



## RICHMOND - THE ROAD AHEAD

By Craig Given on behalf of the Richmond Residents' and Business Association (RRBA)

Most residents would be aware of the ongoing heavy machinery movements in our suburb since the earthquakes, more than 10 years ago. Much of the initial SCIRT work was associated with fixing drainage and sewerage, to help get the city's pipes working again quickly. It included the much-needed, but highly intrusive and technical, Dudley Creek/Flockton Basin flood remediation work.

Two years ago, following the Dudley Creek work, frustration and discontent from the community raised the state of our roading infrastructure. Especially north of North Avon Road where the aged roading network had suffered considerable quake damage. Several community meetings with CCC representatives and transport engineering staff led to a review of works for the area, starting with some of the most damaged areas. The RRBA has a working relationship with the CCC roading staff and recently had a review session with them on the current and next lot of roading works.

### The process...

The biggest hurdles are funding and prioritisation of work against the rest of the city. Richmond is in a fortunate position as we have funding in place for several roads to be rebuilt, and a good awareness of the ongoing future needs.

CCC can also obtain NZTA funding for roads - but it has to be planned in advance to help offset ratepayer costs. From identifying the need, to a road being rebuilt can take several years. After funding and approval, there is still surveying, planning, design work,

and consultation, prior to the work going out for contract bidding and awarding. Only then can shovel meet ground.



Warden St road works.

### What lies beneath...

Some interesting considerations that decide what roads get priority are based on the subterranean services and systems. For example, there is no point working in one location if it's going to cause a stormwater issue elsewhere.

Unforeseen challenges such as century old brick sumps, coal-tar, old cast-iron stormwater pipes and utility networks create delays. They are often dependent on external specialists being available. Some of these issues were simply out of scope for SCIRT.

Contractors are often lowering the road by 300mm or so and reengineering

stormwater systems, it takes time. Final sealing is also weather dependent making it more difficult to do in winter.

### Where to?

To date, work has been completed on Randall, Petrie, Medway and Stapletons - along the path of the Dudley Creek bypass.

Warden St from Petrie to Hills Rd is now being completed in sections, due for completion by end of 2020.

Slated for rebuild are:

- Petrie & Chrystal Sts from North Avon to Randall
- Warden St from Shirley Road through to ~102 Warden St
- Nicholls & Dudley Sts (from Slater to Stapletons Rd)
- Stapletons Rd (from Warden to Shirley Rd)

Dates are subject to sign-off and nothing is confirmed until the ink is dry and a digger's on-site! Based on recent conversations with council staff, we are optimistic work on Petrie & Chrystal Streets will commence in 2021. Hopefully all will have started by 2023. We will keep you posted in due course as dates firm up.

What about the other roads in the area? A Christchurch roading review is currently underway to help prioritise where CCC spend available funds. Richmond has good representation on the 'full rebuild' list, but other parts of Christchurch have high priorities too.

*Continued on page 7.*

Richmond Community News is brought to you by Avebury House Community Trust and the following people:

Editorial: Tanya Didham.  
Layout: Kristine Spoor.

Many thanks to our team who deliver the RCN to 2800 households and businesses throughout Richmond.

The RCN is now available online:  
[www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/newsletter.html](http://www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/newsletter.html)

Contact us at: [rcn@aveburyhouse.co.nz](mailto:rcn@aveburyhouse.co.nz) or ring Avebury House: **03 381 6615**.

**Disclaimer:** Views and opinions expressed in the Richmond Community News are not necessarily those of the editor or Avebury House Community Trust. No responsibility is accepted for incorrect information contained in advertisements or editorials. Advertisements for publication are accepted in good faith and publication of an advertisement does not imply endorsement by Avebury House Community Trust.



## The Wit of Sam

How do you get a country girl's attention? A tractor.



I regret rubbing ketchup into my eyes, but that's Heinz sight for you.



Did anyone see the joke I posted recently about my spine? It was about a weak back.

*Illustration by Stephane Terris*



Alan the Appliance Guy will collect \*for free\* scrap metal, old appliances, computers, dvd players etc. Call him on **027 756 2718**

## Christchurch Heritage Festival 2020



It's been a crazy year, but at Alert Level One our Christchurch Heritage Festival event is on! Avebury House will host our traditional free Devonshire Tea

and exhibit on 24 October, 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. This year it coincides with the Richmond Community Garden's Spring Fair, on between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The theme for this year's heritage festival is: Encounter our Stories – Arts, culture and identity. The focus of our display will be the history of Avebury House and the surrounding park. Free Devonshire teas will be served in the Flesher Room and across the hall you'll find our history display.

