



Memories of a North Beach Childhood

By Mike Stevens

I was born in 1942, at 81 Marriotts Rd. Home births were normal then. 1 of 5 children. It was an era in which we had nothing, therefore we expected nothing. Not that we knew that.

I went to North Beach school. Mostly to play sport in the massive grounds. I was famous for catching Dick Motz out on the boundary for 98. He cried because his parents had promised him a new cricket bat if he scored a century. In the 1960s Dick went on to become one of NZ's best fast bowlers, so it didn't hold him back. I am still reminded of that feat.

The school's Motor Galas were a much looked-for fundraiser. This involved adults competing in various car tasks, including a backing race. One time, our esteemed headmaster Mr Fred Price missed his brake, and backed his Vauxhall straight into the crowd.



Bodies flew left and right - it looked bad - but fortunately no one was seriously injured. On another occasion, local radio announcer Happy Hill declared he would drive through a flaming wall of wood. Being suspicious, some of us checked out the wooden wall and noted it had been cut to give way on contact. Brilliant. Unfortunately when Happy hit it, it stuck to him. 6 weeks later he got out of hospital!

Entertainment for us kids was to climb poplar trees and have your mates chop them down. You just rode them to the ground. We built tunnels through sandhills and teetered on tree limbs collecting pine cones to sell. It was all clean fun - no thought it might go wrong. Though occasionally it did.

As young boys we spent much time in the North Beach

dunes with the manuka fences. Dad and grandad had told me how the fences were made by a one-armed Scandinavian who carted the manuka with his horse and dray. I remember the beach defences and gun emplacements from the second world war on the beach, stretching between Waimairi and Spencer Park. We naturally thought nothing of these as kids. Over the years they became swamped by sand.

A favourite competition was building the best and biggest Guy Fawkes bonfire on the beach. Beach Rd vs Pacific St vs Effingham St vs Cygnet St, and so on.

I was with the Pacific St mob. We would drag along anything that would burn - even old tyres - certainly wouldn't be allowed now! In those days the Endeavour St block was the municipal fish dump. We would take our shanghais [slingshots] down there and take pot-shots at birds, usually ending up in a war amongst ourselves!

In 1958 I joined the Waimairi Surf Life Saving Club and all other sports were left behind. I met my wife, did my panel-beating apprenticeship and opened New Brighton Panel Beaters on Bower Ave in 1967. It was an era where everything was done by voluntary labour - if something needed doing, the community pitched in and got it done. It was a fantastic place to grow up.

Mike Stevens operated New Brighton Panelbeaters in Bower Ave until the property was badly damaged in the 2010-11 earthquakes. He was heavily involved with the Pier & Foreshore Committee, the Surf Club and the North New Brighton Residents' Association, and was a Christchurch City Councillor for six years from 1989. A lifelong lover of horses, Mike still runs harness racers on Ashworth Beach. His best horse, Smooth Dominion, ran second in the 1996 NZ Cup.

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The Wit of Sam

To the person who stole my antidepressants – I hope you're happy now!

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My wife gets angry when I keep introducing her as my ex-girlfriend...

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When I found out my toaster wasn't waterproof – I was shocked!

Illustration by Stephanie Terris



Matariki in the Zone

By Tanya Didham

Following the lockdown hiatus and the unfortunate cancellation of the Avebury Gala, we are thrilled that the first event out of the Level One blocks is **Matariki in the Zone!**

This is one of our favourite events and we are making it even bigger and better - again!

The big day is **Sunday July 19th** - with entertainment, activities like wood-carving and rock-painting, and food starting from 2.30pm. The mud kitchen will be running, Banks Avenue School will have a sausage sizzle, and we'll have the outdoor heating on! The **hāngi** will come out of the ground at around 5pm, with soup and fried bread too. The **Natural Magic Pirates** band will be playing up a storm til 4.30pm, followed by the mellow tones of the **Lisa Tui Ensemble** taking us into the evening. In between, at 3.15pm, Shirley Boys' kapa haka group will share a performance. We're super excited to share another amazing **display of lighting** from the team at Light Site, some of which will stay up during the following week for people to enjoy.

