



Opening of Avon Hub!

By Celeste Donovan

It was a lovely sunny day for the official opening of the Avon Hub - a community-based sports and recreational centre, former home of the old Shirley Boys' School Gym.

Local MP Poto Williams cut the ribbon, with a wonderful kapa haka performance from year 1-6 students from Pareawa Banks Avenue Primary School - they will soon be moving into their new location next door.

It was a special moment for those who had advocated to keep this building in the community, after its future was left hanging in the balance and vandals caused significant damage to the empty building.

The new community facility is home to a gym, function centre, and artificial turf. Collectively known as Avon Hub, it will be managed by Eastern Community Sport and Recreation Inc. It's the new home of Canterbury Wheelchair Rugby, and will host Korfbal Canterbury, Dead End Derby Christchurch and TIMA - an initiative providing integrated physical opportunities for youth with adapted needs.

Several other local early childhood centres, primary, intermediate and secondary schools which comprise the Ministry's Ōtākaro Kāhui Ako group will also have access to the facilities.

Get in touch with Kate Latimer, community sport manager at Eastern Community Sports and Recreation (kate@easterncommunity.co.nz), or check out the website if you have any questions about bookings www.easterncommunity.co.nz

Celeste is Christchurch City Councillor for the Coastal Ward.



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Seeking/Ararapu Matariki in the Zone 2022

Avebury House & Richmond Community Garden

The pandemic meant we were not able to plan for our usual big, beautiful event in the Richmond Community Garden. So to celebrate the first public holiday for Matariki, we're doing it a little differently this year, and bringing the stars down to earth!

We are sad not to host the hāngī, music and entertainment of midwinters' past, but we are excited to introduce something new. Between the **20th - 30th June**, we invite you to come down to Avebury House and Richmond Community Garden, to trace the path of the Matariki star cluster in the red zone. Each 'star station' will be lit up with decorations and snippets of information - a self-guided star-path you can follow even after the sun goes down!

We intend to bring the much-loved Matariki in the Zone back at full throttle in 2023, but this year, we hope you enjoy this new element that we'll be growing and incorporating into future events.

Te Pou Toetoe - Linwood Pool

Did you know... the women-only sessions are the most popular at the new pool on Smith St since it opened last October? They are held every Wednesday, 3pm – 9:30pm (includes girls of all ages and boys up to age 5).

Other programs include Swimsmart lessons, Bubbletimes, Tumbletimes and Sleepytimes. Adult swim lessons and group fitness require bookings. You can do it online via Council's website: ccc.govt.nz/rec-and-sport/rec-and-sport-centres/tepoutoetoeinwoodpool/ or call **941 6888**.

Please note, vaccine passes are no longer required at Council facilities, pools included.

"If you really want to get along with someone, let them be themselves."

- Willie Nelson



Allan the Appliance Guy will collect *for free* scrap metal, old appliances, computers, dvd players etc.

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The Wit of Sam

I'm trying to convince my dad to get a new hearing aid, but he just won't listen!



My wife is super upset our neighbour enjoys suntanning naked in her backyard. Personally, I'm on the fence.



Do they allow loud laughing in Hawaii? Or just a low ha.

Illustration by Stephanie Terris

By David Duffy

The R.R.B.A. has been busy this past month and there's a lot to keep us active in the months ahead. Our newly appointed Capacity Builder, Rachel Crawford, has slotted into her role really well, preparing of a number of submissions to Council covering such topics as the Long Term Plan, R.M.A. and Housing Intensity, and seeking continued funding support.

In Chrystal and Petrie Streets there is evidence of the road repair programme swinging into action. We are working with the contractors to try and ensure plenty of notification is given regarding interruptions to normal traffic flows and accessibility. Nicholls and Dudley Street work is scheduled to start in August. Check the Roading Section on our Facebook page and website for updates: wearerichmond.co.nz.

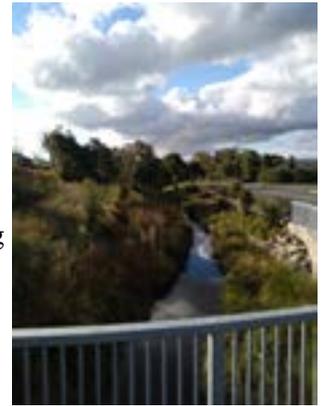
Further discussions are taking place with Council staff to try and improve the maintenance of street corner landscaping in Richmond, especially the strip between

Petrie St and Stapletons Rd alongside Dudley Creek.