The Richmond History group have been busy organising the reference material held upstairs in the Richmond Room and updating the items on display there. All are welcome to come along and learn more about the history of the house and our wider suburb. Explore the house and park; the gardens will be at their best, check out the Spring Fair, and have a free scone — what's not to like?

*The Christchurch Heritage Festival runs from Saturday 24 October to Sunday 8 November. For details click [here](#).*

## Tai Chi on the North Lawn

Avebury House is thrilled to have Christchurch's eminent Tai Chi teacher, Roger Chance, running a series of 10 classes on our front lawn during term 4.

Beginning Tuesday **13th October at 10.30am**, Roger requires at least 8 to 10 committed students in order to run it. Each week builds on the previous lesson so casual attendance is ok for the first one or two sessions, but classes will only go ahead if we can muster at least 8 keen individuals committed to the course.



The year culminates in a free session in the Botanic Gardens, followed by a picnic with all Roger's Christchurch students on 20th December!

Please contact us to sign up and support Tai Chi in the East! Just \$10/session or enquire about our commitment discount. Ph Tanya or Kristine on **381 6615**. Or email [admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz](mailto:admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz)

## VOTE

Wayne Hawker

***Standing for You  
Working With you***

Central Ward By Election

Paid advertisement authorised by W Hawker  
29 England St Phillipstown



# EXPLORE THE EAST FOR BIKETOBER 2020



Christchurch's annual cycling festival is back, and this year — 10 years after the earthquakes — it includes a group ride exploring the past, present and future of the residential river red zone - now known as the Ōtākaro-Avon River Corridor.

The guided red zone ride, **Velo à l'est – Te Ara Ōtākaro**, takes place on **October 24** and features a range of stops including Avebury House, the Richmond Community Garden, the John Taylor memorial and Di Magdin's River Rd garden.

Speakers from groups including Greening the Red Zone, Richmond Community Garden and Waitākiri Ecosanuary will join in with commentary about the history of the area, its flora and fauna, and the future vision for a site nearly four times bigger than Hagley Park.

Biketober is a month-long Christchurch festival that celebrates everything biking. Now in its fourth year, this annual cycling extravaganza features more than 40 events throughout October, including group rides, workshops, a film night, a rave and social sessions.



“Biketober is for anyone who can ride a bike or wants to ride a bike,” organiser and Action Bicycle Club owner Charlotte Bebbington said. “Christchurch has an amazing network of safe cycleways, lots of people riding all types of bikes, and a busy events calendar.”

To find out more, including details of **Velo à l'est – Te Ara Ōtākaro**, visit the Biketober website [biketoberchch.nz](http://biketoberchch.nz)

Richmond Community Garden

## SPRING FAIR

24 OCTOBER,  
9:00AM - 2:00PM

CAR BOOT SALE ·  
ENTERTAINMENT · BEST COFFEE  
CUP COMPETITION & FOOD

@RichmondCommunityGardenAvebury

coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz

HERITAGE DAY @  
AVEBURY HOUSE  
Exhibition &  
Devonshire Tea  
12pm to 2pm

## Avebury Monthly Lecture Series 2020: Forest Fires & Wilding Pines with Dr Sarah Wyse

Wednesday, 20 October at 6.30 p.m.  
**FREE ENTRY**



Prior to human arrival, New Zealand forests experienced very little fire, and so our ecosystems are poorly adapted to this form of disturbance. With the arrival of humans, fires were used extensively to shape our landscapes, and modern fire regimes differ considerably to pre-human conditions. This talk will discuss fire in the New Zealand landscape, past and present, and options to mitigate the threats to our ecosystems and properties as we face a hotter, drier future more conducive to forest fires.

*Dr Sarah Wyse from Lincoln University is back to talk about forest fires and wilding pines. Some may recall last time we were rudely interrupted by, of all things, the fire alarm going off!*



# A Brief History of Avebury House

By David Hollander

In 1852, Dr. John Seager Gundry, a doctor in early Christchurch, purchased 50 acres (Rural Section 197) from the Canterbury Association for £150. He named the property 'Avebury' after his home town in Wiltshire, England. Dr Gundry and his wife, Isabella returned to England but the doctor retained his properties in Christchurch.

In 1871, William Flesher purchased 25 acres of RS197 for £500.00. William played an active part in public affairs and Methodist church matters. In 1885, he commissioned James Glanville to design a large two-storey house that would serve as the Flesher family home for the next 60 years. The layout and many of the interior features of the house remain much the same today.

