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A Safe Space for Nature

By Bruce White

I've long believed that the Ōtākaro-Avon River Corridor (OARC) could be a wonderful natural amenity for Christchurch. That is why I became involved with the Waitākiri Ecosanctuary proposal. The further I researched, the more I came to realise its importance for the city. In the early 1990s the Christchurch City Council bought the land where Travis Wetland now is, instead of that low-lying land being turned into a housing subdivision. In hindsight that was a remarkable decision, given what happened to the land with earthquakes that began just on 10 years ago. Travis Wetland now provides a 25 year legacy of progress that will be important for the natural regeneration of the river corridor and much of suburban Christchurch.

Waitākiri Ecosanctuary seeks to enhance and build on Travis Wetland, by adding the East Burwood red-zoned land and installing a predator-proof fence around the entire boundary. The two halves are divided by a State Highway, Travis Rd, so the plan is to join the land areas with a 'Wildlife Bridge' - a bridge that people can also walk over. This would create a sizeable sanctuary for wildlife to thrive without the threat of introduced predators.

The importance of the sanctuary reaches far beyond the fenceline. The 'Halo Effect' is the term given to how wildlife spreads out from the protected sanctuary to nearby areas – and gradually further and further. For this to happen, there needs to be numerous planting sites through the river corridor that wildlife can easily migrate to. These planting sites then help the local

regeneration of native trees and fauna and in a fairly short space of time the changes in the landscape will become very apparent.

Waitākiri Ecosanctuary will be a welcoming space for the community, and as Travis Wetland has thrived for years with the great support of volunteers, so the eco-sanctuary will encourage more people to participate in ongoing planting and maintenance.



Regenerating wetland by Anzac Drive



Travis Wetland

The ecosanctuary has significant complexity, including the land bridge, the design of the fence, water management etc. But another crucial design aspect, where collaboration will be required with Christchurch City Council, is on the design and placement of the river's new stopbanks.

The recently registered Waitākiri Ecosanctuary Charitable Trust has a Board of diverse skill-sets which will be needed to make the project happen. No doubt there are many people out there with know-how and a willingness to play their part in bringing this exciting project to fruition too. Please get in touch! Visit our

facebook page and join us as a supporter and volunteer. <https://www.facebook.com/ecocitynz/> or email: sanctuary@ecocity.nz

Bruce White is Chair of the Waitākiri Ecosanctuary Charitable Trust Board.



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Give a man a fish and you will feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and he's going to spend a fortune on gear he'll only be using twice a year.

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I used to date a girl with one leg that worked at a brewery. She was in charge of the hops.

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What's the leading cause of dry skin?
Towels.

Illustration by Stephanie Terris

Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board By-election

If you are on the electoral roll, you will receive your voting papers in the mail from September 24th. Use the prepaid envelope to return completed papers by noon on Friday October 16th

Candidates:

Faimeh BURKE - Independent

Sunita GAUTAM - Labour

Wayne HAWKER - Independent

Paul LONSDALE - Independent

John STRINGER - Independent

Clive ANTONY - Independent Citizens

Celeste DONOVAN - Independent

If you're not enrolled, call **0800 36 76 56**, or freetext your name and address to **3676**.

To vote by hand, return completed documents to CCC Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street; or Linwood Library Service Centre upstairs at Eastgate Mall.

To request a special vote, contact Electoral Officer Jo Daly on **03 941 8581**, or email jo.daly@ccc.govt.nz



October Spring Fair - Sign Up for the Car Boot and/or Busking!

On Saturday October 24th, between 9am and 2pm, Richmond Community Garden is hosting a Spring Fair! And it includes a Car Boot Sale and Busking Board!

It's just \$10 to book your spot in the Car Boot! A 6m x 3m space. Email Cathy to confirm at coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz and deposit \$10 into our Trust account. Please remember to put your name and 'carboot' as references. Bank Acc No.: **06-0879-0211086-00**

Or maybe you have a budding talent you'd like to share? Sign up for the Busking Board and entertainment on the day could be you! Music, magic, dance, circus arts - wannabe buskers of all types and ages welcome - come and have a go! To get your name next to a 15-20 minute slot on the Busking Board email Morgane at admin@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz

It's going to be a great day out - come and be part of it!



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Avebury Monthly Lecture Series 2020: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Recycling in Christchurch!

Wednesday, 30 September at 6.30 p.m. FREE ENTRY



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Averil Stevenson from Eco Central gives a fun 45-minute presentation with loads of tips on recycling well and reducing waste in the home. Bring your questions and get the low-down on your rubbish!

