.

At 103 North Avon Rd (next door to Delta). Pre-schoolers welcome.

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free, some criteria apply.

Footprints Café: Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches,

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.

Fruit & Vegie Co-op:

\$12/\$6 a bag. Pay weekly in advance each Wednesday, great value.

Friday

Delta Inn: 2-course community meal. Every Friday 12:00 noon, \$3.

Food Bank: 10:00 a.m.–12 noon, & 1:00–2:00 p.m. Free, some criteria apply.

Second Hand Goods/Clothes store:

1 p.m. Goods as priced.

Shirley International Playgroup:

9.30 a.m.–11.30 a.m. at the *Shirley Hub, 69B Briggs Road.* For mums & under 5's from refugee & migrant backgrounds — playgroup & English class. \$2/session or \$10/term.

DEMENTIA CANTERBURY

Sunday 25 March

Fundraiser walk in support of people with dementia. Red zone walk starts at Avebury park, 1:30 p.m.

To register, or for information,

contact Karon: **03 3792590**

(karon@dementiacanterbury.co.nz) or register online: www.dementiacanterbury.org.nz/events

SHIRLEY LIBRARY, 36 Marshland Road (by the Palms Mall).

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Monday

Book Discussion Group:

10:30–11:30 a.m. Second & fourth Monday of the month. \$60 for year.

Activity Zone: 3:45–4:45 p.m.

After school club for 6–10-year olds. No charge.

Tuesday

J.P. Clinic: 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Weekly. No charge.

Storytimes/Wā Korero: for over two-year olds. 10:30–11 a.m.

Weekly during term time. No charge.

Reading to Dogs: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

For age five plus.

No charge, but book in advance.

Wednesday

Scrabble: 1:30–3:30 p.m. No charge.

Thursday

Babytimes/Wā Pepi: for under two-year olds. 10:30–11 a.m.

Weekly during term time.

Book Discussion Group: 6–7 p.m.

Second Thursday of the month.

\$60 for year.

Friday

Card Club: 1.30–3.30 p.m. No charge

Saturday

Super Saturday Storytimes:

2–7-year olds. Weekly during term time. 11–11:45 a.m. No charge.

Magic: The Gathering: First Saturday of the month. For 8–18-year olds.

From 1 p.m. No charge.

SHIRLEY RECREATIONAL WALKERS

Mondays & Thursdays: Meet at

Shirley Community Centre site, cnr Shirley Rd & Chancellor St, 9:30 a.m. Walks around Christchurch. All ages welcome.

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