



After 10 Years Things Are Finally Happening!

By Hayley Guglietta

It feels like we have been waiting forever to see some really big planting opportunities in the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (OARC), but things are starting to happen. Suddenly we're seeing so many wonderful volunteers planting up and down the Corridor. Avon Ōtākaro Forest Park have been extending their site in Brooker Ave, Burwood - along with their many other caretaker sites. Dave Newton and Eco Action have attracted hundreds of young people to their planting days near Anzac Drive; and thousands more have gone in and around the Dallington Landing thanks to Rotary and Conservation Volunteers NZ. Closer to home, along the high part of Dudley Creek, Council's Red Zone Rangers have collaborated with the Avon Ōtākaro Network, Banks Ave School, Hōhepa Homes and many locals to plant around 1200 of the 4000 scheduled plants. Keep an eye on the R.A.D.S. facebook page for future planting days in this very special part of the OARC.

SPECIAL EVENT this Sunday **3rd of July** The Press *Forever Trees Planting Day* aims to put 5000 trees in the ground at Waikākāriki-Horseshoe Lake. Head along to 41-57 Lake Terrace Rd, near De Ville Place, between 9am and 1pm. [Event link here.](#)

If you want to be kept up to date with the happenings around the OARC drop me an email and I will add you to our mailing list: hayley@guglietta.co.nz

Foraging Workshops



Come on down to the Richmond Community Garden for a fun family event to learn about new plants! This walk will start at the Fungi Farm and we'll explore one of the nearby red zone areas. We'll finish by harvesting a salad out of what we learned that day and come back to the Riverlution Eco Hub to enjoy it as well as some lovely foraged tea.

Gold coin donation.

13 July, Wednesday

6 August, Saturday

5 September, Monday

All workshops start at 11am.



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Children's Imagination Academy



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The Wit of Sam

My wife said "You really have no sense of direction do you?" I said "Where's that coming from?"



Why wouldn't Dracula attend the meeting? He was afraid of the stakeholders!



I never thought orthopaedic shoes would work for me; but I stand corrected.

Illustration by Stephane Terris

The Children's Imagination Academy hold their one-day-school at Avebury house on Mondays from 9am til 3pm. Term 3's theme is the Animal Kingdom - making wild connections! Also above are their special School Holiday programs - get in touch with Lou to find out more:

hello@imaginationacademy.nz

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata.

Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

- Māori whakatauki (proverb)

Plastic-Free July!

Can you go for a month without buying plastic? At Riverlution Eco Hub/Richmond Community Garden we are taking the pledge! It's not easy, but there are loads of great tips and resources on the Plastic Free July website - www.plasticfreejuly.org. We'll be sharing some on our [facebook page](#) too. Check it out and let's save the planet!

Some Plastic-Free July tips:

- Choose to refuse groceries that use single-use plastic packaging. Go to your local Bin Inn or butcher. Remember to bring your own bags!
- Bring your own containers to your local takeaway.
- At the Community Garden we make our own oat milk. [Here's an easy recipe.](#)

At the EcoHub we're doing our part by accepting waste to our collection point like Colgate branded toothpaste and toothbrushes, plastic bottle tops (#2 and #5) and clean chip packets that will be made into survival blankets. The EcoHub is located at 46A Vogel St.



Richmond Residents' and Businesses' Association

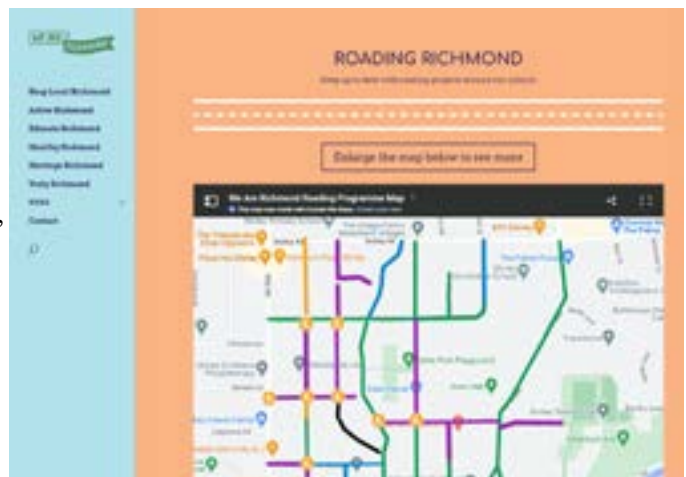
Word on the Streets...