Another recent piece of work our group initiated is the new mural on the Tattoo Parlour. Plans are afoot to complement this with some suitable planting soon.

Again, we encourage all Richmond citizens to become part of the work we are doing and even to consider coming on the committee. We have a crucial role in striving to create a good environment for the people living in our suburb.

David is the Secretary of We Are Richmond, you can contact him on secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz



Medway Officially Opens

By Tanya Didham

Though the barriers had been down for a week, the mist lifted at just the right moment for a lovely official opening of the Medway Bridge on May 6th. Alexandra Davids, Chair of Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board, MC'd the event.

Members of Ngāi Tūāhuriri first gave the bridge their blessing with a beautiful karakia, and kids from nearby Casa dei Bambini and Banks Ave School trooped across, waving at the geese.

\$17 million for the 3 bridges and the Dallington landing was provided by CEAT - Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust. Trust chair Rod Carr said CEAT received over \$100 million in donations after the quakes, thanks to the generosity of so many people from here and around the world. It was for legacy projects exactly like these, he said, "that connect communities from the city to the sea, and north to south."

Locals felt the bittersweet tug of memory, mixed with elation



From top: Medway Bridge; Casa dei Bambini and Banks Ave kids checking it out; Snell Bridge.

at being reunited with the opposite bank - where a piece of the 'munted' bridge lies, even if their Avonside neighbours are no longer there. Red-zoned resident Tom McBrearty moved away after the earthquakes but, like many who were displaced, still feels a strong connection to the river corridor. Tom recalled the contribution of the late Evan Smith, who had lived in Lois Place, thinking his friend would have been thrilled to see his neighbourhood bridge finally re-instated.

Just while we were there, several people crossed - joggers adding variation to their runs; parents with prams; folk walking their dogs...It is truly wonderful to have this key piece of community infrastructure and connection back in place. Thank you to all who re-built our bridge!

The new Snell Bridge, between Dallington Landing and Kerrs Reach, also had an official opening on Saturday May 28th.

Forage While You Walk...

Learn what you can (and importantly) what you can't eat while out wandering. Inga will take you on a tasty meander through the red zone, teaching you how to find and prepare edibles growing in our local wild spaces!

Mark your calendar with the following dates and to keep up-to-date check their facebook page: Foraging Corner www.facebook.com/foragingcorner
Saturday 11th June; Wednesday 13th July; Saturday 6th August.

All walks start at the Fungi Farm, at the bottom of Eveleyn Couzins Ave and go from 11am til 1pm.



**RICHMOND
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Pick Your Olives!



Olive-picking season is upon us! Our dedicated volunteer olive-pickers will be out picking trees in our local community **from Friday 3rd June until Monday 13th June.**

If you want to pick and share your olives with us, please also pick between these dates, to ensure the fruit is fresh when it goes to press! We'll have a dedicated olive drop-off area at the Riverlution EcoHub (46a Vogel Street) in Richmond. Don't forget to leave your contact details so we can add you to this year's co-op, and let you know when the delicious olive oil is ready!

Get picking, support a local cause and be part of something positive, healthy and fun! If you have a tree you would like us to pick, get in touch with Cathy: coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz

FOIL FUSION



The Riverlution Eco Hub is so excited to be partnered with the Chip Packet Project New Zealand, and even more excited to be hosting the first demonstration of how to turn old crisp packets into survival sheets.

We love turning rubbish into something useful; if you do too, come down and see how it's done - and maybe even give it a go yourself! CPPNZ will be at the Riverlution Eco Hub at 46A Vogel St, **Saturday June 25th, from 10am.** All welcome!



Object to the Christchurch environment and city centre being ruined by bad planning

If you're interested in the changes regarding the new housing intensification rules, check out this local petition:

www.change.org/p/object-to-the-christchurch-environment-and-city-centre-being-ruined-by-bad-planning

CCC can do better than creating a treeless, 3-storey, concrete jungle in our suburbs



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Highlights from the RCG Impact Report 2021

In 2021, we didn't let Covid stop us. We had another whopper of a year at the Richmond Community Garden with one of the highlights being the activation of the Riverlution Eco Hub.

This space is now home to a number of organisations including the **Richmond Community Garden**, a **Bee Club**, **CHCH Envirohub**, **Avon Ōtākaro Network**, the **Canterbury Horticultural Society**, **Repair Revolution**,

as well as many organisations, groups, interns and individuals. All using the hub for a meeting space and a place to work when they need it.

We are grateful to City Care who helped us get the building up to standard to operate from, interns from the University of Canterbury Communications School, who set up our Facebook page and communications, and the Eco Store for furniture.

