



The **GROW** Show



Between the 12th and 14th of March the Grow Ōtautahi Festival wowed visitors to the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. The free festival showcased garden-related displays from all over Christchurch, including from community groups and schools. The Canterbury Community Gardens' Association (CCGA) invited all 35 of the region's community gardens to contribute to their Gold Medal-winning installation. Their entry at Grow Ōtautahi symbolised what community gardens are all about: social gathering places that also produce food and promote self-sufficiency. They are valuable educational resources, places for people to build confidence, make friends, and develop skills.

Festival Director Sandi MacRae says the exhibition is a special one for the gardening community. "Grow Ōtautahi is a homegrown festival that draws on our region's love of gardens, creativity, innovation and design. When I first

heard of the combined community garden concept, I knew people would fall in love with the idea."

The purpose of the garden is to increase awareness of what community gardens can do and acknowledge that everyone is welcome. The Woven Lady stands proudly with open arms, welcoming everyone regardless of age, size, race, ability, mobility, emotional health - gardens are good for everyone's wellbeing. Surrounding her is an edible and sustainable garden, featuring seasonal vegetables, herbs, and flowers of all shapes and sizes. Hayley Guglietta's stunning 'succulent seat', a bird bath made from recycled materials by New Brighton's Sharon Wilson, fruit trees, beehives, re-purposed items such as the wheelbarrow planter. Plus an array of garden treasures which complement the wild and natural planting style common to many community gardens.

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The Wit of Sam

Why shouldn't you write with a dull pencil? Because it's pointless.



What's the difference between inlaws and outlaws? Outlaws are wanted!



My farmer friend used a government grant to buy some chickens. He got the money for nothing, and the chicks free!

Illustration by Stephane Terris

"I'd rather regret the things I've done, than regret the things I haven't done."

Lucille Ball

Avebury House Updates!



Under 5s Yoga with Yogi Bears Yoga

New to Avebury House for the wee ones, (ages 2 - 5), stretching and mindfulness through play! Yogi Bears Yoga is run by Roma, a qualified ECE and yoga teacher - she is just starting out with us upstairs on **Tuesday mornings from 10.30am**, so come along and see what you think. Sessions go for around 45 minutes to an hour and are just \$5.



Making Poppies for ANZAC

Crafters! We are inviting you to help us create 50 beautiful knitted and crocheted poppies for an ANZAC Day installation on the river. If you know how to work with wool, please come and join us at Avebury House for a relaxed morning tea and poppy-making session on Monday April 12th from 10am - 12pm.



Harakeke Weaving at Avebury



We are excited to have Corabelle from the Kahu Collective running a 5-week course on harakeke/flax-weaving! Just \$10 for each session and all materials/tools are provided. We've had a lot of interest in this course, so please let us know if you would like to join in.

The course is five Wednesday evenings beginning on **April 14th at 6.30pm**.

Call us on **381 6615** or [email us](mailto:rcn@aveburyhouse.co.nz) for more info or to add your name to the list!

Cheers for the Chairs Foodstuffs!



Avebury House would like to say a huge thank you to Foodstuffs Community Trust who kindly granted us the money to replace some of our old chairs. Our application was championed by Stanmore New World operator Greg Boock, and we are thrilled to be getting some lightweight, comfy, easy-to-clean seating! Also a shout-out to Southern Hospitality for wiping the delivery fee for us. Great to have companies like these that keep their heart in community. Thank you!



The Richmond Club

You may have noticed the fences have come down and the Club on Stanmore Rd is reaching out for new members. There is an initial \$5 joining fee and then it's just \$30/year membership. Even cheaper for the over 60s and youth membership - \$15/year! Check their website or facebook page for info on their new facilities and all the benefits and activities they offer. <https://rwmc.co.nz/>



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Community powerhouse and keen gardener Hayley Guglietta remembers when the conceptual seed of the 'We Too Garden' was planted four years ago. "It started when a group of committee members from the CCGA gathered at my house to plan a pop-up garden, for a competition to go in Cathedral Square. The group included locals like myself, Cathy Alden, Di Madgin and Robyn Kilty and other representatives from around the city. We didn't win the opportunity to put our garden in the Square but it did give us the opportunity to develop the idea for the Grow Ōtautahi festival."

back to Level 1. "Christchurch really had a reason to celebrate and that we did! With the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show in limbo, and a question mark still over the postponed Chelsea Flower Show, Grow Ōtautahi may be one of the only garden events being held around the world this year!"