By Rachel Crawford for We Are Richmond

Wondering about the road works in Richmond? What will be done to your street when? Or what has already been completed?

Wonder no more! Committee member Craig Given has worked tirelessly for years, alongside committee member David Duffy, communicating with transport organisations, and attending endless meetings about Richmond's roads. Now he has kindly taken the time to make an easy-to-use, interactive online map, showing you exactly what's happening with our roads, and when. Thank you Craig!

To find it from the homepage of the We are Richmond website, hover over the RRBA heading and click on 'Roothing Richmond'. Then simply click on the [interactive map](#)!



Craig's handy map will be updated as road works are completed, and new project timelines are forecast.

Come along to the informal We Are Richmond (Richmond Residents and Business Association) meeting at The Richmond Club on 26 July at 7pm.

Learn about and share local issues, discuss and create solutions together, and get involved! We welcome residents and new members at any time, all are welcome.

Our current working groups are Roothing, Communications, Richmond Clean Ups, Richmond Village, Arts and Parks

The RRBA meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Mānawatia a Matariki!

Well, we're a bit late now, but how exciting to have our own midwinter holiday, marking the Māori New Year! While we sadly could not commit to our usual Matariki in the Zone event, we still wanted to share in the celebrations. A new star trail concept wove around the Richmond Community Garden between the 20th and 30th of July - a concept we'll be working on and incorporating into our event next year.



Tupuānuku translates to 'grow in the earth'. The clearer and brighter the star, the better the omen for foods of the earth.



Waipunarangi connects to water from the sky, when it is dim there will be greater than average rainfall in the coming year.



Waitā is connected to salt water and includes all creatures and kai from the sea.



When Tupuārangī is bright in the cluster he foreshadows a good year of food from the sky - including birds, and fruits from the trees above. When Matariki rises, it is time to start preserving for winter.



Ururangi relates to wind, if the star is bright the winds for the coming year should be favourable.



Matariki is the brightest central star. She is the mother, surrounded by her star children and signals good health and wellbeing when bright in the sky



Pōhutukawa is one of the most sacred stars in the cluster. She receives those who have died during the year. Once the tohunga kōkōrangī (astronomer) has interpreted all the signs, lamenting the dead and the saying of their names is the final part of the formal ceremony.



Hiwa-i-te-rangi is thought to be a female ancestor of Maui, and her star is like the 'wishing star' where people send their wishes for a prosperous year ahead.



Waitī is connected to fresh water and all the creatures and kai within it.

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On The Street Where You Live...

By Tanya Didham

Remember Miss Couzins from the May issue? Let's see who (or what) else is memorialised with a street name in our suburb.

In 1926, as Christchurch's various boroughs began to join up, duplicate street names became an issue. In the face of public protests Richmond's Victoria St was renamed for King Edward VII's Danish consort, Queen Alexandra. Residents of a stretch of North Avon Rd were asked to choose a new street name, as their section was merging with another street. Local cabinet-maker Jim Duncan suggested 'Avalon', referring to the legendary Arthurian island where Excalibur was forged and the hero King laid to rest. By 1928 Jim's address had changed from 75 North Avon Rd to 37 Avalon St. Tweed St is named for a Scottish river; Medway an English one. Draper St was known as Draper's St in the 1880s, signalling the location of the profession.

George Petrie was a well-known landowner who helped build North Avon Rd and served on the Richmond School committee. George Swann was a local solicitor and politician, not unlike Avebury's owner James Flesher. However Swann's Rd appeared in the 1880s; Flesher Ave was not named til the

1940s, not long before Avebury was sold to the crown. Stapletons Rd also dates back to the 1880s. It was named for resident gentleman and prizewinning 'poultry enthusiast', Thomas Stapleton.

Staffordshire native, Reverend Alfred Walter Averill was the vicar of St

and several streets were created and named by them, making way for sections which were sold around 1910. Guild St is named for the Women's Church Guilds. A Chancellor is a legal advisor to the diocese, and Henry Slater was one of Christchurch's first. Warden St immortalised the church wardens, and Dudley St, on sale in 1909, was named for Christchurch Archdeacon Benjamin Dudley.

