



Richmond Ready to Blossom

By Peter Beck

Coming back to Richmond in June 2018, after two years working in Taranaki, took me by surprise. How come? Well I guess I had no idea what amazing and inspirational things had been going on here while we were away.

After the quakes, as well as being the Anglican Dean of Christchurch, I was donkey-deep in the post-quake issues of the East. Patron of CANcern, convener of Eastern Vision, and a member of the Avon-Ōtākaro River Network – these three organisations were set up by local people, to ensure grassroots community folk had a voice in the decisions

being made. The Crown, Council, and other agencies were being set up to design and plan our future. I remember a tag line we had in CANcern: ‘The wisdom of the local community always exceeds the knowledge of the experts.’

Well we’ve all come a long way from then. I fell out with my bishop and resigned as Dean. I had a couple of years as City Councillor for Burwood-Pegasus. Then, naively imagining that I would retire, I ended up spending two years as Dean of Taranaki. Then we came home to Richmond. This time to explore what so-called retirement looks like!

As I wandered from our Draper Street home, along River Road. Wow! What sights were there to greet me. The transitional River Trail complete, and the land on either side so park-like. Beautiful! Casa dei Bambini was all spruced up and looking busy. And Richmond Community Garden – what a revelation they were! Exciting to see so many people involved and this project

thriving alongside Avebury House, itself with a new lease of life. A Richmond Residents’ Business Association getting off the ground; new people getting involved in our local community- new life!



Megan Woods green lights the ‘greenprint’ for the river corridor.

On Friday 22nd August, it was a privilege to join many others in the red zone near the corner of Morris St and Avonside Drive. Megan Woods, Minister for Earthquake Recovery announced the Regeneration Plan for the Ōtākaro-Avon River Corridor (OARC) had finally been accepted and signed off. A huge amount of community energy has toiled over these

last nearly nine years to get a successful outcome for the future of the Residential Red Zone. What a vision for the future of our Eastern suburbs.* I hope you are as encouraged and excited as I am.

It feels like we have reached an important milestone. And the journey goes on as we develop and build our vision for the East, for Richmond, not just for the next few years, but for decades - for us, and for our children and grandchildren.

As I write this I’m looking out across our garden. The daffodils are starting to flower. Spring is in the air. And Spring is in the air in Richmond, the East and across our city. It’s a great time for us all to be part of shaping our future. If you’re not on board yet, then I encourage you to give it a go!

**Download the OARC Regeneration Plan from Regenerate Christchurch’s website:
www.regeneratechristchurch.nz/oarc*

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Avebury Heritage - Come to Tea!



Beca Christchurch Heritage Week has morphed into a 3-week Heritage Festival running from Oct 7th to the 28th. Avebury House is hosting our free Devonshire Tea and we will have some of the house history on display. Please come have a cup of tea and a scone with us between **11am and 3pm on Saturday October 12th**. You can pick up a Heritage Festival event guide from us or your local library. Or check council's website: www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/?programme=1

Are you a poet and didn't know it?

The Small White Teapot Group meet monthly at the Avebury House library on the **4th Tuesday of the month**, to discuss poetry, specifically Haiku poetry. Everybody welcome!



Contact Barbara on **021 171 8622** or email: bhstrang@yahoo.com. You can also contact Rosemary at **385 5274**.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Richmond Community News,
I really like your newspapers. But can I have a copy of "Night Lights" for good.
The "bad" and the "upside"? I don't think I got a copy. I love! The first "Night Lights" Issue. And I am very sure I will love the second too. This is a very important topic to me, because at school our inquiry topic is "Sustainability" and I think this would be awesome to study.
- Elise Dunith, age 8 and 1/2 yrs.

Dear Elise – thank you so much for your kind letter. Sorry you did not receive our newsletter with Part Two of the Night Lights story. Hopefully you got the one we have since put in your letterbox. We would love to hear about your sustainability project – perhaps you would like to write an article on it for our November issue?

Kind wishes,
Tanya (Ed.)
381 6615

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Learning for Life

By Tanya Didham

Between the 2nd and 9th of September Avebury House and Richmond Community Garden hosted around two dozen free events for the Festival of Adult Learning. An initiative kicked off by the Adult Community Education (ACE) team way back in 1998, the festival is promoted nationwide and aims to get grown-ups back into learning! At the house we had Pilates, mosaics, massage, quilting, relaxation techniques, floristry and baking courses as well as the Men's Shed and the fabulous Taste of Culture event. The Garden held workshops on composting, hazel-weaving, the soil web, gardening basics, making marmalade and seed bombs. Thanks ACE - can't wait to do it all again next year!