CCGA's patron, Peggy Kelly, noted their marvellous garden was "a credit to the Association and an example of what can be achieved when busy, passionate people collaborate!"

Grow Ōtautahi

Presented by  LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
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In fact it was about to roll out for the 2020 festival when Covid Alert Level 2 came into place, just days before the event, causing it to be cancelled. Jen McBride's Woven Lady was put into storage, and planning began for the 2021 festival. After a brush with Level 2 in the first few days of March, CCGA chair and Richmond Community Garden hero Cathy Alden was relieved when we went

Changes on London Street

By David Hollander

Recently two neighbouring houses were demolished in London St. The 2-storey houses at 15 & 19 London St were built in the 1930s by the firm of John Rhind, funeral directors.

For years the houses were used as on-site accommodation for staff of the firm. Following the Canterbury earthquakes, the buildings were used temporarily to host funeral catering facilities. In more recent years the houses have been empty and have proven expensive to maintain, so the decision was made to demolish them. There are no immediate plans for re-developing the sites which will be used for staff car parking for the time being.



The houses at 15 and 19 London St before demolition. Part of the John Rhind complex of buildings can be seen in the background between the houses.



Same street, different house, different time. Photo probably taken early 1900s.

John Rhind Funeral Directors, has a long connection with Richmond. In 1906 carpenter John Rhind entered into partnership with Walter Langford, who had established an undertaking business in London St in 1881. At that time the area was still known as Bingsland — surely it is

the longest running business in our part of the city. The firm operated as Langford & Rhind from 1906 until 1920 when Walter Langford sold his interest in the firm to John Rhind. Since then, five generations of the Rhind family have been involved in the business. Over the years they purchased several properties adjoining their London St premises; nowadays John Rhind is a large presence near the intersection of London St and Fitzgerald Ave.

A more detailed history of the business was published in the Dec 2009 issue of the Richmond Community News. This piece of local history is available as a stand-alone document, to read or download, on the [Avebury House website](#).

Having Your Say on the Long Term Plan

CCC Newsline Release

Public consultation on Christchurch City Council's proposed budget for the next 10 years – our Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) – is open until midnight on Sunday 18 April. You can find it here: www.ccc.govt.nz/longtermplan

This is your opportunity to have a say on whether we have come up with the right 10-year game plan for our city and Banks Peninsula.

“These are issues that will impact on the lives of each and every resident in Christchurch and Banks Peninsula so I really encourage people to get involved in the decision-making process by giving feedback on what we’re proposing,” Mayor Dalziel says. “There are some big decisions to be made so it is important that we get different perspectives on the issues. It is easy for people to give feedback – they can do it online or in writing.”

We have focused on the areas where residents have said they want us to do better. We’re investing in maintaining and improving our existing roads, footpaths and cycleways and upgrading our water networks. And we are continuing

to respond and adapt to COVID-19 and climate change.

A new online search tool has been launched [budget.ccc.govt.nz/public], where you can find the projects we plan to spend money on over the next 10 years. You can search using any key word, including the area you live in, the type of project, or the project name.



Two other important consultations are running concurrently. The **Draft Ōtautahi Christchurch Climate Change Strategy** looks at how we can plan for, and adapt to life in a changing climate - it is open for feedback until 25 April 2021.

Consultation on the **Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021** will close on Sunday 18 April. You can find more information about all of these on Council's Have Your Say webpage: ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay.

Most of the community Q&A sessions were held in March, but you can also phone **941 8037** if you have any questions.

WE ARE RICHMOND - Roothing Update

Since the community meetings with CCC staff in 2018 the focus has been on the area of Richmond north of North Avon Road. The roading, sidewalks, guttering and underground infrastructure are quite old and suffered much damage in the quakes, more so than in other areas. A few months back We Are Richmond, aka the Richmond Residents' and Business Association (RRBA) promised to provide an update to the community on the next lot of roading work.

In late February members of the RRBA met with Council transport staff to discuss this and indications were that two lots of roading projects are likely to start in 2021:

Package 1: (indicative starting date of mid 2021)

- 102 Warden Street to Shirley Road,
- Petrie St (from Randall to North Avon) and
- Chrystal St (from Randall to North Avon)

Package 2: (indicative starting date of summer 2021):

- Dudley St (Slater St to Stapletons),
- Nicholls St and
- Stapletons Rd (Warden St to Shirley Rd)



Slater St Needing Rebuild

This is very good news for Richmond and shows the commitment from CCC and the community board to get these issues resolved. As far as we understand this work is already funded. At the completion of these roads we should be about 60% of the way through the rebuild of the road network identified in the 2018 community meetings. Very good progress - but still more to do.