William Livingstone Chrystal was chief detective in Christchurch for some years, but later "redirected his energies in the cutting up and disposal of property which he owned in the vicinity of his residence" at 334 Stanmore Road. Part of the Anglican sell-off, Chrystal St was named for him in 1912.

Reverend GB Tuson bought 50 acres of land in 1851 and named the road next to it after his Middlesex hometown, Little Stanmore.



Richmond subdivision, from PRESS, Vol. LXVI, Issue 13727, 7 May 1910, p14

Michael's Anglican Church until 1910. The street name first appears in the 1914 directory, the same year Averill left Christchurch to become Archdeacon of Auckland, and later, Archbishop of New Zealand.

Many streets in North Richmond have an Anglican association. Much land was owned by the church,

If your street name isn't here or you're curious to find out about some other Christchurch thoroughfares, have a look on the [Christchurch City Libraries' website](#).

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Mind Yer Language: It's the way you say it

By Tanya Didham

Language is a tricky beast; like water it adapts to the local landscape, filling any hole in knowledge with borrowed, new and evermore specific words. For these reasons even though English is the main language of Britain and its disparate former 'empire', we all sound pretty different! Britain's dialects vary wildly from the London cockney, to Billy Connolly's Glaswegian burr, to the Birmingham brogue of Ozzy Osbourne. It's about isolation, whether it's a tribe in the next valley, or an ocean away. We may assume England speaks the most 'English' English, but perhaps you have also heard that American-English is the more 'Shakespearean'.



Former colonies like ours, Australia and the US were settled purposefully at specific times; the different dialects reflect both the time stamps and origins of their UK departures. NZ was colonised late, in the mid 1800s, generally by religious organisations: the very English Anglicans in Christchurch, the Scots' Presbyterians in Dunedin. Australia's broader dialect came from an overflowing pool of London's convict population who began arriving in England's newest penal colony from the 1770s.

Settling in the 1600s, Puritan English colonists indeed brought the Bard's language to the New World. One key difference between the two dialects today is how they pronounce 'r'. In the 1600s, English was an r-pronouncing 'rhotic' language, but by the 1800s London society was distancing itself from the 'r' sound, wanting to sound more 'European'. The prominent 'r' became associated with vulgarity and it wasn't long before most of England adopted the new fashion: turning 'larrge' into 'lahge' and 'summerr' into 'summah'. There were exceptions, Scots-English strongly retained the 'r' sound, and likewise southwest populations such as Devon and Cornwall. [Southland's burr is a legacy of their Scots' heritage!]. But generally, England turned its back on the 'r' and America embraced it.

Then along came Noah Webster who felt English-English was just way too complicated and in compiling his American-English dictionary in 1806, he merrily dropped the 'u' from words like 'color' and 'humor', and switched 's' for 'z' in words like 'harmonize'. A form of both simplification and protest; a reminder that America no longer looked to Mother England to define them.

Puzzle Cryptic Crossword

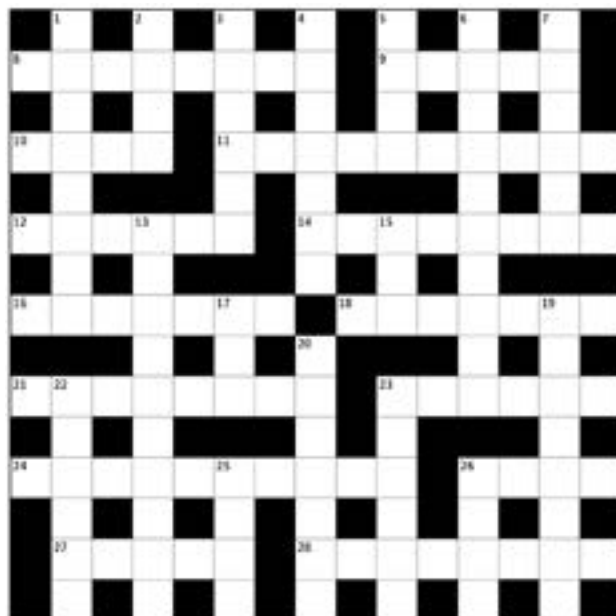
By Dirty Harry

Across

8. Decent ad? Hardly — in decline (8)
9. Tools may be used to make a seat (4)
10. For a start, Gerry lived and died happy (4)
- 11 & 12. Where to get a basic education (10,6)
12. See 11
14. Can enter here (8)
16. Road apt to go astray — this will help you switch between systems (7)
18. Clay pit representative (7)
21. Deceive left or right? - right... think about it! (8)
23. After term at sea, something solid (6)
24. Dead strict, or preoccupied? (10)
26. Direction needing orientation (4)
27. Coins that may be worshipped (5)
28. Theatre operator includes tango for caviar producer (8)