William's son, James Flesher inherited the property on his father's death in 1889. James was a lawyer who was very involved in local affairs and became Mayor of Christchurch from 1923–1925. Flesher Avenue is named after him. In 1907 James commissioned James Glanville to make alterations to the house. The north facade was radically changed and the tower was added to the northwest corner.

When James Flesher died in 1930, his son Hubert, also a lawyer, inherited Avebury. In 1945 Hubert sold Avebury House and eight acres to the Crown.

Other parts of the Avebury estate had been purchased previously by the Government for housing. In 1951 the Government transferred ownership of Avebury to the Christchurch City Council. For a time, the Plunket Society made use of the house. Over the next few years, the grounds were developed as a public park, formally



*Avebury House c1900, before its makeover in 1907. The area outside the well-fenced garden was farmland. The cows are a nice touch!*

titled Avebury Park. A paddling pool was built south of the house in 1954.

By the 1960s the house was in bad repair and the Christchurch City Council considered various options, including demolition. The Youth Hostel Association then approached the Council with a plan to lease the building and use it as a hostel. In 1966, the Cora Wilding Youth Hostel officially opened after many hours of volunteer work to repair and alter the house. The hostel was named after one of the founders of the Youth

Hostel movement in New Zealand. The building remained as a Youth Hostel until 1997, when it closed, as the building was no longer appropriate.

There were calls for the house to be demolished because it would be too costly to repair. But the Richmond community, the Hagley-Ferrymead Community Board and a number of Christchurch City Councillors encouraged its re-use as a community facility. In 2001 the Avebury House Community Trust was formed to administer the house on behalf of the community. The house underwent considerable refurbishment and the Prime Minister, Helen Clark, officially opened Avebury House on 18 September 2003.

The house sustained moderate damage in the Canterbury earthquakes but has been repaired to 100 percent of the New Building Standard. Avebury House re-opened in September 2013. Last year, Avebury House was classed as a Category 2 historic place by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

The Richmond Room on the first floor houses an eclectic collection of items and information relating to the history of Avebury House and the wider Richmond area. Some of this material is now available online at: [www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/richmond-history-group](http://www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/richmond-history-group)

## Richmond Men's Shed is Back!

Local resident John Adams has taken on the role of men's shed facilitator and we are so happy to have his knowledge and skills to share. John's wide-ranging experience includes previous men's sheds, working with youth and rehabilitating offenders. He is at home with wood, metal, cement, machinery - you name it! Currently John is doing Spring mower servicing so bring down your mower and John and the team will fix it for just the cost of parts, or sharpen up the blades. Please come down and say hi, join in with a project, or start your own with John's help. You'll find him at the shed by Avebury House, **Monday to Wednesday from around 9.30am til 4pm, and he is starting up a workshop for kids on Saturday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30pm.**

For more info give John a call on **022 589 1141**, or email Avebury House at [admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz](mailto:admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz)





# Festival of Adult Learning 2020

Hosted by Richmond Community Garden and Avebury House

During the week of September 5th and 12th, the house and community garden hosted a variety of free workshops and learning opportunities. From making kimchi to garden beds, sewing quilts, trying Pilates, seeing stars and raising chickens - we had all sorts! It was a fantastic week with loads of lifelong learners coming along to try something new or share their skills. Big thanks to Ace Aotearoa for funding and support, and the finale celebration with several of our adult learners rewarded for taking part in a photo exhibition. The photos have now moved from Tūranga-Central Library to South Library.



Far left: Making seed bombs;  
Left top: Kyle, Julie and Morgane from the Richmond Community Garden; Left bottom: A blue mosaic; Right top: Making marmalade; Right bottom: Kimchi prep.



## *Les Inwood at Red Poppy Thai*



Performing timeless classics from Billy Joel, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Tom Jones, Englebert Humperdink, Tony Christie and many more!

Longtime local muso Les Inwood has been making music since the '60s with bands like The Downbeats, Les Street and the Alleys, and Libra with Sharon O'Neill. Some may also remember him as a regular on '70s music show, 'Happen Inn'. After years in Aussie playing the clubs and touring with various acts and shows, Les is now back in his hometown. You can catch him playing the classics live, at our own **Red Poppy Thai restaurant on 17th October from 6.30pm!**



**325a Stanmore Road**  
**03 381 1611**  
[redpoppythai.co.nz](http://redpoppythai.co.nz)

## Tuition

### Reading, Writing, Spelling, Maths (Y1-Y12)

Qualified local teacher, individual programmes, great results.