At the end of February there was news that Christchurch Regeneration Acceleration Facility (CRAF) funds would be allocated to bring forward roading projects, and the same problem areas in the north part of Richmond would be retained as a focus. The RRBA submitted on behalf of the community and encouraged individuals to submit also with the purpose of highlighting to Council the areas of high priority. As well as the overall completion of the roading network rebuild the RRBA are also ensuring that other concerns are taken into account at the same time, including road speeds, parking, cycle and pedestrian access throughout our suburb and into other neighbourhoods.



Randall St Post Rebuild

Beyond the high priority areas previously mentioned we are also interested in access concerns on other roads - for example London Street, which has always had it's complexities being attached to Bealey Avenue. We are also actively working on resolving residents' concerns on Poulton Avenue, which has large established trees that need protection from vehicles and a road that is in need of resurfacing.

If you are interested in more information about this topic or other things related to our community, RRBA meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7pm at Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave. As well as discussion on local and city issues, we also often have guest speakers on various topics of interest to the community.

All minutes from the meetings are available to the community [here](#) or join the We Are Richmond mailing list at wearerichmond.co.nz/contact/

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Mind Yer Language: *Spinning a Yarn*

By Tanya Didham



Many words and phrases have entered English via the language of weaving and textiles, and many of them are to do with the written word. Textile

is a good example, it comes from a Latin root word meaning 'to weave', and the correlation between weaving fabric and 'weaving' a story was irresistible. We see it in the word 'text' (written words) and the 'thread' of a story. Both words have now been adapted to modern communication as in texting by phone, or adding to a 'thread' on social media. Describing a book as a 'richly woven tapestry' was so overused as to be listed as a cliché by the Oxford English Dictionary.

Surnames like Weaver and Webster described the profession of weaving, the latter alluding to the spun webs of spiders. The term 'spinster' referred to someone who spun wool and it began life as a non-gender specific term. But as so many unmarried women supported themselves in this way, the term eventually became derogatory, synonymous with 'old maid'.

Spinsters would work with clews, or balls of yarn. As early as the 15th century 'clew' had morphed into 'clue', referencing the Greek myth of the Labyrinth. Theseus found his way out by following the clew (ball of wool) given to him by Ariadne. Hence clues now help us find the solution to a puzzle!

Expressions like 'dyed in the wool' clearly come from textiles. Wool that was dyed before it was spun kept its colour better (over dyeing the finished garment), and came to refer to someone whose opinions were set. 'True as Coventry blue' referenced a special blue dye made in Coventry that didn't fade i.e. kept its 'true' colour. Shortened over time to 'true blue'.

'Spinning a yarn' has a more masculine origin. When sailors would sit in port repairing (spinning) ship ropes or 'yarn' - once a more general term for spun fibre - they would tell each other tall stories!