From left to right: Csilla (far left) demonstrates Swedish massage techniques; Hazel weaving with the RCG; Learning to compost.



From left to right: Filipino basics at A Taste of Culture; The Men's Shed making planter boxes; A finished mosaic heart.



From left to right: Chef Steph prepping her pastry class; Tea time at a Taste of Culture; Hamish at the compost heap.

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Spring Vegetables in Your Garden

By Mary Tingey

The days are getting longer, the sun is warmer and the urge for many of you to rush out and plant something can be strong. But wait a minute, hold your wallets and let's see what will grow best, right now, in Christchurch.

If you have a small plot for a garden, the best things to grow from plants are spring onions, red onions, lettuce, peas, perpetual beet and silver beet. Leave a space in your small plot to put tomatoes, beans and basil after Show Day. While you are waiting for Show Day, keep the soil covered with old leaves or weeds. Shake the soil off the roots of weeds and leave them on top - this nourishes your soil for a great crop of tomatoes in January. Bare soil is dead soil.

If you have a bigger garden, you could start planting a few potatoes as well as all the plants suitable for small plots. Now is the time beetroot, carrots, mesclun and radishes can be sown from seed straight into your soil. Looking ahead to your summer garden, again leave space for summer crops covered with leaves or mulched with weeds pulled from the ground. Remember bare soil is dead soil. After Show Day you can plant tomatoes, basil, cucumbers, zucchinis, pumpkins, corn, butternuts and beans. Christchurch summers are too cool to get good crops from capsicums, chillies, egg plants and melons. It is best to save your precious garden space for what grows well here.

If you want to know how to grow from seed or have other gardening questions Delta Community Garden (ph **389 0212**) is open from **10.30am–4.30pm on Fridays**. Grow Your Own Free Lunch is on **Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, November 5, 12, 19, 26 and December 3**. Contact her at mary@aplaceoflearning.co.nz.



National Gardening Week



Come and celebrate 'National Gardening Week' at Di Madgin's Heritage garden. Working bee, seed activity thanks to Yates, afternoon tea, RCG Little Shop produce and the unveiling of the Avon-Ōtākaro River Trail Heritage Garden sign. Come down to 373 River Rd, Saturday the **26th October, 10am-2pm**.

"We may think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us."

- Jenny Uglow (author & publisher)

MacFarlane Park Murals

By Rebecca Roper-Gee

On Thursday 26

September a "grand opening" celebration was held in MacFarlane Park to unveil four murals created by local school students. Around 80 people gathered from the local community, schools and organisations that have been involved.

Students who worked on the murals spoke about their significance and the process of making them, and cut a ribbon.



Ako) collaborated to complete two more murals as part of a week-long Arts Festival with performances, workshops and displays. The Kahui Ako murals feature symbols selected by the students which express a sense of belonging to this

place, and were presented by Avonside Girls High School.

The display of murals in the park is an initiative of



Shirley Primary's mural.

Shirley Intermediate School's mural is a park scene with themes of family and fun. Shirley Primary School students collected milk bottle lids and upcycled them into flowers for their mural "The Garden", which features a quote from the memorial service for the 15 March attack, and the word peace in more than 20 languages spoken amongst the school's whanau. During over the last few weeks several schools and early childhood centres in the area (collectively the Ōtākaro Kahui



Avonside Girls' "Belonging" mural.

the Shirley Village Project, which is all about finding opportunities for Shirley residents to get involved in projects to help address issues in the neighbourhood that are important to them. One of the key themes that has come through in the project is residents' desire for improved appearance in the neighbourhood, especially parks. Murals are one way to make a positive change in the local environment and create a sense of pride and ownership, as well as an opportunity for our tamariki and rangatahi to express their views and hopes for the community. We hope that these will be the first of many artworks enhancing the park.

The project has been possible with sponsorship from Riccarton Rotary Club, Bunnings and Resene. The City Council Graffiti team provided paint for fences in the park and working bees were undertaken by residents and school students to provide a good backdrop for the murals and generally enhance the park environment.

Mind Yer Language: In a nutshell, that's nuts.

By Tanya Didham



Nut is a very versatile word. You can eat nuts; go nuts; be nuts; work with nuts and bolts. You can nut someone (though, technically that's assault...); go off your nut; bust a nut; be a tough nut or sweet as a nut; and, since WWI, if you're a male, you can have your very

own set of metaphoricals. But what is a 'nut'?