**P: 021 197 8383 or**

**E: [katharineabeaumont@gmail.com](mailto:katharineabeaumont@gmail.com)**

Clarinet, Sax, Flute, Guitar, Bass, & Piano—Experienced local teachers. Phone Nicola & Ivan **(03) 385-3856.**

### NEO School of English

IELTS & OET exam preparation courses.

Small groups, highly qualified teachers.

e: [monika@neocentre.co.nz](mailto:monika@neocentre.co.nz)

m: **022 074-1438**

## Services

**AKIVA** Your local business fast Internet, telephone line & IT supplier. [hello@akiva.co.nz](mailto:hello@akiva.co.nz)  
**03 9837180.**



Call us for a quote today  
**0800 40 44 40**

**ELECTRICAL**

Maiden Electrical provides qualified, experienced electricians to deliver all installations and repairs on new builds, renovations and alteration projects.

19 Satter Crescent, Argyll Road, Christchurch 8021

## VOTE

Wayne Hawker

**Standing for You**

**Working With you**

Central Ward By  
Election

Paid advertisement authorised  
by W Hawker  
29 England St Phillipstown

# Puzzle

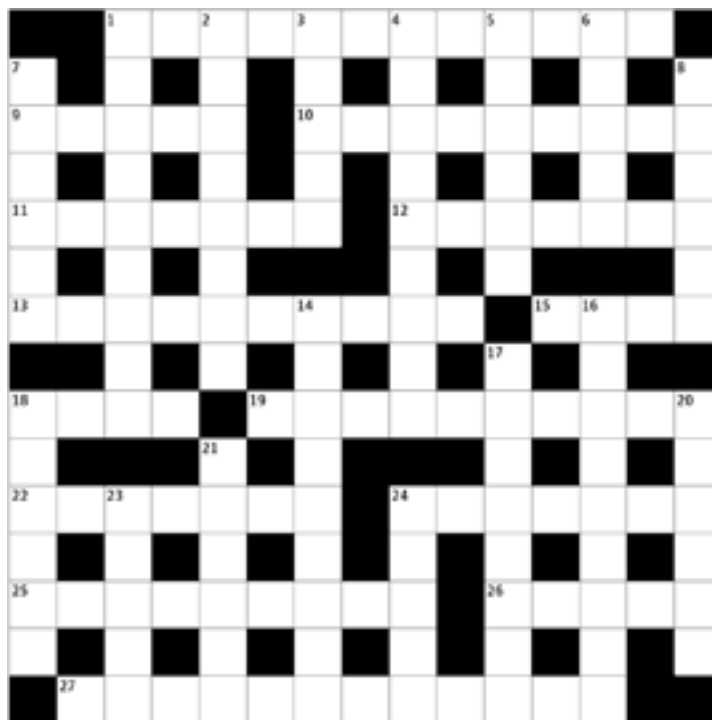
## Cryptic Crossword

### Across

1. Cost of the Beatles' accommodation in Rishikesh? (8,4)
9. Get rid of something — just a bit of it. (5)
10. They are actors, rather than spies. (9)
11. Modest rank initially, becomes more so. (7)
12. Temporarily stop outlay around America. (7)
13. Scientist tore Romans to pieces. (10)
15. Makes a request — as thousands. (4)
18. Put type in order. (4)
19. Send infra-red into a spin with such performances. (10)
22. Cool lettuce a danger at sea. (7)
24. Even when going, this is a worry. (7)
25. Companion could be no cheaper. (9)
26. A big call from the sailor. (5)
27. A busy poser? Or just a prototype? (7,5)

### Down

1. Tree Rambo chopped up to make instrument that will take the pressure. (9)
2. Ann Poole could yet become emperor of France. (8)
3. Roofing component drops leader later on. (5)
4. Deliveries wait when you blow the budget. (9)
5. Go around the operation. (6)
6. Permission to go. (5)
7. A maths problem may take your breath away. (6)
8. Auspicious date follows as stage whispers. (6)
14. Western governor has become much larger than usual. (9)
16. Cause an obstruction by building one of these. (9)
17. Typical quality between street and a road. (8)
18. Swap southern sorceress. (6)
20. Try to stay in the realm of reason. (6)
21. Decorate part of ship with beryllium. (6)
23. Long time to muse. (5)
24. The best musicians in the 60s. (5)



### Solution to September Crossword

Across: 1.Application 8.Elector 9.Throb 10.Gods 11.Someone 12.Set 13.Itch 15.Test 17.Bee 19.Stopper 20.Debt 23.Untie 24.Theatre 25.Pedestrians

Down: 1.Avenge 2.Plead 3.Iota 4.Arrest 5.Intimate 6.Nervous 7.Rubber 12.Shepherd 14.Two-step 16.Astute 17.Brutus 18.Stress 21.Extra 22.Bear.