Puzzle Cryptic Crossword

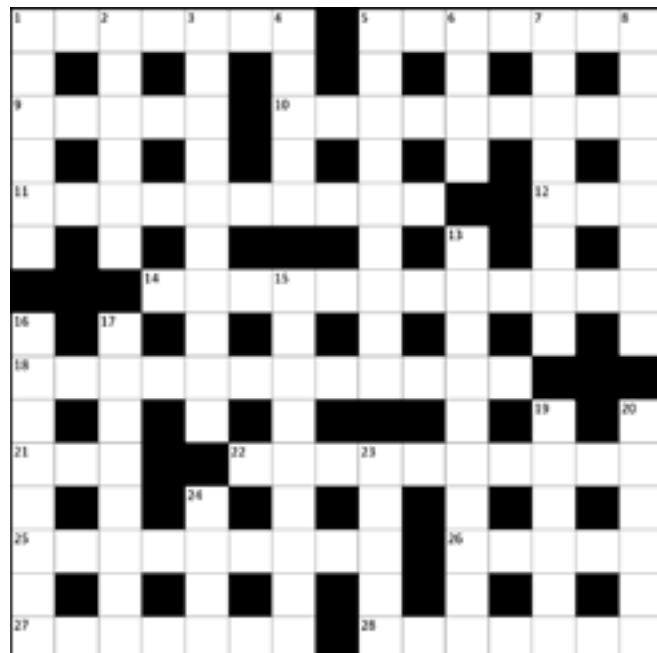
by Dirty Harry

Across

1. Mm... a gala could be a real mixture. (7)
5. Seems paper may be covered in Arsenic. (7)
9. Sticky stuff may be found in past experience. (5)
10. Sound gear may not be safe. (9)
11. Self-controlled car goes in front of unspecified number of rodents without tails. (10)
12. Parallax error surrounds chopper. (3)
14. Normal dances up in the air with these fireworks. (5, 7)
18. Is there a better body of water on the planet? Probably not! (4,8)
21. That includes headgear. (3)
22. Time in the middle is not long. (10)
25. Shared garden plot may total 50 men. (9)
26. Wanderer may be random after dropping religion initially. (5)
27. Outlay money about America? Go hang! (7)
28. Intrinsic nature of Eastern scenes, possibly. (7)

Down

1. Attractiveness of papal experience, initially. (6)
2. Donkey surrounds group of valuables. (6)
3. See enough raspberries to begin with, grown in garden structure. (10)
4. She's crazy before morning. (5)
5. DJ is a light-weight going between Ann and Romeo. (9)
6. Look carefully at the duke, perhaps. (4)
7. Oar blade could be very attractive. (8)
8. Sees puns in a state of anxious uncertainty. (8)
13. Demons went crazy for these qualities. (10)
15. Add something about that woman going back - get it? (9)
16. The answer may be a shed load of experienced people. (3,5)
17. Skis surround the French race...not all drinking and ball-games. (8)
19. Men sat on part of flower. (6)
20. Card game - pontoon, possibly. (5)
23. Let it have a name. (5)
24. To begin with, shout 'til you're exhausted...it's a pain! (4)



Solution to February Crossword

Across: 1.Palace 4.Honey 7.Stanza 8.Single 9.Etui 10.Situated 12.Parachutist 17.Symbolic 19.Slow 20.Events 21.Trough 22.Poser 23.Advent.

Down: 1. Pit-stop 2.Lankier 3.Classical 4.Haiku 5.Negates 6.Yields 11.Truncated 13.Aimless 14.Inshore 15.Thought 16.Asleep 18.Otter.

Friendship Link at Delta

By Jo Clement

At Friendship Link we encourage and acknowledge the strengths and abilities of intellectually and physically disabled people. Our aim is to facilitate friendship and skill development, assisting them to socialise and participate in community life.

We run from Tuesday to Thursday with morning and afternoon sessions such as Pamper, Arts & Crafts, Gardening, Indoor Bowls and International Cooking. Our Karaoke afternoons go crazy and not only can our members sing, but boy can they dance, and now that we have a Line Dancing tutor that joins us once a month, we are loving it even more! Our members choose what days or activities they wish to come along to.

On the 2nd Thursday of the month our Fish 'N' Chip Movie Nights are a hit, and we have Disco Nights on the 4th Thursday. People join us for those fun evenings from as far away as Ashburton! Average attendance is around 45-50, sometimes we hit the 60 mark and it's all hands to the pump to make more food! We even had Elvis (one of our best-dressed members) join us for our Hollywood Red Carpet Disco.

Once a month we have a visit from Rod, our favourite singer. So it's up for a dance and a sing-along, then



afternoon tea and the monthly birthday celebrations.

Members also take an active part in the Avebury House market days selling things such as beeswax wraps, knitted items and other crafts. We also visit a small garden area by the house and attempt to keep it in good condition – we're not all great gardeners but we do love going for walks and checking on our favourite chickens.

Each month we take off for a day-trip too. Just recently we had our members make beautiful fairy houses so that they could attach them to the trees in the Fairy Village at Bottle Lake Forest. An awesome day out, and even better

that we got to include our art alongside so many others.

We run on a tight budget with part-time staff, so we are always looking for volunteers to give us a hand, ideas for fundraising, donations of items for our Car Boot Sales at Avebury House etc. If you would enjoy being involved or maybe you have some great ideas to keep us moving forward, please get in touch!

Jo Clement is the Manager of Delta Friendship Link. You can contact her on jo@deltatrust.org.nz or call 389 0273.

Delta's Easter Holiday Dates and New Classes in Term 2

Delta Foodbank Closed Friday April 2nd and Monday April 5th.

Monday Cafe Closed Monday April 5th.

Friday Inn Community Lunch Closed Friday April 2nd.

Playgroup Closed Friday April 2nd.

