



Vive la Riverlution!

By Khye Hitchcock

Two sites along River Road are about to get exciting community-focussed upgrades. A new community courtyard is being designed to support Riverlution, an incoming container cafe in the Richmond Community Gardens. Further down the Ōtākaro Avon River, innovative seating and pathways are being installed to encourage play and relaxation at Riverbend Refuge.

Greening the Rubble (GtR), an initiative focussed on creating green space for social wellbeing, is working on both sites. At Richmond Community Gardens, they are working closely with the community to co-design the Riverlution Cafe courtyard as a welcoming gathering space. Detailed landscape design is underway and locals can expect to see developments unfurling on site by April.

GtR's Design and Construction Lead Jordan Hampson says, "We've thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with the working group from Richmond Community Gardens to create the concepts for the Riverlution courtyard. Workshops have focussed heavily on participatory design which has allowed us to best gauge the wants and needs of the community and have lots of fun along the way!"

Richmond Community Garden Trust Chair, Hayley Guglietta, says "The Community Cafe is an opportunity for us to become more sustainable as an organisation, offering a bumping space for our sister community

to restore native riparian habitat throughout the proposed 'Green Spine'. The next phase includes installation of creative infrastructure, aiming to encourage rest, education, exploration and play on the riverbank.

As part of this, Working Waters Trust have set up a collaboration with an artist and local enviro-schools to create a series of sculptures called Te Tuna Tāone - exploring 'te tuna heke' - the annual autumn migration of threatened longfin eels down the Ōtākaro-Avon to the sea to breed. Working Waters Trust is excited to see students from all over Christchurch play a role in creating the Riverbend Refuge, and looks forward to fostering a strong connection to the Avon-Ōtākaro River.

"What's really delightful about this project, and many of the transitional projects, are the layers of cultural history and the opportunity to shape the site's future," relayed Jane Ash, Community Activator at

Greening The Rubble, "From a rich Mahinga Kai resource to a treasured refuge for neighbouring residents, it's become home to thriving post-quake 'guerrilla' plantings and demonstrations of what's to come."



Planning the Riverlution

groups such as Delta, Shirley Community Trust and Youthtown as well as activate the Te Ara Ōtākaro-Avon River Trail, with a beautiful place to start and finish or just come and enjoy a coffee."

Further downstream, GtR and Avon-Ōtākaro Network have developed an area called Riverbend Refuge in response to the unique opportunity

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Evan Smith, spokesperson for Avon-Ōtākaro Network, agrees, “there has been enormous community support for greening the red zone. This project will encourage people to return to enjoy this site. I was red-zoned nearby so it’s good to see the amenity of this tranquil riverbend returning.”

Both sites are being created to encourage community engagement in the area and to build on the amazing array of community and non-profit initiatives.

These projects don’t happen without the generous support of community members and local businesses donating their time. If you would like to get involved with either of these projects, please contact:

Khye Hitchcock: khye@greeningtherubble.org
021 0244 4118 or Rachel Thwaites or Cathy Allden:
coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz

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Avebury Update!

At Avebury House we’re super-excited to become a regular host for **Loopy Tunes**, a pre-school music and movement group. Leah and Siu currently run seven weekly Outreach Sessions around town, during the school term, at 6 different venues,



Leah and Siu are Loopy Tunes!

including New Brighton, Sumner and Beckenham. Their live music sessions incorporate a different theme each term, using fun actions, engaging props, and a bit of te reo too. And they’re coming to Avebury! Starting on **March 11th**, at **11.30 a.m.**, then every Monday! Just **\$2** per session, it’s half an hour of musical fun, then stick around for another half hour of morning tea and free play. We’re thrilled they can join us, check Avebury’s facebook events, and the paper’s back page for details of this, and other house programs such as Yoga with Dakota, Shake & Relax, Art Classes, Floristry with Maree, etc.

We’re looking forward to the imminent opening of **HNZ’s family units** on Eveleyn Couzins, and hoping the tenants there will feel welcome at the house, gardens and grounds. And of course the Men’s Shed is doing well with Paul and Trev turning it into quite the planter-box/garden seat production line! Anyone is welcome to wander down with their own project, or just join in with what’s happening.