**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](mailto:hawkerwm@hotmail.co.nz)

Paid advertisement authorised by W Hawker 29 England St, Phillipstown

**In Memoriam**

**Sally Buck**

*18 July 1952 - 9 Sept 2020*



We pay our respects to a long-serving representative of the people of Christchurch. Sally Buck died peacefully in hospice, surrounded by her loving whānau. Her energy, enthusiasm and attentive ear will be missed. Beginning in 1998 when she was elected City Councillor for Waimairi, most recently Sally served on the Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board. We always found her to be supportive and truly caring of the communities she faithfully served. Much loved wife of Chendra, mum of Toby, Ari, Tama and Asha, and Paati (grandmother) to Winter, Brodie and Kaia. She was such a big part of our lives and will be sorely missed. Haere rā.

**Evan Smith**

*3 December 1951 - 28 August 2020*



*A wreath of local natives made by AvON & friends*

Evan’s funeral was held on September 4th - a meaningful date for a fitting send-off, organised by the man himself, and enacted beautifully by Peter Beck and Teoti Jardine. Lianne Dalziel, Chrissie Williams, Tom McBrearty and Evan’s son, Jason, all gave heartfelt and humorous eulogies that he would have enjoyed. Members of Avon-Ōtākaro Network and Richmond Community Garden made a stunning wreath from local natives. Ngā mihi. And farewell to a champion of people and nature - over the rainbow bridge.

“The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A person who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.”

— Mark Twain

Friend Deon Swiggs wrote a lovely tribute to Evan which featured in our August edition. You can find it on our website:

**[aveburyhouse.co.nz](http://aveburyhouse.co.nz)**

*If you would like to contribute to the memorial the family are planning to go in red-zoned Lois Place, you can deposit donations into AvON’s account: 12-3147-0458167-00 Please use reference: EvanSmith*

*From page 1.*

The RRBA will keep banging the drum for local residents who need their badly-damaged roads and services repaired.

**Maintenance?**

CCC engineers are also keen to extend the life of existing infrastructure where possible. Please use Council’s Snap Send Solve app to notify them of any potholes, gutter/kerbing or footpath issues in your neighbourhood. Some can be dealt with via existing maintenance contracts.

Please do let the RRBA know about any local problems - we can raise things collectively to the appropriate people at CCC.

Email the RRBA at: [secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz](mailto:secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz)

Ask to subscribe to their e-newsletter!



# 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**

**Men's Shed:** from around  
9.30am til 4pm, and he is  
starting up a workshop for  
kids on Saturday mornings  
between 10.30am and  
12.30pm. Also on Tuesdays  
and Wednesdays.

**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.  
Loopy Tunes Music and  
Movement returns in term 4!  
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.

**Tai Chi:** 10:30 a.m. See page 2.

**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  
101 North Avon Road (entry  
off Petrie St)

**Sunday Services:** Every  
Sunday at 10am  
Family friendly with children's  
programmes.  
For more information you can  
find us on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/  
crosswaych/](http://www.facebook.com/crosswaych/)

---

**HOLY TRINITY AVONSIDE,**  
168 Stanmore Road,  
Ph 389-6948

**Wednesday 14 October—**  
Wednesday Café, 11.30am,  
speaker Christine Macey

**Wednesday 14 October—**  
Vestry meeting, 7.15pm.

**Saturday 24 October—**  
Annual Fair, 9am - 12.30pm.

**Tuesday 27 October—**Foot  
Clinic—Bookings essential.

**Saturday 1 November—**  
Movie and Pizza night, 4pm.

**Friday 6 November—**Quiz  
night, 7pm.

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.  
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).  
Phone (03) 941-7923

## **Big Bargain Booksale**

Our annual book sale will  
be held at the Pioneer  
Recreation and Sport  
Centre.

**Friday 16 Oct, 9am - 7pm**  
**Saturday 17 Oct, 9am - 4pm**

## **Monday**

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

## **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:** 1:30 p.m. 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.

## **VOTE in the General Election between October 3rd and 17th.**

Note: Avebury House is a polling  
station on the 17th October only.