

# RICHMOND

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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### *Thank You Mr Smith!*

*By Deon Swiggs*

The world is blessed to have people who dedicate their lives to the betterment of others, to a cause, to the relentless pursuit of a philanthropic vision. We are fortunate to have such a person locally in Evan Smith, a friend to many, and a friend to the city.

Way back in 2010/11 those earthquake things shook the city and had a devastating effect along the river corridor. Tens of thousands of people in thriving communities were ultimately displaced through red zoning. Evan was one - red-zoned out of his Richmond home - and this is where Evan's river recovery journey began.

It all started with the establishment of CanCERN nearly a decade ago. Evan spearheaded this alongside then-MP Brendan Burns, Peter Beck, Tom McBrearty, Brian Parker, Leanne Curtis and others, advocating for full engagement with the community during the quake recovery. Now wound down, this is where Evan's drive and determination for his community and his vision began.

The Avon-Ōtākaro Network (AvŌN) is the legacy that continues to this day and is what Evan is most well known for. The vision of AvŌN is to transform the residential river red zone from a place of trauma and heartache to a land of activity and natural beauty. A place of environmental regeneration and restoration; recognition of cultural & community heritage; play, recreation and sport; food production; arts and entertainment; learning, training, employment; eco-friendly business and tourism. A bold dream to transform east Christchurch.

Over the past 10 years, in the relentless pursuit of this vision, there have been so many projects, activities, meetings, advocacy etc., that trying to name them all is dangerous. Evan and AvŌN have achieved so much, from the early advocacy of Eastern Vision; the Evo::SPACE



*Evan with Sarah and Hayley from AvON. August 23rd, 2019, Megan Woods announces the Regeneration Plan has been approved and the Green Spine is a priority.*

petition; the establishment of the Mahinga Kai planting exemplar with Ngai Tahu and others, and River of Flowers, to Adventure Ave playground with Banks Ave students; the Medway Bridge memorial; Eyes East TV series (which I hosted); endless rounds of consultation and feedback to the powers that be; Meet in the Middle... The list goes on.

An event gaining momentum is Matariki in the Zone, now held in the Richmond Community Garden and Avebury Park. I was reflecting on this event with Evan recently and felt a sense of pride for where it began, deep in the red zone, a few pop-up tents with mostly red-zone interested people, with the rain pouring down; to where

it is now, a thriving community event that is becoming a must-do on the winter calendar. This is the vision Evan has been fighting for and the Richmond Community Garden/ Avebury House team should take great pride in what has been created. From disaster, dislocation and challenge, to opportunity, togetherness and hope.

Evan said he would love to see Christchurch as no longer just a 'gateway' to somewhere else but a stunning and unique destination in itself – especially the Ōtākaro-Avon River Corridor. He has dedicated the last decade of his life to this vision, without which we wouldn't have the opportunities we do now to realise it. The foundation has been set down and the tools are in all of our hands. We must now take on the mahi, pick up the dream, put our hearts into our collective back yard, and make things happen.

Kia Kaha Evan, you are cherished by many. It is a pleasure to know you, to work alongside you, to have grown with you and see your vision emerge. Now we all accept the challenge, with your mana and wairua, to activate the full potential of what you have begun.

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## The Wit of Sam

In college I was so broke I couldn't afford the electricity bill. Those were the darkest days of my life.



My wife hated my impulse purchase of a revolving chair, but then she sat in and eventually she came around.



I broke my finger last week, on the other hand, I'm fine.

*Illustration by Stephane Terris*

# Sustainable Living Workshops in August

**Friday 14th August, 10am - 11.30am @Avebury House:**  
Pickling: Making pickled red onions and wasabi-pickled carrots.

**Thursday 20th August, 6pm - 7.30pm @Avebury House:**  
Fermenting: Making sauerkraut and daikon kimchi.

Cost is just \$10 per workshop, please bring 2 jars with lids. All ingredients are provided.

If you would like to sign up for one of these workshops, please call or text Morgane on **020 4185 7862**.



## Rose-Pruning Workshop



Richmond Community Garden are running a rose-pruning workshop at Di Madgin's Garden [373 River Rd], on **Saturday August 8th, 10am - 12pm**. Just \$10 includes morning tea. Please bring your

own secateurs. Check their facebook event to reserve a spot as these are limited, or call Cathy at the Gardens on **021 0248 7149**.

## Saturday Yoga

Feeling like stretching out on the weekends? Saturday yoga is back at Avebury!