But our biggest news is the upcoming **Avebury Gala** on **Sunday, 31st March, 10a.m. to 3p.m.** It’s going to be huge! In conjunction with the incredible Richmond Community Garden team and this year incorporating the Carboot Sale, the gala will be spread across all three sites from Eveleyn Couzins to River Road! See the poster ad in this issue, and be sure to come along!

All the programs and events Avebury runs are with the community in mind, so if you can think of something you’d like us to look into – a regular activity, a one-off workshop, a community event - don’t hesitate to get in touch on **381 6615**, or email Tanya:

admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz.

Hope to see you soon!

Tanya Didham
Avebury House Co-ordinator

Family Business in the Making

By Tanya Didham

Dan's Produce popped up on the corner of Stanmore Rd and Draper St in 2016 with a view to providing fresh, affordable produce to locals. It hasn't always been easy – especially during the road repairs that diverted traffic away – but every morning, seven days a week, market-fresh fruit and veg are delivered to the premises. Most days you will find Brian in-store, Dan's dad, who bought the place as something his grandchildren might one day grow into. A family business in the making.

Brian started growing fruit and veg when he was just a nipper at Papanui Primary. In those days, primary schools would divvy up small garden plots for each child to manage and grow their own food. And every year they would have competitions for the best plot. However the teachers didn't know Brian was already chief gardener at home! When he told his teacher he didn't want to do the school plot, as he was already busy with his own full size garden, she scoffed at him. But after visiting his house to look – they were amazed. Brian's gardening awards soon came flooding in – he won the contest every year! By the age of 12, he was cycling round the neighbourhood with his basket of veg on the front, selling to his regular customers. And he's never looked back.



Brian and his lettuces at Dan's Produce

Brian still loves growing things (and lighting fireworks – but that's another story!), all the hydroponic lettuces and herbs in-store are grown by him on his farm in Belfast. There is plenty of parking behind the store, and they're open 8a.m. til 6p.m., 7 days a week. Come down and say hi, and pick up some great produce at great prices!

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By Julia de Groot, Event Co-ordinator

With our vibrant, multicultural community we wanted to connect different ethnicities together through a fun games day for everyone. Some of the nationalities involved in running the East Side Multicultural Games include Sri Lankan, Filipino, Korean, Dutch, Tongan, Shetland Islanders, and Taiwanese, and everyone is welcome!

The games will range from relaxing yet stimulating board games such as Mahjong where you can sit, chat and learn; to the more physically challenging Kana Mutti. Not only are there fun games for families but also games suitable for a wide range of ages. All of this plus a taste of ethnic food!

Nisha's desire to apply for funding through the Ethnic Communities Development Fund inspired Jo and I to help her make the event possible. On receiving the funding and a separate donation, we were delighted to plan and prepare for this event.

Funded by the Ethnic Communities Development Fund and supported in various ways by the Delta Community Trust, Crossway Community Church and North Avon Baptist. The event will be held on the **Avebury House lawn, March 23rd from 1pm-3pm.**

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A Roundhouse at the Gardens

By Rachel Thwaites



Clay-stomping at Richmond Community Garden!

Summer is a busy time at the Richmond Community Garden with vegetable growing, weeding and general maintenance being carried out. Some of you may have noticed the 'roundhouse' structure that is being built in the south-east corner, overlooking the Ōtākaro-Avon. Designed by Kerry Mulligan, the Roundhouse is being erected by volunteers using wattle and daub/cob and straw building techniques. We have been very fortunate with the materials used, donated by local businesses including The Pump House, Salts Used Appliances, Fulton Hogan and Steve Brailsford. Big shout out to Richie's Brick and

Block Ltd too, for paving the floor! Building the walls is an entertaining experience with our feet being the tool of choice for mixing sand, clay and straw together. Keep an eye out for our glass bottle windows and our unique skylights made from the doors of front loader washing machines - coming soon!

Kerry Mulligan will be holding one-day earth building workshops on Saturday 16th March and Saturday 27th April, 9am-4pm. Just \$65 for the day, please email Cathy at coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz to book in.

Don't forget on March 31st, 10am-3pm, Richmond Community Garden is hosting their second carboot sale as part of the Avebury Gala. Only \$10 a spot! If you are interested email Rachel at coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz or phone 0220 467 224 to register.