Nut is a word with fossil-deep linguistic roots...

Remember that Proto-Indo-European 'PIE' language from last month? The PIE stem-word 'kneu-' is the kernel of 'nut'. The imagined/invented PIE word for nut is 'knouks'. It then turned into the Proto-Germanic 'hnut', which then became Old Norse *hnot*, Dutch *noot*, Old High German *hnuz*, Swedish *nöt*, Old English *hnutu*, Middle English *note* and finally Modern English *nut*. On the Latin branch of the PIE tree, 'knouks' became *nux*, the granddaddy of our English word 'nucleus' or... little nut.

From the early 1400s, nut was used to signify any small fix-it bits and bobs, later specialising down to nuts for bolts.

'Nutters' have only been around since the 1950s, though you could be considered a crazy 'nut' from the early 20th Century, and end up in the 'nut-house' from 1929.

Keeping in mind what a nut literally is to humans – a sweetmeat inside a hard shell – and thinking back to 'knouks', maybe it has something to do with the noise you make getting into it?

As the Old English 10th century saying goes: *Ealla nyte habbaþ hearde scielle*. 'All nuts have a hard shell.'

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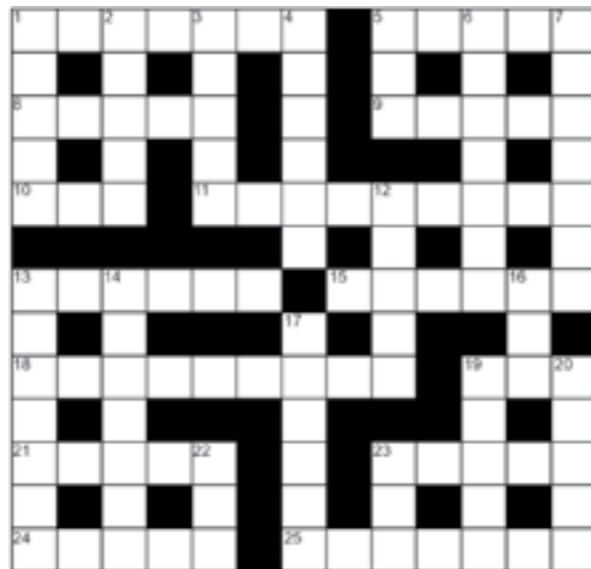
Puzzle Crossword

Across

1. Jewish mystical tradition (8)
5. Annoyed (5)
8. Proverb (5)
9. Part of helicopter (5)
10. Female sheep (3)
11. S. African gazelle (9)
13. One of two (6)
15. Turns away (6)
18. Workable (9)
19. Simian (3)
21. Surplus (5)
23. Courageous (5)
24. Thick solution (5)
25. Eternal (7)

Down

1. Rogue (5)
2. Pair (5)
3. Assists (5)
4. On ship (6)
5. Dog (3)
6. Month (7)
7. Hits (7)
12. New (5)
13. High speed service (7)
14. Farm vehicle (7)
16. Highest part (3)
17. Predicament (6)
19. Conscious (5)
20. Odds! (5)
22. Unit of electrical current [abbr.] (3)
23. Offer (3)



Solution for September's Cryptic Crossword:

Across: 1. Asleep 5. Material 9. Ordeal 10. Abroad 11. Skid
12. Termianl 14. Bridge 16. Papers 19. Affluent 21. Arms 22. Lunacy
23. Bottle 24. Suspense 25. Rode.

Down: 2. Striker 3. Emended 4. Polythene 6. Album 7. Trounce 8.
Riddles 13. Reputable 14. Beatles 15. Infants 16. Plaster 18. Rambled
20. Uncle.

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The 'Heart' of Delta Continues

By Tony McCahon

After a packed opening Church service in the new Chapel, and café, on 1 Sept, Delta opened its new doors fully on 2 Sept to its wide range of services and groups.

Much of the first week was spent by staff and volunteers showing the general public, and clients, around our great new facility. Getting a little lost, finding light switches, and learning new technology were common experiences at first. But immediately appreciated was the greater warmth, sunlight and space within the building.

Having a beautiful Chapel within Delta's walls deepens our commitment to our holistic approach to empowerment, recognising body, emotions and spirit, as our logo signifies. Not everything is complete yet. Still to come is outside decking, a community garden, landscaping and an outdoor playground. Our cultural services will continue to meet offsite, until a space becomes available in Crossways' new building next to us, at the end of 2020.