That's right! We're going to be spreading our Matariki aroha over a week of pop-up events and activities, including family **star-gazing nights** from the 21st, a **fermentation workshop** on July 23rd at 6pm, and a monthly lecture on the stars - TBC!

Saturday 25th July marks the return of the **River Trail Light Fantastic Bike Ride!** A finale to the week and a favourite from last year. Fantastic Riders will meet at 5pm at Richmond Community Garden, attendees are encouraged to festoon their bikes with coloured lights for a leisurely 20-minute ride around the river. All ages and bikes welcome!

Keep an eye on our facebook page for more info, or give us a call on **381 6615**.

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Avebury Monthly Lecture Series 2020: “We Live in Interesting Times: how can we adapt, evolve and prosper?”

Wednesday, 15th July at 6.30 p.m. FREE ENTRY

First lecture since lockdown seems very fitting and will be presented by **Simon Watts**. Simon is an atmospheric biogeochemist - a climate and environmental scientist looking at the big picture, and in this case distilling it down a little for a local perspective. Originally from England, Simon has published many books and papers, and after coming to NZ was a researcher for the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment. He now lives in New Brighton where he founded the Brighton Observatory of Environment and Economics (BOEE).

Seating is limited, please indicate your interest through the facebook event, or email admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz, or call Avebury on **381 6615**.

Double trouble in July. During our Matariki Week we will have another lecture with a night-sky focus - TBA!

An Intern Abroad - Chapter 3

By Brandon Shaughnessy

Focussing on school was sometimes hard, but I made sure to attend classes and complete work on time so I could fulfill what I most wanted to do in New Zealand: travel. My mates and I went on many trips throughout the semester including a sunrise hike at Akaroa, bouldering at Castle Hill, meandering through underwater cave streams, skiing at Mount Hutt, hiking Arthur's Pass and Mount Fyffe, tramping through the Kepler track, and visiting Wanaka, Queenstown, Invercargill, Dunedin, Stewart Island, and Mount Cook. I was also lucky enough to travel some of the North Island which included one of my New Zealand highlights - Hobbiton. My mates had never seen me more happy and excited than when we visited 'The Shire'. It felt as if I had teleported to a different world and was about to start my own quest. The tour took in Lake Taupo, Rotorua, Mount Doom [Ngauruhoe], and Mount Taranaki. I cherished every second, taking it all in - a decade-long dream had come true!

The semester flew by as I was constantly trying new things. Before I stepped foot in New Zealand, I didn't have the slightest idea how rugby was played, I hadn't even seen thirty seconds of gameplay. But I happened to be here right as the All Blacks were competing in the World Cup in Japan and thankfully my rugby-loving flatmates explained the rules. Ironically, they were all from Britain and disappointed when I chose to support the All Blacks which made for lots of good-humoured trash-talk. When England knocked New Zealand out of the competition I found myself in a strange place of mourning - except for my flatmates who immediately threw a party to celebrate.

When it came to partying - something I didn't do in the States - I had no idea what to expect. First off, it was crazy I could buy alcohol at the local market. In America you have to be 21 and alcohol is only sold in dedicated liquor stores. Here, the University had a bar for its students! Europeans and Kiwis said the Americans were way too rowdy, the Americans found it odd going to bars instead of the normal house parties back home.

I got through the stressful season of exams, and flew home to Colorado for Christmas. But before I knew it, I was back in New Zealand. It took some adjusting - some parts felt like



déjà vu while some, like the newness, had worn off. It was tough at first not seeing those mates that had left after the first semester, but new and friendly faces showed up and I was once again meeting new people.