FOOD WASTE

15,000 kg of food waste diverted from landfill from our local restaurants and school.

OLIVE OIL CO-OP

Our annual Olive Oil Co-op almost doubles in size every year. With nearly 50 contributors this year, we picked over 500 kgs of olives, resulting in 42 liter of oil and over 100 jars of brined olives.

URBAN TRAPPING PROJECT

20 traps made by the Richmond Mens' Shed. 25 rats caught so far.

WORKSHOPS

Repair Revolution, Pruning, Fungi inoculation and Seed Bomb workshops.

RECYCLING PROJECT

100's bottle tops, razors, toothpaste tubes, wine bottle tops & disposable face masks diverted from our red bins.

EVENTS

Avebury Gala was attended by 1,500 visitors celebrity judged preserves competition with entries from all over Canterbury. Other events included Dogs Day Out, Matariki in the Zone, Mother of All Clean Ups, Plastic Free July, Spring Fair.

GROUPS & WORKING BEES

Every month we host a number of groups including: Linwood College, Dementia Canterbury, Delta Friendship Group and Hōhepa Canterbury. Over 500 people came to working bees held for corporate groups, schools, Volunteering Canterbury, and many others.

FUNGI FARM

We started the ground works for the Fungi Farm in January. Since it has been open, many groups have used the space for foraging events, parties, and children's programmes.

PLANTING

1,227 native plants and 15 fruit trees.

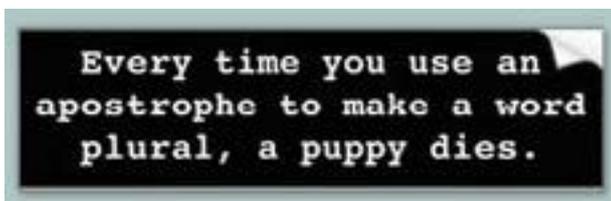


Mind Yer Language: How Many?

By Tanya Didham

Why do we add 's' or 'es' to pluralise nouns in English? It's something we inherited from our Latin language cousins, but we got off pretty lightly in the grammar stakes. In Spanish and French an 's' may be added to make a plural, but the definite article (the 'the') changes too. So a French gorilla is 'un gorille', but many gorillas are 'des gorilles'.

These languages and others, like German, have gender to deal with too. For example most German masculine nouns pluralise by adding an 'e' - der hund (the dog) becomes die hunde (the dogs); most female nouns pluralise by adding an '(e)n', as in die katze (the cat) and die katzen (the cats). There are several exceptions, but unlike us, our European cousin languages do have to mind their preceding articles.



In te reo Māori, there is no letter 's' or equivalent suffix to indicate plurals. More commonly it is indicated purely by a change in the definite article from, for example, 'te' to 'ngā': *te pukapuka* - the book, or *ngā pukapuka* - the books. Sometimes a macron is used to indicate a different emphasis when pronouncing the plural, as in 'wahine' for woman; and 'wāhine' for women.

In Japanese and other Asian languages there is no strict plural rule, most words don't alter and meaning relies purely on context. In Malay, plurals are often denoted by repetition of the singular, so *kiwan* (friend) becomes *kiwan-kiwan* (friends) - and they can be abbreviated so: *kiwan2*.

Of course English has exceptions to our plural rules too, largely because we have borrowed from so many languages. Many show their Germanic roots such as 'child' to 'children' and 'ox' to 'oxen'. The Germanic tree also spawned many English words that don't change in their plural form, like sheep, deer and fish. And then we have the 'mutant plurals' - the rule-burners - seven English words that just pluralise weird through the mutation of their vowel sounds: foot/feet, goose/geese, man/men, woman/women, mouse/mice, louse/lice and tooth/teeth. Did you know you had mutant feet??