Coming up in October:
Professor Sarah Wyse talks about the Trouble with Wilding Pines! Tuesday, 20th October, 7pm, at Avebury House. Call Avebury on 381 6615 or email admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz for more info.



Wilding pines. Pic by Marlborough District Council'

Vote Wayne Hawker Central Ward By-Election

I have lived within Central Ward for 40yrs and have been active for many years giving my time working for a number of community organisations,

Issues that still need addressing are

1. Alcohol harm brought about by over supply of off-licenses
2. High Density in-fill housing without the proper infrastructure to be able to connect in a community.
3. Balancing the rights of local business and residents so they can co-exist within the local community together.

To help address these issues I am committed to,

- Continue doing what I have been doing for many years such as supporting families in the community.
- Working on having a strong local business community which will allow for a strong residential community as they complement and support each other
- Standing both with the community and for the community.
- Let my actions speak for themselves.
- Being available to meet and discuss any issues with both residents and local business owners at any suitable time
- I can be contacted on 389 9802/ 021 234 2511 or hawkerwm@hotmail.co.nz

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LADIES IN THE HOUSE

By Tanya Didham

It's a point of pride for kiwis that our country was the first to allow women the vote - back in 1893. In the same year, Elizabeth Yates of Onehunga became the first female mayor in the British Empire. However women were not permitted to run for parliament until 1919.

It was thought that women, especially pretty ones, would be a terrible distraction for the men in the house.

In 1886, Eastern Maori MP Wi Pere, spoke in te reo which was translated in the House: "We should bear in mind the evil that befell Samson when his locks were shorn by Delilah...If the honourable gentlemen in charge of this Bill would introduce the clause providing that only plain women should be allowed to come into the House, I think the source of the danger would be removed."

The idea of women's suffrage was first tabled in 1843 by Nelson MP Alfred Saunders who also claimed to have started NZ's first temperance union. The two concepts were closely linked: women and children were the main victims of the colony's hard-drinking culture; so to achieve temperance legislation, women needed the vote. It was for this reason that many conservative politicians also supported the move. In 1879 Liberal MP John Ballance changed the word 'man' to 'person' in the Qualifications of Electors, almost succeeding in giving women the vote by semantics. In 1886 Julius Vogel's franchise Bill failed by just two votes.

Following visits from evangelists like Mary Clement Leavitt, founder of the American Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), King Country Māori requested the Waikato become NZ's first 'dry' district. A year later Kate Sheppard helped found the New Zealand WCTU, after Mary visited Christchurch in 1885. Soon each temperance union had a franchise department, with Sheppard appointed the national superintendent for the legislation arm.

The first petition was presented to parliament in 1891, it had the signatures of 10,000 women and at 50 metres

long stretched impressively from one end of the chamber to the other. At the time NZ had a two-house system similar to the UK. The elected House of Representatives now supported the Bill, but the appointed Legislative Council (our 'House of Lords') blocked it.



In 1893 suffragists presented a white camellia to members of the House who had voted in favour of women's suffrage. Those who had voted against were given a red camellia.

Two years later Sheppard and her team had collected over 31,000 signatures, and the Bill finally passed though high level efforts to stop it continued until Sheppard wrote to the Governor herself urging him to accept the groundswell of public opinion over the voices of a privileged few, and sign the bill into law. Governor Boyle did so, and on September 19th 1893, New Zealand women were granted the right to vote. Within two and half months over 140,000 women had registered and more than

90,000 of them turned out for the general election in November. William Pember Reeves noted "All things were done in courtesy and order without rudeness, hustling or hysteria." While Dick Seddon mused that "By granting women the vote, Parliament plunged into an abyss of unknown depth." Kate shifted the fight to Europe where she was in demand as a speaker and organiser. European and North American, women would have to wait til after WWI for their chance at the abyss.

Just a handful of brave women stood for parliament after it became legal in 1919; but it was not until 1933 that Elizabeth McCombs won a by-election for the Lyttelton seat. New Zealand had its first woman MP.

"Do not think your single vote does not matter much. The rain that refreshes the parched ground is made up of single drops."

Kate Sheppard



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FESTIVAL OF ADULT LEARNING 2020

Below is the timetable for all the interesting, free stuff happening at Richmond Community Garden and Avebury House between 7th and 12th September. Many of these workshops are drop-in, but some require advance booking. Check out the list and try out something new!