The second semester felt different, but in a good way. Whether it was weekend trips, a guitar sing-along, or trying out frisbee golf in the park, each day was a new adventure of its own. One exciting avenue that opened up was interning for Avebury House. As an engineer, it wasn't my first choice, but it was a blessing in disguise. In my first few weeks I got to speak to lots of Richmond locals, interact with shop owners, and work on a marketing campaign. Importantly, I got to experience what it was like entering a new community and learning how to serve it. Turns out a smile and a simple hello go a lot farther than folks think. I learned how the community adapted and helped one another following the aftermath of the earthquakes and how they got through tragedy together. That lesson is more prevalent than ever as we face difficult and uncertain times ahead. But if I know one thing about how to handle the future, it's together.

You may recall Brandon was a wonderful intern for Avebury House before his trip was cut short by covid and lockdown. You'll find the final instalment of his Aotearoa Adventure in our August issue. Meanwhile Brandon has shared his email address, for anyone who has any questions about his NZ experience:

shaughnessy@mymail.mines.edu



Drive Safe for the Animals!

By Lily Shea

Animals are a very important part of this world. Many people use the words 'our' world but it isn't ours, the animals were here first so it is their right to call it theirs. Animals all have their own special personalities whether they are swans, geese or even hedgehogs! We all love our pets and animals, they play a big role in our lives.

But often at night-times our furry (or feathered) friends get run over. This may simply be because the driver can't see, or they think that the animal is a shadow, or they are not paying attention. Sometimes our pets get run over, but other times wild animals get run over such as geese, hedgehogs, swans, ducks and other animals. Each time I see one of these unique animals flattened on the road I cry, because it isn't their fault. How are they supposed to know to look left and right before they cross the road?

Each of these creatures have their own personality, in my view, so I am outraged that there are people who run over these animals for fun. If this is you then please stop! Imagine yourself as one of those lovely creatures. You are innocently walking across the road, then suddenly your life is over, or you are severely injured with no one to

help you. Stop to think about what you are doing to our lovely companions.

Please pay attention on the road and take care of our animals.

Thank you for reading.

Lily Shea is a 10-year-old student at St Francis of Assisi School. She loves animals, especially foxes, horses, dogs and cats and a whole lot more. She lives in Dallington with her family which includes a dog named Charlotte and a cat called Socks.



SQUASH AT THE CLUB

By Ross Williamson



The Richmond Club is to rebuild three Squash courts at the same time as the current rebuild programme - a sporting coup for the East of Christchurch.

A controversial motion to delay the build was put forward at a special general meeting on June 20th. However it was voted against by a majority of members.

Reinstating the squash courts that were lost during the quakes will bring back a cherished asset for the community. Increased activity and a new way to encourage youth into the sport will be of benefit to all club members, not only those who play squash.

The original Squash Section of the club was formed in 1969, playing at the YMCA courts in Hereford Street until our courts were built and opened in 1975. Over the years this section has encouraged young people to join the club with junior nights and tournaments injecting interest and vibrancy.

The courts were utilised by all members, section or otherwise, at all times of the day. Pre-quakes the section was involved in inter-club tournaments via Canterbury Squash - over two nights a week, Monday & Tuesday. Wednesday was our club night, and the Juniors played on Fridays. Many tournaments were hosted by Richmond on behalf of other clubs, both locally and around the country.

Look out for a member drive campaign in the near future!

For enquiries about the squash section or any other Club activities, call them on: **389 5778**.

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Things are Looking Up!

Some of you may have seen the segment on One News on 24 June, featuring a group doing star-gazing in the red zone. In its fledgling form we are currently a group of 5 volunteers, passionate about night skies, turning up with a couple of telescopes and some flasks of hot chocolate! We held the first two evenings at Avebury House - mostly indoors as it was cloudy - but the response and enthusiasm we have had is fantastic and we hope to make it a regular thing.

Our group includes astronomers John Dunlop and Al Sutton, nature play advocate Emma Woods, community garden coordinator, Cathy Allden, and from Red Zone Dark Sky Park, myself, Tanya Didham. We will be meeting as this newsletter goes to print, thinking of ways to bring star-gazing to as many people as we can! If you are interested in joining us we'd love to hear from you. If you have a telescope or some binoculars - even better!