Down

1. Substituted reed with clap (8)
2. Dependant definitely a drawback (4)
3. Uncover — something about young meat? (6)
4. Spoken by complete journalist (7)
5. Sounds like I'll be surrounded by water (4)
6. Get traction in DC? Say it's not true (10)
7. Churchman breaks circle (6)
13. Work place resistance (10)
15. Make an effort to score (3)
17. Of long duration to start with...end up like this (3)
19. Strong dislike of an indefinite iteration (8)
20. Demonstrate for examination (7)
22. Start — else I drink (6)
23. Clairvoyant perhaps, but hardly extreme (6)
25. Part of collapsed church (4)
26. Example of French going backwards...to the limit (4)



Solution to May Crossword

- Across:** 1. Ogre 3. Retainer 8. Elan 9. Pastoral 11. Experience 14. Trance 15. Pledge 17. Ascertain 20. Examiner 21. Rimu 22. Offender 23. Ague
- Down:** 1. Omelette 2. Reappear 4. Elated 5. Articulate 6. Norm 7. Rely 10. Procession 12. Advising 13. Reassure 16. Recede 18. Nero 19. Calf

Good News for 10 Shirley Road!

By Jennifer Dalziel

The Shirley Community Centre at 10 Shirley Road was demolished after the February 2011 earthquake. For six years Council told us the centre would be rebuilt, then in 2018 after two flawed feasibility studies, they changed their minds. Residents banded together to fight for a replacement facility. A petition with 1200 signatures, along with letters of support from two local MPs, were presented as part of the Council's 2021 Long Term Plan submission process. Two site activation events have been held: a skip day in May 2021, and a Carboot sale in February 2022.

As a result of our efforts Council has decided to rebuild our community facility on the site! They have come up with four possible options which are currently being costed. These range from a very basic structure, similar to the Dallington landing, through to a large community hub with library and service centre. Once costing is complete, Council will conduct another feasibility study where an independent expert will comment, and then the options will be put out for community consultation.

This has been a four-year battle and we're not there yet. But we are on the way. Thanks to everybody who has

contributed their time and energy to this endeavour. Please look out for the consultation and submit your views when the time comes. Continued community engagement is the only way our community will get the facility we deserve.

Anyone who wishes to be involved in the ongoing fight for justice in our community, please contact Jennifer Dalziel jdalziel@inet.net.nz



Does it have to be housing or trees?

By Greg Partridge

Christchurch waterways, suburbs and environment are going to be adversely impacted if the Council proceeds with its proposed city-wide housing intensification plan.

The Council's plan will allow thousands of trees to be felled across our city during a time when academic studies and scientific research have both revealed Christchurch's tree coverage has been steadily vanishing over the last decade. Why would Council allow those thousands of trees to be felled in the midst of a Climate and Ecological Emergency, declared by Council itself in 2019?

Christchurch currently has a little over 13.5% tree canopy coverage, compared to 30% in Wellington and 18% in Auckland. So why is Council allowing for the destruction of so many trees, while simultaneously Mayor

Lianne Dalziel is backing Christchurch's bid to become a National Park City? Is this hypocrisy at its finest?

Research shows the most significant decrease of tree coverage is happening in residential neighbourhoods,



as developers construct in-fill housing. Research also indicates that where that type of intensification occurs, greater concentrations of traffic occur. That is defined as the "paradox of intensification". It accelerates the degradation of local environmental conditions.

The Council's plan will see a threefold intensification of housing in our suburbs, resulting in less bare ground to absorb rainfall. This in turn leads to far greater volumes of polluted storm water spewing into the waterways and ever-increasing levels of environmental degradation throughout Christchurch.

If you're concerned about our environment, please follow the petition link and join hundreds of Christchurch residents who have already called on the Council to replace its current plan with a more environmentally sustainable and economically logical one.

www.change.org/ChChHousingNeedsVsEnvironmentalDestruction

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.

Children's Imagination Academy: one-day school from 9am.

For more info email:

hello@imaginationacademy.nz

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.

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.