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# TRANSFORMING OUR RED ZONE LANDS

By Ashley Campbell

Next month will be the 10th anniversary of the first earthquake in a sequence that changed Christchurch forever.

In those 10 years many people's lives have changed beyond recognition – as has the swathe of land we have come to know as the Avon River Red Zone, or the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (OARC).

At times, it's felt like it will take forever for this land to grow into its ultimate use – it is, after all, a generational project. But over the past year we've reached several exciting milestones. One of these is the formation of Te Tira Kāhikuhiku – the Christchurch Red Zones transformative land use consultative group.

This group's role is to advise Christchurch City Council and Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) on initiatives, ideas and activities to transform all the city's red zones, from Brooklands through to the Port Hills. The OARC is the biggest of these parcels of land.

I was thrilled to be appointed as one of the three OARC representatives. The other two are Adam Parker and Hannah Watkinson. You can check out the backgrounds of all members – representing community boards, iwi, youth, and the general community – on the Council's website ([ccc.govt.nz/](http://ccc.govt.nz/), search for Te Tira Kāhikuhiku).

During our first meeting in June, I was struck by how diverse our group is – a wonderful mix of ages and representing diverse communities and interests.

Over the next year, we'll consider all applications for transitional or temporary uses in any of the red zones, and then recommend whether Council and LINZ should accept them. Sometimes this might not be a straight yes or no – at times we may suggest changes. But the final decision will lie with Council or LINZ (depending on which body owns that particular parcel of land).

We won't consider any applications for permanent use, and if we think an application is for permanent use, we'll pass it back to Council. The Council process for and considering permanent use applications hasn't been decided yet.

We also have an important role in allocating the Red Zones Transitional Use Fund, worth \$282,000, which has been set up to “strengthen connections between the

regeneration areas and nearby communities, provide recreational opportunities for Christchurch residents, improve the land's environmental and ecological health, and enable new and innovative ideas to be tested on the land”.

We can allocate funds for applications under \$20,000. For applications above that, we make a recommendation to Council, which has the final say.

Those transitional uses we'll be considering come from you – the community. You will be aware of many that LINZ has already approved – community gardens, adventure playgrounds, drone racing circuits, and more. We hope there'll be more!

If you have an idea for a transitional use, apply through LINZ ([www.linz.govt.nz/](http://www.linz.govt.nz/) and click on Christchurch residential red zone). Any temporary land use has to meet several conditions – for example it has to align with the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan and the Christchurch District Plan. LINZ will help to guide you through this. You may also get some help from your local residents' association, or through any of the community groups already involved.

It won't be long until Council owns all this land. From the beginning of July, Council took over management and maintenance of all the flatland areas (Brooklands, Southshore/South New Brighton, and the OARC). It will take over management of the Port Hills area next May. And ownership will transfer in several phases over the next year.

But even once the Council owns all the land, it will take years before all the permanent uses are decided and implemented. It's important that what we do in the meantime maximises the use of this land for the environment and the people of Christchurch.

*When her parents' home in Bexley was red-zoned post-quake, Ashley returned to Christchurch to become part of the recovery. She is a founding member of AvŌN and Greening the Red Zone - both of which continue to advocate for natural regeneration and complementary development in the river corridor. Ashley now lives in Linwood with assorted dogs and cats and is a daily visitor to the river red zone.”*



# Matariki in the Zone 2020



Photos by David Hollander, Tanya Didham, and Kim Tenebaum.



By Tanya Didham

Matariki in the Zone was a bit special this year. For a number of reasons. It was our first big post-covid event, replanting Richmond Community Garden and Avebury House as open-arms spaces where our community can gather safely. We were again blessed to have Grenville and his Ngāi Tūāhuriri team preparing and helping serve the hāngi - a social and cultural focal point. And not least we were so happy that local awa legend, Evan 'Avon' Smith, a driving force behind this and many other riverside events, was able to join us for part of the day. Arohanui.

The Natural Magic Pirates kicked off all guns blazing from 2.30pm, while wandering violinist Nich, entertained up top. Activities facilitated by generous volunteers included wood-carving with Dallas; flax-weaving with local talent Raukohe and Sophie from Envirohub; rock-painting with Csilla; seed-bombing, and, with the help of Avon-Ōtākaro Forest Park, locals planted over 110 native

seedlings in the koru garden. The mud kitchen was a hit, provided by Emma from Woodland Escape, while Kim of Elements Nature Play ran a creative workshop and the ever-popular fire-toasted marshmallows! In Avebury Park we had the Electoral Commission with info and signing people up to vote; a sausage sizzle fundraiser from Banks Avenue School; (non-alcoholic) mulled wine and hot chocolate, and Coffee Skills Mobile were open for java.