English Cafe and Ukulele Closed on Monday April 5th.

Sign up for new courses in term 2!

Guitar Beginners – Monday afternoons for 6 weeks

Te Reo Māori Beginners - 4 Fridays, 9.30am-12pm starting in May.

For a full list of Delta's classes, turn to the back page.

Email shauna@deltatrust.org.nz or call 389-0219 for more details.



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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, 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! Gold coin!

Richmond Community Garden: From 9:30 a.m. onwards. We welcome volunteers 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. \$10/session
Under 5s Yoga! - (new) see page 2.
Pilates: 6:00 p.m. \$6/session.

Wednesday

Yoga: 9:00 a.m. Beginners welcome!
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: 11 a.m. \$6/session.
Yoga: 6-7 p.m. \$6. Evening yoga. Join us for a good stretch!

Delta Baptist and Crossway Church will have a combined services: Sunday **March 28th** at 10am for Palm Sunday service
Easter Sunday April 4th at 10am

DELTA BAPTIST CHURCH

Delta House, North Avon Community Centre, 101 North Avon Road (entrance off Petrie) Meets every Sunday at 10am for Worship & Fellowship at the Delta Chapel.

CROSSWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

North Avon Community Centre. 101 North Avon Road (entry off Chystal 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/

SOUL STAR TRIBE: beginner belly dance classes 5:30pm Tuesdays (CWEA, 59 Gloucester Street, City Centre), and 10am Saturdays from (The Chrystal Palace, 12 Chrystal Street, Richmond).

\$10 casual, concession cards available. For more information, please phone Samantha on **027 6525 993**.



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

Ph: (03) 389-0212

Foodbanks hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-2pm, closed on public holidays. Check page 7 for Easter Holiday hours.

Monday café 10.00am-12:30pm. Hot Toasies only \$2.

Friday Inn Doors open from 10.30am for tea and coffee, lunch 12-1pm.

English Café – Mondays 10am-12pm during school term-time at the Delta Café – chatting in English for speakers of other languages. Free. But bring cash for café.

North Avon Community Centre

Kiwi English – a speaking and listening course, 10am-1pm, \$3 per lesson. Limited numbers. Registration essential.

Delta International Playgroup – Fridays 9am-12pm, gold coin

donation. For international mums and children under 6.

Delta International Craft Group – Every 2nd Monday during school term-time. 10am-12pm. Women only. Children under 6 welcome. \$3.
Delta Ukulele Jammers – Thursdays, 12pm-1pm. Gold coin donation. Starts 4th February.

Beginner Ukulele lessons – Wednesdays, 1.30pm-2.30pm. 6 week course. Gold coin donation. Ukuleles available to borrow. Limited numbers. Registrations essential.

Ladies Exercise – Tuesdays 12pm-1pm only \$2.

Meditation with Tomo – 12.30pm-1.30pm Wednesday, 7th April, Wednesday, 14th April.

Call Shauna **(03) 389-0219** or email shauna@deltatrust.org.nz to register for limited courses or for more information.



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

Activities Group

-Weekly, Thursday, 1pm.

Exercise Class - Weekly, Thursday, 11am.

Parish Eucharist - Weekly, Sundays 9.30am, Thursdays 10am.

All Age Church - Monthly, 2nd Sunday, 11.15am.

Community Committee - Monthly, 3rd Sunday after church.

Discipleship Committee—Monthly, 1st Sunday after church.

Mission Stall - Monthly, 3rd Sunday after church.

Prayer and Praise - Monthly, 4th Sunday, 11am.

Parish Lunch at Crossroads - Monthly, 4th Sunday, midday.

Vestry - Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 7.15pm.

Wednesday Café - Monthly, 2nd Wednesday, 11.30am.

Assn of Anglican Women – Monthly, 4th Saturday, 10.30am.

Foot Clinic - Every 6 weeks, bookings essential.

SHIRLEY LIBRARY,

36 Marshland Road (by the Palms Mall).
Phone (03) 941-7923

Monday

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.

Reading to Dogs: 3:30p.m. – 4:30p.m. Bookings essential. During term time.

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.

The Zone @ Shirley: 4:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

For ages 12-19. Hang out to go head-to-head on the PS4, mix music with Garage Band, or just chill and chat.

Saturday

Mahjong Group: 1:00 p.m. For beginners and advanced players alike. If you have your own set, please bring it along, otherwise come along and join in a friendly game.

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**.