Want to Haiku?

By Barbara Strang

The Small White Teapot Haiku Group meets regularly to hear, discuss and critique our own haiku in English, pulling them out of a hat so it's random and anonymous. It's a lot of fun. Sometimes we go out on a ginkgo, or haiku walk, in the neighbourhood, when we collect observations that might be turned into haiku one day. We don't stick strictly to the 5-7-5 format of the Japanese language style; but these guidelines often apply: the seasons, nature, the moment etc, usually expressed in three short lines. We are also interested in other Japanese-style forms such as tanka, haibun and senryu. Senryu are the same length as a haiku, but humorous, usually concerning the foibles of humans or animals.

Among our activities are submitting to competitions and magazines, local, overseas and online, and members of our group have had a good record of being published, for instance several of us are represented in the fourth New Zealand Haiku anthology to be launched in March called "Number Eight Wire".

Meetings are 12-2pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at Avebury House, Evelyn Couzins Ave, Richmond, Christchurch. Anyone who is interested is most welcome!

driving home –
the rainbow
arrives there before me

Helen Yong

on a diet
she devours
recipe books

Barbara Strang

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Mind Yer Language: Sailing Away

By Tanya Didham

Anyone who settled in Aotearoa-New Zealand before the 1940s came by sea. So we are all familiar with the salty, sea-faring sayings that have stayed in our lexicon. 'All hands on deck'; 'three sheets to the wind'; 'give a wide berth'; 'batten down the hatches' etc. But there are some nautical metaphors lodged so deep in our language, that most of us have lost touch with their origins...

Pipe down - order signals on navy ships were sounded by the boatswain's (bo'sun's) pipe. The below decks signal meant 'get below, be quiet, and get to sleep'. So sailors would be 'piped down' at bedtime!

Toe the line - another naval one. When the crew was called on deck, they formed straight rows by lining their toes up to a seam or line on the deck. They 'toed the line'.

By and large - synonymous with 'overall' or 'generally speaking', this derives from the days of sailing ships. A ship was sailing 'large' when it had a good tailwind filling the sails. A ship was sailing 'by' when it was tacking against the wind. So a ship that could sail well, by and large, could make progress wherever the wind came from!

Loose cannon - not hard to see how this would be a problem on-deck, particularly in the kind of sea conditions that might make it come loose in the first place!

Hand over fist - sailors pulled on ropes literally 'hand over fist', which came to just mean 'quickly'.

In the doldrums - to feel low or lacklustre. This actually refers to an ocean location, near the equator, between the trade winds, where the wind can stay notoriously calm for days or weeks on end. The Doldrums was a real hindrance for sailing ships, and guaranteed to get a shipmate down.

In the offing - The offing also referred to a 'place': the furthest patch of sea that can be seen from land. So a ship spotted 'in the offing', was probably just about to arrive in port.

Square meal - on sailing ships, the decent or at least largest meal of the day was served on a square wooden plate or tray. Square meals were the best!

To up sticks - known colloquially as 'sticks', the masts of a sailing ship could be taken down when at anchor; so the directive to 'up-sticks!' meant to get the masts back up, ready to literally set sail!