In the Garden space there was vegetable soup and boil-up accompanied either by Sonya's and Carlo's famous fried bread or donated ciabatta from Delta. When the hāngi was lifted just before 5pm, it came with the option of a fully compostable sugarcane plate or a delicious locally-made flatbread. (All plates, cutlery and cups used - bar the ones from Coffee Skills Mobile - were 100% home-compostable or reusable.)

One of the magical moments was a special appearance by kapa haka group Tū Tapatahi, who were in rehearsals

# - The Afterglow



“Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi”  
 “With your basket and my basket the people will live”  
 Māori whakataukī for Matariki



for a national competition. Ātaahua-beautiful! Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi nui!  
 As the sun went down the gorgeous lights from Light Site created an other-worldly glow, from the star-spangled golden elm at the front of the house to the lit Letterbox of Love sculpture by the river. Lisa Tui and her ensemble played that mellow jazz, and 600 portions of hāngi were served up to patiently queueing people. At 6pm the Reflections Bike Ride departed for a jaunt around the river; while Urban Star Watch set up their telescopes in the adjacent red zone space. [Cloud cover stymied their efforts somewhat, but Jupiter popped out for a quick hello!].  
 Richmond Community Garden and Avebury House are grateful to our many organising partners and contributors, including the Christchurch City Council Events Fund, New World, Hibbards Meats, Vegeland, Delta Community Trust, Linwood College, The Food Factory and of course Ngāi Tūāhuriri and the Avon-Ōtākaro Network - thank you! A massive thanks to all the amazing volunteers who generously gave up their time, skills and energy to make it happen. And to all the lovely people who came along to enjoy it - ngā mihi nui!



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

With the election coming up in September, the Electoral Commission is looking to hire upwards of 25,000 people nationwide. There are various jobs available before, during and after election day, ranging from a few months to just one day - all paid.

For more information and to register your interest visit: [elections.nz/jobs/](http://elections.nz/jobs/) or call **0800 36 76 56**. Please note Avebury House will be a polling station again this year.

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# Mind Yer Language: The Smell of Success (is not always sweet)

By Tanya Didham

From at least the first century A.D. the Romans were using human urine to tan animal skins, scour wool, wash their whites, even to brush their teeth and freshen their breath! It's a valuable source of phosphorus, potassium and especially ammonia. Roman armies wore a lot of leather (too much to tan with traditional oak bark), so pee became valuable.



Photo: Myrabella / Wikimedia Commons

Emperor Nero - a fan of expensive, civic building projects - levied the first tax against the urine trade, which he'd noted was profiting from a free resource - the 'cesspools' that poor people emptied their chamber pots into.

The unpopular tax was repealed. But in 68 A.D., when Nero took his own life, a power vacuum threw the country into civil war and the tumultuous 'Year of Four Emperors'. Legion commander Vespasian\* was the final successor, and seeing how ravaged the state coffers were, he reinstated the wee tax - vectigal (tax) urinae (wee). Naturally it remained unpopular among the many merchants who used and collected the stuff, but Rome was still reeling from Nero's fiddling and needed the money.

Urine tax was a great income, and supported the building of the Colosseum during Vespasian's reign. However, contemporary wits began referring to public toilets as 'vespasians' - a practise that persists today in the name of public urinals in France (vespasiennes), Italy (vespasiani), and Romania (vespasiene)!

When Titus complained of the stinky nature of the tax, Vespasian reportedly held a gold coin to his son's nose and asked if the smell offended him. Titus admitted it did not. Vespasian is accredited with the phrase, 'pecunia non olet' - 'money doesn't stink' - meaning the spending power of money is not tainted by how it was earned.