ALL THESE WORKSHOPS ARE COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE – SOME MAY REQUIRE BOOKING

Avebury House ph: 381 6615 **Email:** admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz

Richmond Community Garden ph: 021 0248 7149 **Email:** coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz

CLASS & DAY	ATTENDANCE	TIME	PROVIDER	LOCATION
MONDAY 7th SEPT				
Making Seed Bombs (<i>drop in</i>)		10.30AM – 11.30PM	Emma Woods	Richmond Community Garden
Hazel-weaving for garden beds (<i>book</i>)		11AM – 1PM	Cathy Allden	Richmond Community Garden
Yoga (<i>drop in</i>)		6PM - 7PM	Robyn Alderson	Avebury House
TUESDAY 8th SEPT				
Yoga Basics (<i>drop in</i>)		9AM - 10AM	Alison Cousens	Avebury House
Tai Chi on the North Lawn (<i>drop in</i>)		10AM	Roger Chance	Avebury House
Grow your own lunch (<i>book</i>)		10AM- 1pm	Mary Tingey	Avebury House
Pilates (<i>drop in</i>)		6pm - 7pm	Dee Owers	Avebury House
WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPT				
Volunteering at the Community Garden (<i>drop in</i>)		10AM – 1PM	Cathy Allden	Richmond Community Garden
Mosaics with Pam (<i>book</i>)	12	10am-12pm	Pammie's Mosaics	Avebury House
How to Quilt (<i>drop in</i>)		1pm-3pm	HUGs All Round	Avebury House
Mary - know your planet		6.30pm - 8.30pm TBC	Mary	Avebury House
THURSDAY 10TH SEPT				
Get the dirt on composting (<i>drop in</i>)		10am-12pm	Kyle Sow&Sow	Richmond garden
How to Marmalade (<i>book</i>)	8	12PM – 2PM	Cathy Allden & Julie Crook	Avebury House
Pilates for Beginners (<i>drop in</i>)		1pm	Dee Owers	Avebury House
Yoga (<i>drop in</i>)		6pm	Dakota Blue	Avebury House
FRIDAY SEPT 11TH				
How to make Kimchi (<i>book</i>)	8	10am-12pm	Morgane Forde	Avebury House
Sustainable Living Workshop (<i>drop in</i>)		10am-12pm	Kat Miller of Envirohub	Avebury House
How to Worm Farm (<i>book</i>)	12	10.30am -11.30pm	Dougal McEachen	Richmond Community Garden
SATURDAY 12TH SEPT				
Earth-building techniques (<i>book</i>)	10	11am-1pm	Kerry	Richmond Community garden
Natural chicken husbandry		11am-1pm	Hayley Guglietta	Richmond Community garden
Weeds,Weeds,Wonderful Weeds		12-1pm	Mary Tingey	Richmond Community Garden



Mind Yer Language: A Twist of the Tongue

By Tanya Didham

The term tongue-twister was coined in 1895, but they'd already been around a while. These hard-to-say phrases originated as speech exercises to improve diction, and were popular in the 19th century.

Because they are naturally humorous to say (and bungle), many became ingrained in popular culture and children recited them like nursery rhymes. The classic 'She sells seashells by the seashore' was first published in 1850; 'Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers...' is from a similar era, and not to forget the home truth-telling 'Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear, Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy was he'.

Others are just combinations of words that are hard to repeat quickly such as 'Red lorry, yellow lorry', 'Irish Wristwatch, Swiss Wristwatch' and 'Black background, brown background'.

The Guinness Book of World Records claims the hardest tongue-twister to say fast is 'The sixth sick Sheik's sixth sheep's sick'. Though 'Top chopstick shops stock top chopsticks' is up there too.

Many of these word games became designed specifically to trip up the speaker with unforeseen rude mispronunciation:

'I'm not the pheasant plucker, I'm the pheasant plucker's son, and I'm only plucking pheasants till the pheasant pluckers come'. Or 'I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit; and on the slitted sheet I sit'.

Did you know there is also an equivalent in sign language? They are called 'finger-fumblers'. Apparently the phrase 'Good blood, bad blood' is tricky in both spoken English and NZ Sign!



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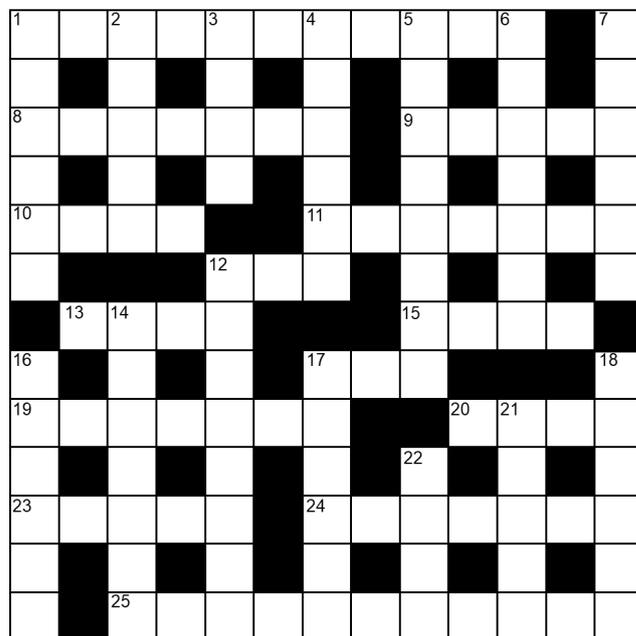
Puzzle Crossword