Puzzle

Cryptic Crossword

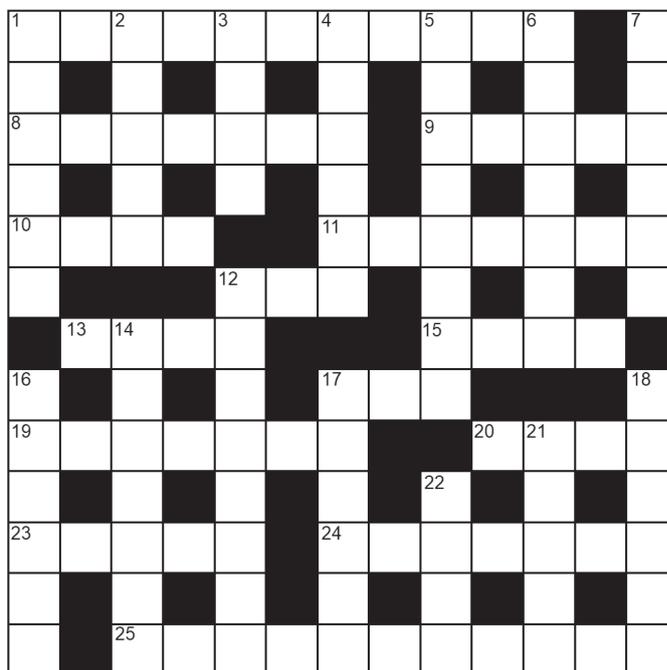
by Dirty Harry

Across

1. Funeral director's enterprise? (11)
8. Possibly ignores some areas. (7)
9. Maybe eager to concur. (5)
10. This may be upped beforehand. (4)
11. What early colonists did — to pay their bills? (7)
12. It's confused — take the weight off. (3)
13. Help make a wager. (4)
15. These chances may be even!? (4)
17. Public house found in Nelson. (3)
19. Business is a worry. (7)
20. A little lower in the leg. (4)
23. Consider the answer to this. (5)
24. 51 sleep possibly — at the Oval? (7)
25. SS Grant seen all over the place — that's odd! (11)

Down

1. When high, lion's call causes a disturbance. (6)
2. Number of fingers or toes. (5)
3. Backdoor to a quarter-acre. (4)
4. Help donkey come first, by the look of it. (6)
5. Nothing doing during engagement. (8)
6. Confused about B.D. lager. (7)
7. Fashionable attempt to surround goal. (7)
12. Perhaps he couldn't decide what to wear to the match. (8)
14. Pieces all around and robbers appear. (7)
16. Put an end to whisky, perhaps. (6)
17. Imprison a resident doctor. (6)
18. Bids for strong-boxes without opening them. (6)
21. Computer may have a bug. (5)
22. Most ships scarper. (4)



Solution to February's crossword:

Across: 1. Lemonade 7. About 8. Beggarman 9. Pro 10. Leek 11. Inches 13. Protectorates 15. Missal 16. True 18. Try 20. Trilobite 21. Audacity 22. Interest.

Down: 1. Label 2. Magneto 3. Neat 4. Demonstration 5. Romps 6. Strokes 7. Anchors 12. Website 13. Pretend 14. Turbine 15. Myrrh 17. Erect 19. Code

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Notes from Mary's Garden

Mary's Delta Beans

2 large onions – chopped
Handful of green beans
Approx. 500g tomatoes
2-3 courgettes, chopped
1 tin cannellini beans
1 t whole cumin seed
1 t salt
1 t sugar
Black pepper to taste
¼ c water
3 garlic cloves
Handful of parsley
Grated cheese (optional)

Saute the onion in a pan til just turning golden.

Layer tomatoes and tinned beans then sprinkle with salt, sugar, pepper, cumin, garlic and water.

Cover and simmer on a low heat for 30-45 mins, checking to make sure it doesn't dry out.

Layer with courgettes and fresh beans, replace the lid and simmer a further 5-10 mins until veges are tender. Add cheese on top, cover again until melted, then add the parsley on top to serve!

By Mary Tingey

In March gardeners will still be harvesting tomatoes, courgettes, spring onions, carrots, beetroot and mesclun.

The first two weeks of March are still a good time to plant broccoli, cabbage, silverbeet and cauliflower plants. They will be ready at the beginning of spring just when you need fresh vegetables.

If you have any bare soil the best thing to do in March is sow green manure crops such as blue lupins, barley and mustard seeds. Seeds can be purchased in 500g bags from a hardware shop. They will grow a little over winter then grow rapidly in spring. Cut them down when you are ready to plant your spring vegetables.

Mary runs the Grow Your Own Lunch program at Avebury House on Thursday mornings, and teaches garden skills at the Delta Community Garden on Fridays from 10.30a.m. – 4.30p.m.



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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 a catch up.

Gentle Exercise: 10:30–11:30

a.m. Gentle exercise class with a tutor who guides you through an exercise routine designed to keep those muscles moving! \$5/session
Loopy Tunes: 11:30a.m.

A pre-school music and movement group.

Tuesday

Yoga: 9:00–10:00 a.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session.

Also Thursday evening.

Men's Shed: 12 noon–4:00 p.m.

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.

Shake and Relax: 6:30 p.m.