*\*Vespasian took part in Rome's invasion of Brittain in 43AD, winning a crucial early battle to get across the River Medway. This earned him command of the (successful) south-east pincer and great kudos back home, including a triumph - 'ornamentus triumphus' (flashy parade).*

# Puzzle

## Cryptic Crossword

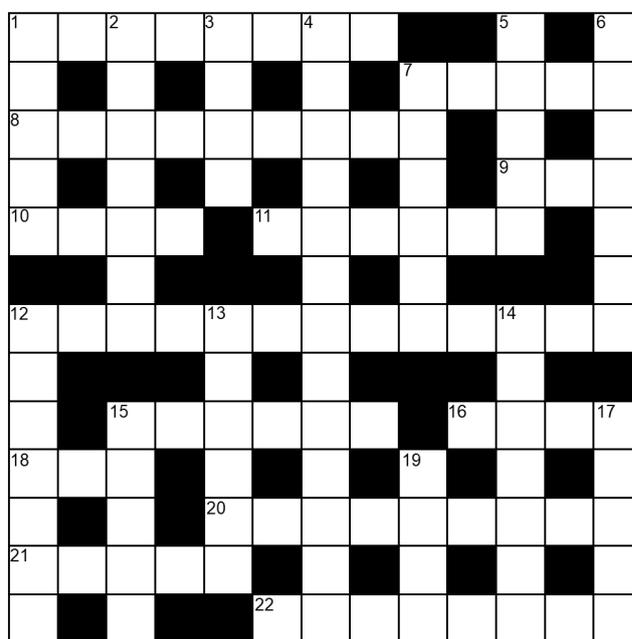
By Dirty Harry

### Across

1. An example occurs when Michael plays with carbon. (8)
7. Make change in medical terminology. (5)
8. Casts spells on doorways. (9)
9. Can go back for an egg. (3)
10. Long for the wood. (4)
11. A hundred tried to go straight. (6)
12. Most... er...experts, are disturbed by such outrageous leisure activities. (7,6)
15. When statue is broken, the resulting pieces can be sharp. (6)
16. In the middle of a cat's purr, is an incitement to action. (4)
18. Body part is the very seat of luxury. (3)
20. Ten meagre elements in unison. (9)
21. Small part of a fight. (5)
22. Aluminium screen used as cosmetic. (8)

### Down

1. Man goes about the east, as long as it doesn't cost much. (5)
2. Old colour, covering crimson originally, is now quite dead. (7)
3. He was terribly vain. (4)
4. Titular cache reconstructed initially according to sound design principles. (13)
5. Element in the middle of roadway, for a short burst. (5)
6. Cat errs about lunar features. (7)
7. Peels back a state that could be sound or fast. (7)
12. Going on and on...all to no point. (7)
13. Parent used to set a snare. (6)
14. Repairs swords. (7)
15. A role kept separate. (5)
17. It goes round and round, up and down. (5)
19. She made a deal with Zeus. (4)



### Solution to July crossword

**Across:** 1. Clandestine, 8. Elector, 9. Tacit, 10. Rude, 11. Narrate, 12. Cog, 13. Pail, 15. Anti, 17. Nil, 19. Trainee, 20. Cost, 23. Chasm, 24. Theatre, 25. Contestants.

**Down:** 1. Cherry, 2. Amend, 3. Duty, 4. String, 5. Interval, 6. Enchant, 7. Bitter, 12. Clansman, 14. Aramaic, 16. Stocky, 17. Nettle, 21. Often, 22. Neat.

# Avebury Monthly Lecture Series 2020: Know Your Planet with Mary Tingey

Wednesday, 26 August at 6.30 p.m. **FREE ENTRY**

Our beautiful, dynamic and diverse planet in all its glory is invisible to many of us as we rush around in our daily whirlwind. Know Your Planet is a hands-on presentation, designed to open your senses to the natural world right under your feet (and above your head!).

In this introductory session Mary will focus on discovering diversity through the use of our senses. A guaranteed interesting night out! Tea and coffee is on us.

Mary has several follow-up sessions planned and you can sign up to any of these on the night. Even if you miss the first one, you can still come along to any of the others. It would be helpful if you could contact Mary to indicate interest as she has a minimum and maximum number she can take.

Any questions, or to reserve a place, you can get in touch with Mary at: [mary@aplaceoflearning.co.nz](mailto:mary@aplaceoflearning.co.nz) or phone **022 699 4143**.

*Heads Up: September's Monthly Lecture is on Recycling in Christchurch, facilitated by Christchurch City Council's Averil Stevenson. Note Wednesday, September 30th at 6.30pm on your calendar!*

## An Intern Abroad - Chapter 4

*By Brandon Shaughnessy*

One beautiful Saturday afternoon, after a hike, I found myself stopping for pie - a treat I had grown to love. Back home, pie was served almost exclusively as a dessert like pumpkin, apple, blueberry, strawberry, and cream pie. But to my delight, pie served in New Zealand was more of a small meal and included steak and cheese, butter chicken, bacon and egg, chicken and mushroom, and my personal favorite, mince and cheese. Once the pie was devoured, I drove back to Christchurch in a cheery mood singing along with the blaring music. Little did I know, that was the last normal weekend I would spend in New Zealand.