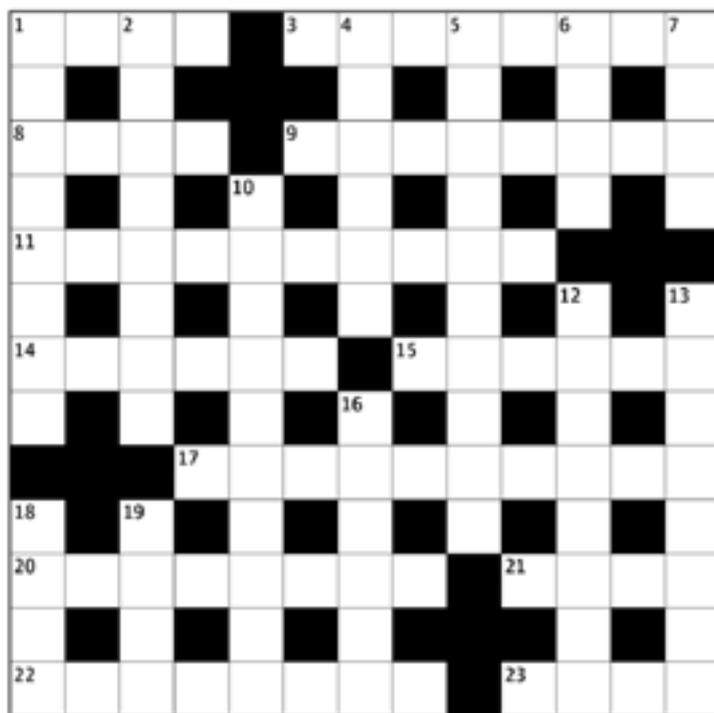
Puzzle Crossword

Across

1. Fairy tale monster (4)
3. Servant (8)
8. Dash (4)
9. Rural (8)
11. Accumulated knowledge (8)
14. Semi-conscious state (6)
15. Promise (6)
17. Makes sure of (10)
20. Inspector (8)
21. Red pine (4)
22. Law breaker (8)
23. Fever (4)

Down

1. Egg dish (8)
2. Come back (8)
4. Very happy (6)
5. Speak clearly (10)
6. Standard (4)
7. Depend on (4)
10. Parade (10)
12. Giving guidance (8)
13. Restore confidence (8)
16. Ebb (6)
18. Roman emperor (4)
19. Lower leg (4)



Solution to May Crossword

Across: 8. Stampede 9. Avast 10. Scat 11. Sunbathers 12. Rancid
14. Oleander 15. Correct 17. Fantail 20. Accurate 22. Mental
23. Arithmetic 24. Rite 25. Mouse 26. Operator

Down: 1. Staccato 2. Emit 3. Ceased 4. Reunion 5. Panatela
6. Washington 7. Starve 13. Circuitous 16. Clammier 18. Inaction
19. Section 21. Chrome 22. Mouse 24. Rear

The Avebury YHA

By Dawn Maley

Back in 1993/1994, I was the manager of Cora Wilding YHA Hostel in Avebury House. It was one of three YHANS hostels in Christchurch. The quietest of the three as it was further out from the city centre but still attracted a good number of tourists each year. These were mostly international travellers with an occasional Kiwi traveller thrown in for good measure.

We, my husband, daughter, I and our dog Casper lived in the hostel. As you enter the building our flat was on the right [in the Gordon Prince Room]. Then it was divided into 2 bedrooms, a lounge and kitchen etc.

It was small but felt roomy because of the high ceilings and the beautiful gardens outside.

Upstairs the rooms were divided into dormitories. The largest dorm slept 12 in bunks. The rooms were partitioned off so it never felt like there were 12 people in there. The upstairs turret room at the front was the most popular, sleeping two.

One of my most memorable days at the hostel was a quiet Saturday afternoon on the 18th of June 1994. My daughter, two at the time, had just fallen asleep in my arms so I stood up to pop her into bed. Her room was in the small downstairs turret room, at the front of the building. Just as I was leaning over to put her down in her bed the earth started to shake. It was the 6.7 earthquake in Arthurs Pass. Far enough away for no damage, so we thought, but close enough to be felt. I stood straight back up and got in the doorway until the building stopped shaking.

Once it was over we checked on the hostellers that were staying. At the time we only had a few. A couple of Japanese travellers took it in their stride, a few German tourists were pretty shaken up. Once I made sure everyone was okay I did a tour of the building. The only damage was a few cracked windows. All the windows were the old-fashioned sash windows that we had bolted



Dawn, husband Frank, and 2-year-old daughter Rochelle at the reception desk that was in Avebury's foyer.

shut for security. This created a problem in the quakes as the building moved but the windows didn't - hence the breakage.

I remember talking to the manager at Arthurs Pass hostel to make sure he was okay, and his vivid description of being in his garage with a kayak on top of his car, praying the kayak wouldn't get smashed. Lots more to that story but for another day.

Our time at the hostel was fun and interesting. Sharing Christmas Day with hostellers from all over the world, introducing them to Pavlova and Hokey Pokey ice cream. Shared many a coffee on the two chairs that sat on the front porch; watching the gardens change with the seasons. We were there for just over a year before we moved south to take over a larger hostel.