Across

1. Diligence (10)
8. Voter (7)
9. Pulsate (5)
10. Deities (4)
11. Unspecified person (7)
12. Collection (3)
13. Irritation (4)
15. Examination (4)
17. Insect (3)
19. Plug (7)
20. Obligation (4)
23. Loosen (5)
24. Playhouse (7)
25. Walkers (10)

Down

1. Exact retribution (6)
2. Make an appeal (5)
3. Small amount (4)
4. Seize (6)
5. Familiar (8)
6. Agitated (7)
7. Elastic material (6)
12. Flock manager (8)
14. Type of dance (3-4)
16. Sharp (6)
17. Caesar's friend and assassin (6)
18. Tension (6)
21. Surplus (5)
22. Carry (4)



Solution to August Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1.Chemical 7.Alter 8.Entrances 9.Nit 10.Pine
11.Direct 13.Extreme sports 15.Astute 16.Spur 18.Lap
20.Agreement 21.Scrap 22. Cleanser.

Down: 1.Cheap 2.Extinct 3.Ivan 4. Architectural 5.Stint
6.Craters 7.Asleep 12.Endless 13.Entrap 14.Rapiers
15.Apart 17.Rotor 19.Leda.

Celebrating the Differences

By Elizabeth Dubin

In the late '70s, psychologist Dr Jean Seabrook worked to establish what is now the Seabrook McKenzie Trust. She had tremendous enthusiasm for education and was appalled by the lack of support for kiwi children with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD). SLD include dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia, among others. There was, and is, a desperate need for recognition and understanding of these children, and provision of specialist support and teaching.

The long-held dream of a school for children with very severe learning disabilities came to fruition in 2005. The Jean Seabrook Memorial School (JSMS) fills the gap when children are struggling, and mainstream education is not providing the intervention they need. Although these students are often very creative and have great potential, they often arrive disheartened by negative experiences they have had, and can be extremely reluctant to engage. JSMS is where students who are discouraged can begin to shine, and the friendships, confidence, and skills gained put them on a path to success in their education and future life.

Our class sizes are small (up to 24 students over two classes) and we take a holistic approach to each individual. What is taught caters to their level and they are understood, rather than overlooked. Many of our students have low self-esteem due to the lack of support they have received, and we note the delight on their faces when they are able to master new skills. They start to connect with learning situations in a positive way, and in marked contrast to their previous attitudes, some students even become eager to take work home.

In 2015 the school celebrated its 10th anniversary and one of our first students shared this in her speech: "I remember at one point I had problems spelling 'because', so one of the teachers made up a mnemonic story for me. It was 'big elephants can always understand small elephants'. I never forgot how to spell 'because' again, and I also used that same technique in just about every subject when I was studying for my high school exams.



But I think the most important thing that the teachers at Jean Seabrook Memorial School did for me was that they helped me rebuild the confidence that I had lost by not being able to keep up in a mainstream school. They showed us that just because we have some difficulties learning that doesn't make our thoughts or ideas any less valuable than anyone else's."

We will continue to work with people with SLD and give them the support they need. We know they have something valuable to offer and want to enable them to share their thoughts and ideas with the world. Our school and other services are offered as cheaply as possible as we want them to be accessible to everyone who needs them. However, we rely on grants and donations to keep our doors open. If you would like more information about the wonderful work we do, or want to offer support, please contact us on **381 5383**, or info@seabrookmckenzie.net. We really appreciate our relationship with the Richmond community and the support we have received from businesses and locals. Our 2019 fair on the Richmond Green was a great success, in large part due to participation from you - thank you!

Elizabeth Dubin is the Teacher Network and Fundraising Coordinator at the Seabrook McKenzie Centre For Specific Learning Disabilities at 68 London St.

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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.

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North Avon Community Centre
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Sunday Services: Every Sunday at 10am

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Saturday, 5th September
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St Francis Hall, 168
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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 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. Preschoolers 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

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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.