By Monday March 23rd, many international governments had increased their threat level, so a multitude of students were on the phone with their parents discussing plans. Stress levels slowly began to rise and it was ever so difficult to maintain a daily routine. It was nearly impossible to focus on lectures as school became an afterthought and conversations became repetitive. All the international students, me included, could only talk about the COVID-19 situation and whether or not we were going home. If we miraculously were able to talk about a new subject, within a matter of minutes we again found ourselves discussing the Coronavirus. By Tuesday, a few students were already packed and headed to the airport; it was quite depressing seeing them leave prematurely. By Wednesday, even more people had gone home and for those still unsure about what to do, their stress was palpable. For me, I was able to stay quite calm throughout, only experiencing minor stress. By the end of



the week I found myself to be one of the last international students still in New Zealand. Since most of my friends had already left or had planned on leaving, I figured it was time to go home.

I emailed all of my professors, and found myself booking a plane ticket back home to Colorado. Once I knew I was going to be with my family, I had no stress at all, but was rather filled with sadness. It was quite hard saying goodbye to all of my friends knowing that our time together had been cut short. It felt like I had known them for years with how well we got along, and honestly, it's what made my time in New Zealand so special. Witnessing beautiful scenery and mesmerizing sunrises is one thing, but it's even more special to experience all of those things with friends. I came to New Zealand

seeking an adventure, and that is exactly what I got. What I didn't see coming though, and is truly a blessing, was all the wonderful people that were a part of my journey. From the wonderful international students to local Kiwis, it was the people and shared memories, not the landscapes, that made my experience truly unforgettable.

*This is the final chapter in Brandon's kiwi experience. It was a pleasure having him as an intern for Avebury, however briefly, and we thank him for sharing his story. If you would like to contact Brandon, he would welcome questions about his New Zealand trip, his internship, Lord of the Rings! etc. His email address is: [shaughnessy@mymail.mines.edu](mailto:shaughnessy@mymail.mines.edu)*

# What's on in Richmond

## AVEBURY HOUSE,

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

The office is open every day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., except Fridays (close at 1 p.m.)

### **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. \$6/session.

### **Wednesday**

**Write Your Own History:** Every 2nd and 4th Wed of the month. 10 a.m. –12 noon.

**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**

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

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

### **Saturday**

**Yoga:** 10:30 a.m. \$6/session.

## CROSSWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

North Avon Community Centre  
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**Parish Eucharist:** 9.30am - Each Sunday - A contemporary sung Service from A New Zealand Prayer Book featuring a wide range of hymns.

**Holy Communion:** 10am - Each Thursday

**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.

## DELTA COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Delta House, North Avon  
Community Centre, 101 North Avon Road

Please join us for Sunday morning worship and fellowship, every Sunday at 10.00am in our chapel at Delta House on North Avon Rd/Corner of Petrie Street. (Entrance from Petrie St)

**Delta Baptist Church and Crossway Church** will be celebrating a special service for the blessing of the new stained glass window decorating The Delta Baptist Chapel .

Please join us for this special celebration on **Sunday 23 of August at 10am** at Delta Trust.

**DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST,**  
101 North Avon Road (Entrance off Petrie St)

Ph: (03) 389-0212

**Free Bread, Monday – Friday: 10am – 2pm, as available Monday**

**Advocacy:** 10am – 12 noon

**Food Bank:** 10am – 2pm.

Free, please phone first, and some criteria apply.

### **Tuesday**

**Budget Advice:** 9am – 3pm, by appointment.

### **Wednesday**

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

**Food Bank:** 10am – 2pm.

Free, please phone first, and some criteria apply.

**Fruit & Vege Co-op:** Great value! \$6/\$12 a bag. Pay weekly in advance.

### **Friday**

**Food Bank:** 10am – 2pm.

Free, please phone first, and some criteria apply.

**Friday Inn (Community Meal):** \$3 for hot main and dessert.

Limited to 50 people per meal. Please purchase a ticket at reception before Friday each week.

### **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 Shirley Community 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.

### **Impact Young Adults**

**Programme:** 6pm – 10pm. For people with disabilities aged 18-36. Contact Natalie: [Natalie@deltatrust.org.nz](mailto:Natalie@deltatrust.org.nz)

## SHIRLEY LIBRARY,

36 Marshland Road (by the Palms Mall).

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### **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.