We have a growing list of people who want to be notified of night-time events, so if you would like to be added to it either get in touch via private message to the Red Zone [Dark Sky Park Facebook page](#) at, or email urbanstarwatch@gmail.com.

What's on in the Garden?



A lot! Regular volunteer days are Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10am and 1pm. On Saturdays the mud kitchen is open for kids, while grown-ups can learn to prune with Mary or have a hot java from Coffee Skills Mobile. Not forgetting The Little Shop with its yummy, locally-made goodies!

During the school holidays on Saturdays 11th and 18th of July Woodland Escape are creating an extra special Pop-up Play Space. Head to their facebook page for more details, or just come along!

If you want to help out, or have a gardening question, or a group that would like a tour, give Cathy a call on **021 0248 7149**

Vision without action is a daydream.
Action without vision is a nightmare.
Japanese Proverb

Richmond Residents' and Business Association

would like to advise that following their AGM in June, the committee remains constant with Vicki Brown continuing as Chair, Murray James as Treasurer and David Duffy as Secretary. The next meeting is the **28th July (4th Tuesday of the month), 7pm @ Avebury House.**

Contact: secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz



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Avon-Ōtākaro Forest Park have their AGM on **July 8th** in the Botanic Gardens Kiosk. Chrissie Williams, Chair of the recently formed Te Tira Kāhikuhiku-Red Zones Transformative Land Use Group will speak about the group's role in the corridor development.

And on July 5th, AAFP are doing their annual planting at Brooker Reserve - come along from 2.30pm to help plant 500 trees in the red zone!

Get in touch with them at: info@aofp.co.nz

Mind Yer Language: Happy New Year!

By Tanya Didham

To pre-European Māori, and many other peoples of the Pacific, the dawn rising of Matariki signified the start of a new year. For most cultures with discernible seasons, winter is what marks the new beginning. In the northern hemisphere that's January. When Europeans brought their northern traditions, the celebrations became disconnected from the seasons they once related to.

The word Matariki comes from a contraction of the phrase 'ngā mata o te ariki o Tāwhirimātea': 'The eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea'. Mata = eyes, ariki = god. Tāwhiri was the only one among Rangi and Papatūānuku's children who did not want his parents to separate. When Tāne Mahuta pushed their sky and earth parents apart, Tāwhiri was enraged and sought revenge on his brothers. The powerful god of weather rampaged until he came up against Tūmataunga - the god of people - Tū was too skilled in war and Tāwhiri could not defeat him. In his frustration he gouged out his eyes, crushed them into pieces and flung them up onto his father's chest.



Image from kcc.org.nz

Matariki's reappearance in the east was and is very significant to iwi. Not only as the start of a new cycle, but as a time to remember and farewell hapū who have died that year; to provide signs of what would prosper

and what may fail; and it was an opportunity to sustain the gods with offerings - in this case the steam from the Matariki hāngi was enough to give the star-gods strength.

With modern telescopes we know the cluster contains some 500 stars, but to see more than six is quite a feat. Only experienced astronomers, 'tohunga kōkōrangi', could notice the subtle differences in appearance from year to year. If the stars were clear and bright, the portent was favourable, if they were hazy there could be tough times ahead. Most of the nine stars visible to Māori relate to food, crops and weather, but one, Hiwaiterangi, is the star for wishes.

In Ancient Greece the cluster was given the name Pleiades, meaning 'doves'. Apollo's seven daughters were coveted by the over-sexed Zeus, so Apollo and his wife transformed them into doves and put them in the sky. They are commonly called the 'Seven Sisters'. In Japan the cluster is called Subaru meaning 'unity' or 'togetherness', and to astronomers it is Messier 45.

Because Tāwhirimātea is a blind, angry god, the weather of Aotearoa is wild and unpredictable!