I love how the building has been lovingly restored and that it is open for groups like ours to use today. The building has a rich history, one that is obvious when you enter through the front door.

To avoid demolition, local resident Cora Wilding petitioned to run Avebury House as a youth hostel, which it was between 1966 and 1997. By then it was in such disrepair, it was again slated for the wrecking ball!

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Supling Filipino Playgroup



Celebrating Filipino culture through songs, stories, games, and activities. For Filipino parents with children below 6 years old. \$20 per term. We meet at Pukeko room, Crossway Community Church, **105 North Avon Road, Wednesday,**

9:30-11:30 during school term only. Filipino Breastfeeding Support Counsellor is also available. Contact Jo on **021 115 1657** for more info or visit Facebook, search for **Supling Filipino Playgroup.**

What's on in Richmond



AVEBURY HOUSE,
9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue.
Phone (03) 381-6615
The office is open Mon to
Fri from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday

Men's Shed: Contact John at 022 5891141 or Ian at 027 555 8368.

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 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.

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.

Tuesday

Yoga: 9:00–10:00 a.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$8/session.

Tai Chi: 10:30 a.m. \$10/session

Small White Teapot Group: Haiku group meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 12pm.

Pilates: 6:00 p.m. \$8/session.

Wednesday

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

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.

Pilates: 6 pm. \$8/session.

Thursday

Yoga: 9:00 a.m. Beginners welcome!

Pilates: 11 a.m. \$8/session.

Yoga: 6-7 p.m. \$8. Evening yoga. Join us for a good stretch!

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**.

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/

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 TRUST,
101 North Avon Road
(Entrance off Chrystal St)

Ph: (03) 389-0212, Free phone 0800233582

Foodbank: Contactless deliveries and car pickups only are now available. Monday, Wednesday, Friday (except public holidays) 10am-2pm. Please phone first.

Monday Café: Now open. \$2 Hot Toasties and 20 cent Tea and coffee. Every Monday except public holidays. 10am-12.30pm

Friday Inn Community meal: Currently closed. Check our website or Facebook for updates.

If you are isolating at home with Covid and need assistance please call the Covid Welfare line 0800 512 337.

North Avon Community Centre

English Class: Now running every Wednesday 10am-12.30pm (except Public & School holidays). \$3 Fee.

Delta International Playgroup: for mums and children under 5 of refugee and migrant backgrounds. Fridays during the school term 9am-11:30am at the North Avon Community Centre. \$2 for the session. Please bring your own morning tea for your child. NO shared morning tea. Face masks to be worn inside.

Music and stories at 10.30am.

Filipino Playgroup: Every Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm (Except Public & School holidays)

Ladies Craft Group: currently closed. Please check our website or Facebook for updates.

SHIRLEY COMMUNITY TRUST,

Ph: **(03) 981 5521, 77c Briggs Rod.**

MacFarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre: 17 Acheson Ave

Park Centre: 19 Acheson Ave.

Community Hub: Mon & Wed at Neighbourhood Centre. 10am - 2pm during term time. \$1 barista coffee & hot drinks.

The Listening Post: Mondays at MacFarlane Community Garden (off Jebson St.) 2:30pm - 4pm.

After School Gardening Club: Tuesdays during term time, for primary school-aged tamariki. 3:15pm - 4pm. At Macfarlane Park Community Garden (off Jebson St).

MacFarlanes on the Park **Café: Friday mornings, 9:30am - 12pm during term time.**

Friday Night Fun: Last Friday of every month at the Park Centre. 7pm - 9pm. Fun games, good food & great company! \$2/person, \$5/family.

SHIRLEY LIBRARY,

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

Monday

Shirley Library Book Discussion Group: 10:30am. Held on the 2nd Monday of the month. Bookings essential. Please phone or email to enquire about availability and cost.

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.

Thursday

Manga Club: 3rd Thursday of the month. 3:00pm. Enjoy all things manga? Come share your favourites, find a new one, or just have a chat! Free, no bookings required.

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

Philippine Independence Day Activity, Friday, 10 June, 3:30pm

join us for a special craft session to celebrate Philippine Independence Day. **Matariki Afterschool Activity Zone Thursday, 16 June, 3:30pm**

Mānawatia a Matariki! Celebrate Matariki with us! In recognition of Ururangi, we're making small replicas of different manu tukutuku - traditional Māori kites, using modern materials. Fun and learning for all ages.

Friday

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

Saturday

Family History Help: 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. 10a.m. A member of the NZ Society of Genealogists will be available to help with your family history questions. Free.

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.