Adjusting to a new environment always takes a little time, but as someone wrote recently on a wall of our old building, the 'heart of Delta' has moved. While it is wonderful to now have a purpose-built space for the future, the heart of who we are remains the same.

Our aim, as always, is to be a place of hospitality, healing and hope. Our new building enhances our ability to achieve this.



Our two kitchens are much larger and better designed to reflect the heavy use and importance of these facilities. Similarly, the Food Store, Evergreen lounge, and office spaces are more comfortable for staff, volunteers and clients alike.

Anyway, you don't have to believe me! Come yourselves to see our superb new facility. We have an open week at Delta from the **14th-20th October**, so the community can become acquainted with the new facilities and chapel. On Friday 18th October, a community partners event will be held for local community agencies and funders, and the week culminates in a Community Day on Saturday 19th October: a family-friendly event including a free

BBQ and bouncy castle. Each of our services will present what they do, why and when.

On Sunday 20th October, there will be a church service in the new chapel at 10 am, followed by lunch. All are most welcome to attend.

We are very grateful for so many people working tirelessly to make this new building happen. Our hope is, in the years to come, that many people in our community will find a place of acceptance and compassionate care here.



ELECTION TIME!

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Local body elections are underway. You should have received your voting papers in the post by now, and if you haven't you can call **941 8581** to have them sent out. To be counted, your papers must reach council by noon on October 12th, so it is recommended to **post them before the 8th, or drop into your local library**. For information on your candidates check the following web pages:

For Council and Community Board candidates:
www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/council-elections/2019-candidates

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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.

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! Also meets Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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

Tuesday

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

Men's Shed: 12 noon–4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Pilates: 6:45p.m., \$6. A basic pilates course run by Dee Owers.

Thursday

Pilates: 1p.m., \$6. A basic pilates course run by Dee Owers.

Yoga: 6-7 p.m. \$6. Evening yoga. Join us for a good stretch!

Friday

Men's Shed: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Stitch Group: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Bring a project and have a cuppa! Fortnightly. Koha.

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Saturday

Gypsy Caravan Beginners, 10am

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101 North Avon Road (Entrance off Petrie St)
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Free bread, Monday–Friday:
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.,
as available.

Monday

Advocacy: 9:30 a.m.–12 noon.

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.

'New Beginnings' Course: 1p.m.

–3p.m. The course will focus on healthy living.

Wednesday

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL): During term time. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 noon. \$2 at C3 Church, 269 Hills Rd. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

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Footprints Café: Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches,

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Fruit & Veggie Co-op: \$12/\$6

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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.

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. 6pm – 10pm. Contact Natalie:

Natalie@deltatrust.org.nz

Mary Tingey teaches Grow Your Own Free Lunch! It is on

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22,

November 5, 12, 19, 26 and

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NORTH AVON BAPTIST CHURCH

Delta House, North Avon
Community Centre, 101 North Avon Road (Cnr North Avon Rd and Petrie St)

Sunday Services: Every Sunday at 9.30 a.m., Delta Community Trust building (cnr of North Avon Rd & Chrystal St).

All are welcome.

HOLY TRINITY AVONSIDE,

168 Stanmore Road,
Ph 389-6948

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Parish Eucharist - 9.30 a.m.

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Holy Communion - 10 a.m.

Each Thursday

Morning Praise - 11 a.m.

3rd Sunday of each month
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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 11am. All abilities are catered for, sitting and standing. The class focusses on flexibility and fun. It takes 1 hour, cost is \$5.

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.

Everyone is welcome to any or all of the sessions!! For any further information phone the office on **389 6948** or email **office@holyltrinityavonside.nz**

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. For more information and a copy of the programme, contact Sue **(03) 981-7071** or **027 775-4635.**

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Monday

Activity Zone: 3:45–4:45 p.m.
For 6–10-year olds. No charge.

School Holiday Events:
9 Oct, Wed: 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Antarctica

10 Oct, Thurs: 10 a.m.
Beautiful Butterflies

Table Top Games: 11:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Play tabletop board games. A different game each week. Free.

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 Club: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. No obligation, just come along and join our friendly group. All materials are supplied. Free.

Babytimes/Wā Pepi: 2:00–2:30 p.m. For under two-year olds.

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. No bookings required. Free.

Friday

Culture Exchange: 3:30–4:30 p.m. A group where you can make new friends, practice English and learn about NZ. Free.

Saturday

Super Saturday Storytimes: 2–7-year olds. 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.