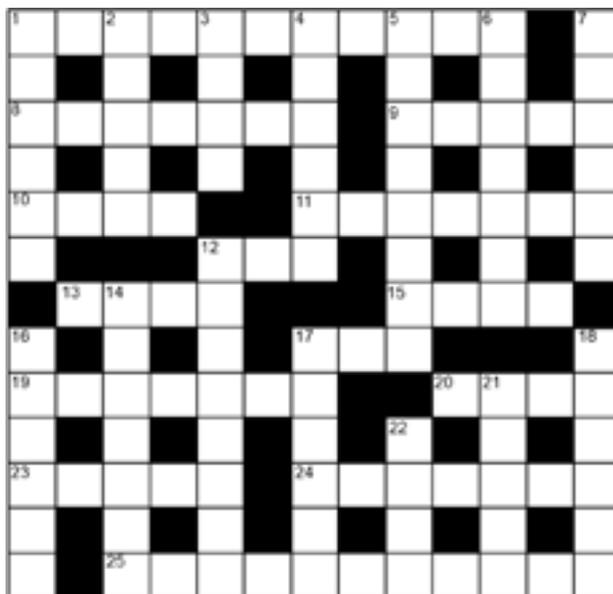
Puzzle Crossword

Across

1. Secret (11)
8. Voter (7)
9. Unspoken (5)
10. Impolite (4)
11. Tell a story (7)
12. Machine part (3)
13. Bucket (4)
15. Against (4)
17. Zero (3)
19. Cadet (7)
20. Expense (4)
23. Gulf or fissure (5)
24. Playhouse (7)
25. Sporting competitors (11)

Down

1. Fruit (6)
2. Make minor improvement (5)
3. Form of taxation (4)
4. Narrow cord (6)
5. Break in performance (8)
6. Captivate (7)
7. Not sweet (6)
12. Fellow member of large family group (8)
14. Language spoken in Biblical times (7)
16. Thickset (6)
17. Stinging plant (6)
18. Emphasis (6)
21. Occurring frequently (5)
22. Tidy (4)



Solution to June crossword

Across: 7. Covers 8. Portal 10. Article 11. Image 12. Crop 13. Vital 17. Sound 18. Dada 22. Latte 23. Notable 24. Menage 25. Fright.

Down: 1. Scratch 2. Ovation 3. Price 4. Topical 5. Steak 6. Fleet 9. Beginning 14. Foreign 15. Garbage 16. Parents 19. Plump 20. Stone 21. Start.

'Here 'Til Heaven'

Brent Christensen – 20 Years Volunteering at Delta

By Tony McCahon

Recently Delta celebrated a major milestone for our longest-serving volunteer, Brent Christensen. When Brent first appeared at Delta in June 2000, he was quite nervous and anxious. His paid work as an assistant school groundsman had come to a close, and he was very keen to help others in a less-pressured capacity as a volunteer. He casually asked if we would like help to do the dishes at our community meal, and from there he very willingly volunteered for us in any role that was needed. Over the next 20 years, Brent found his home at Delta, and he became more confident and outgoing. In turn, he set the standard as the ultimate caring, loving, loyal and hard-working person that any organisation would be blessed to have.

When you come to Delta now, you will always see Brent helping in the Foodbank, unloading the truck deliveries, or pushing round the vacuum. But over the years, Brent has performed nearly every volunteer role at Delta from being Father Christmas, to unblocking toilets! He was DJ for discos, worked in our café, set up for countless groups, ran sausage sizzles, helped clients shift house, painted, cleaned, the list goes on and on. Brent could always be relied on to fit in wherever needed, and to go the extra mile for people. He is the kind of person that can see when someone needs assistance, and he offers his help before waiting to be asked!

Of course, after a few years of working five days a week, weekends and some evenings, there was a real danger that he might burn out. Getting Brent to take time out was extremely difficult for this all-action man. But eventually he agreed to take a day off, and then two, each week – especially after his marriage in 2010. Fittingly, Brent was married to Tracy (who he met at

Delta) in North Avon Baptist and they celebrated their reception at Delta Inn, our weekly community meal. He wanted to celebrate his special day with the people he most loved.