8-week cours. Practice calming your body and mind in a supportive group. Check Facebook for details & dates.

Thursday

Yoga: 6–7 p.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session.

Also Tuesday morning.

Friday

Men's Shed:

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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Friday

Intermediate Skirt, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Gypsy Caravan Beginners,

11 a.m. Gypsy Caravan Intermediate, 10 a.m.

DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST,

105 North Avon Road.

Ph: (03) 389-0212

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.

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

Tuesday

Budget Advice: 9 a.m.–3 p.m. by appointment.

Wednesday

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL): Starts

13th February (term time).

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 noon.

\$2 at Avebury House. 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 & Veggie Co-op: \$12/\$6

a bag. Pay weekly in advance each Wednesday, great value.

Friday

Delta Inn: 2-course community

meal. Every Friday 12 noon, \$3.

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–12 noon,

& 1–2 p.m.

Free, some criteria apply.

Second Hand Goods/Clothes

store: 1 p.m. Goods as priced.

Shirley International Playgroup:

During term time, 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.

Gardening: 10:30 a.m.–4:30

p.m. Mary welcomes interested volunteers to help her in the Delta vegetable garden.

Impact Young Adults

Programme: Ages 18–36 with disabilities.

6–8 p.m. Contact Natalie:

Natalie@deltatrust.org.nz

NORTH AVON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services: Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Delta Community Trust Building (cnr of North Avon Rd & Chrystal St).

WALK FOR DEMENTIA FUNDRAISER

Register individually or as a team and walk the Ngā Puna Wai Athletics Track on **Sunday 17 March**, 10am - 11.30am. For more info please email Diane: **diane@dementiacanterbury.org.nz**

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Mondays & Thursdays:

Meet at Shirley Community Centre site, cnr Shirley Rd & Chancellor St, 9:30 a.m. Walks around Christchurch. All ages welcome. For more information and a copy of the programme, contact Sue **(03) 981-7071** or **027 775-4635.**

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Holy Communion - 10 a.m.

Each Thursday

Morning Praise - 11 a.m.

3rd Sunday of each month

A time of prayer interlaced with songs of praise.

Activities Group is held every Thursday at 1 p.m.. Come along and knit, cross-stitch, do some form of craft, play a board game or just chat.

Everyone is welcome.

Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

meets every fourth

Saturday of the month at

10.30 a.m. We start with a

hot drink before listening

to an interesting speaker or

undertaking some activity

together.

Exercise Class is held every

Thursday at 11 a.m. All abilities

are catered for, sitting and

standing. The class focus's on

flexibility and fun. Cost is \$6 and

a light refreshment follows.

Foot Clinic every six weeks. You

start with a foot spa and cup of

tea/coffee. Our registered nurse

will clip nails and give any advice

on the care of your feet. Then

you have a foot massage. \$10.

Wednesday Cafe meets every

second Wednesday of the month

from 11.30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come

and enjoy friendly company,

listen to a speaker or take part

in a fun activity and join us for

lunch. There is a small cost

for lunch and raffle tickets are

available.

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of the sessions!! For any further

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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: Begins

12th February. 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

Introduction to iPads:

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Part of a six week programme

starting 13 February and

finishing 20 March. For absolute

beginners. Registrations

required. Cost: \$15

Scrabble Club: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30

p.m. No obligation, just come

along when you can and join our

friendly group. All materials are

supplied. Free.

Thursday

Babytimes/Wā Pepi: for under

two-year olds. 10:30–11 a.m.

Weekly during term time.

Technology help drop in

sessions: 3:30–4:30 p.m. Come

along to our drop-in sessions for

help with email, searching the

internet, and general computer

queries.

Friday

Card Club 1.30–3.30 p.m.

No charge.

Shirley Library's Culture

Exchange: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

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Saturday

Super Saturday Storytimes:

Starts on the 9th of February.

2–7-year olds. Weekly during

term time. 11–11:45 a.m. Free.

Mahjong Group: 2–4 p.m.

Learn to play Mahjong at

Shirley library! For beginners

and advanced players alike.

Registrations required.

Robofun for Adults: 10 a.m. to

11 a.m. Explore the amazing

world of robotics, electronics

and programming in this fun

introductory course!