Ever the gentleman, Brent always says hello and goodbye every day to all Delta staff, volunteers, and those using our services. This is another very endearing quality of

his, especially with many who come to Delta feeling a little unimportant and ignored in mainstream society. Brent is always extremely sensitive to others' needs, often picking up on emotional signals. He will notice the absence of regular clients and enquire after them. His ability to remember names and faces often proved a great catalyst for pastoral care at Delta.

In fact, Brent has been Delta's greatest 'evangelist', encouraging countless numbers of marginalised people in the community to come to Delta

for care and support, and others to become staff or volunteers for Delta. Brent was never out for what he could get – he was always a giver. He hated gossip, judgmentalism, and conflict, always striving to see the best in people.

The good news is that our friendly, loyal, honest, reliable and trustworthy Brent is now pacing himself to remain at Delta for his second 20 years! He's always said he'll be at Delta till it's time for Heaven! We, at Delta, have been so blessed that he cares so much about us and the community we serve. Brent, you're a legend! Thank you so much for your incredible 20 years of service to Delta and our community. We look forward to seeing your smiley face at Delta for a long time to come!





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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. Starts 8th June.

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. Starts 8th June.

Loopy Tunes: 11:30a.m. Loopy Tunes Music and Movement returns in term 3! Starts Monday 20th July. Gold coin!

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.

Pilates: 6:15 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.

Thursday

Pilates: 1 p.m. \$6/session.

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

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All Age Church: 11am 2nd Sunday of each month - An informal service for all ages.

Morning Praise: 11am - 4th Sunday of each month - A time of prayer interlaced with songs of praise.

Activities Group is held every Thursday at 1pm. 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 10.30am. We start with a hot drink before listening to an interesting speaker or undertaking some activity together.

Foot Clinic every six weeks we run a Foot Clinic. 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, just \$12.

Wednesday Cafe meets every second Wednesday of the month from 11.30am until 1pm. 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.

Parish Fair to be held Saturday 24th October 9am–12.30pm. Come along and enjoy fun, music, book stall, bbq, cakes, trash and treasure and so much more!! If you want a car boot sale give Colleen a ring in the office!!

For any further information phone the office on 389 6948.

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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Wednesday
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL): 10am – 12 noon during term time. \$2 at C3 Church, 269 Hills Rd. Preschoolers welcome.

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Friday
Food Bank: 10am – 2pm.
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Shirley International Playgroup: 9.30am – 11.30am during term time. For mums and under 5's from refugee and migrant backgrounds – playgroup and English class. \$2/session or \$10/term. At MacFarlane Park Centre, 19a Acheson Ave, Shirley.

Gardening: 12 noon – 4pm. Mary welcomes interested volunteers to help her in the vegetable garden at Richmond Community Garden. Meet at Delta at 12 noon.

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Holiday Programmes

7 July, 11a.m. - Create Your Own Penguin Puppet

14 July, 11a.m. - Quick Snips with Scissor tips

16 July, p.m. - Knitting without Needles!

Monday

Skinny Jump: 10:00–11:00 a.m. Help for families to get online at home. Registration required.
Activity Zone: 3:45–4:45 p.m. For 6–10-year olds. No charge.

Tuesday

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

Wā Kōrero: Storytimes: 10:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m. Recommended for over 2s.

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.

Dungeon Delvers: 4:00–5:30p.m. Tabletop roleplaying campaign for ages 12 to 18. Booking required. Fortnightly.

Thursday

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

Friday

Card Club: Just come along and join the fun. Free. No bookings required.

Saturday

Family History Help: 10 a.m. A librarian and a member of the Canterbury Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be available to help with your family history questions. Free. No booking required.

Magic: the Gathering: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Play, swap cards or hang out. Snacks provided! Ages 8 - 18. Held on the first Saturday of each month. Free. No bookings required.