

## Avebury Wraps Up 2022

By Tanya Didham

What a year it's been! For Avebury, along with many of us, 2022 has been a year of recovery.



At the House, we've been making new friends and working with our community partners, we've hosted events, provided spaces for hire, and shared the stories of Richmond past and present. We did a little renovation downstairs, and always have our eye on

improving the heritage factor, while staying accessible. Upstairs, along with the office, you'll find Bas from zero-fees educator Land Based Training; the Children's Imagination Academy (pictured above); as well as our newest tenant, couples counsellor Ian Gall.

Regular open groups and classes include Gentle Exercise, yoga, Pilates, tai chi, Writing Your History, quilting, and poetry. In 2023 we hope to bring back our full events calendar

starting with the Avebury Gala on March 25th. The Vintage Market will be back even sooner, with the first one on February



5th! Next is our Anzac installation; Matariki in the Zone; Spring Fair/Heritage Fest; Teddy Bears' Picnic, and the Xmas Night Market. This year the Xmas Market is on Friday Dec 2nd - it's likely many of you will be reading this after it's happened, so we hope it was a great last hurrah for 2022!

Avebury House is a Heritage 2 building, owned by Council, but run by a Trust. That means as a charity, we have to apply for all the funding we need to maintain the amenity, also using any earnings from hiring out



*Some of the Avebury staff and volunteers meet Santa.*

rooms etc. Nevertheless Council is one of our major funders and we'd like to thank them for sticking with us through a tough couple of years, along with other funders including Lotteries and crucially, the Covid Relief Fund. Many thanks also to Rotary and TAFAN for supporting our lovely quilters making quilts for children in need.



Avebury has a small, committed team of part-time staff, and a larger team of incredible volunteers including several of our facilitators; John, Matty and Ian at the Shed; the Avebury

Board; and the wonderful people who deliver this newsletter each month! Ngā mihi nui to all of you, and to everyone a very happy and peaceful holiday season from Avebury House.

***The office at Avebury House will close from Friday December 17th, and reopen Monday January 9th. Meanwhile our email will be regularly checked, and the house is still available for use. For all queries, you can reach Tanya or Kristine at [admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz](mailto:admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz)***

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## The Wit of Sam

My wife and I were picking out a Christmas turkey at the supermarket, but she was unimpressed by the sizes. "Do they get any bigger?" she asked. I looked at her and said, "No honey, they're dead."

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They say childbirth is the most painful thing anyone can experience. Maybe I was too young to remember, but I don't think it hurt that much.

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Why do you never see pigs hiding in trees? Because they are good at it.

*Illustration by Stephanie Terris*



## Vintage Market 2023

Next year's first Vintage Market at Avebury is kicking off on the 5th of February. Vinyl records, books, retro, crystal, china, clothing, antiques, jewelry, furniture, and collectibles! You name it... you'll probably find it! Runs from 10am to 2pm.

## Holiday Hours for Fitness at Avebury

### Monday 10.30am Gentle Exercise with Dakota:

last class 12th Dec; back on 9th Jan

**Monday 6pm Yoga with Robyn:** last class 12th Dec; back 9th Jan

**Tuesday 9am Yoga with Alison:** last class 13th Dec; back 10th Jan

**Tuesday 10.30am Tai Chi with Roger:** last class 20th Dec; back 7th Feb

**Tuesday 6pm & Thursday 11.30am Pilates with Dee:** last class 15th Dec; back 12th Jan

**Thursday 9am yoga with Timea:** last class 22 Dec; back 19th Jan



**Thursday 6pm yoga with Dakota:** last class 15th Dec; back 12th Jan

Most classes are \$8 casual, or 10-click cards are \$70. Gentle Exercise is \$5, and Tai Chi is \$10.

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# Richmond Community Garden & Riverlution Events



To learn more about the events below visit [@RichmondCommunityGardenAvebury](#) and [@riverlutionhub](#) on Facebook.com.

## December

### Foil Fusion Live Event

**When:** Sat 3 December, 10:30am

**Where:** 46A Vogel St

**What:** Chip Packet Project New Zealand Foil Fusion, that is! Up and down the country people will be gathering to fuse their foil to make survival sheets for those in need this winter. Turning waste into something useful. Join the CPPNZ at the Riverlution Eco Hub for a live demonstration and the opportunity to give it a go yourself.



### Te Pūnaha Hoko Mea/

#### The System of Stuff with Para Kore

**When:** Mon 5 December, 12:30

**Where:** 46A Vogel St

**What:** This wānanga introduces the concept of linear vs circular systems of taking, making, selling, using & disposing of our stuff. It demonstrates that there is a much bigger story to our stuff than just how we get rid of it. The wānanga investigates other more sustainable alternatives to this system and makes connections to te Ao Māori values and practices and how they minimise our impact on Papatūānuku.

### Forgaging Walks

**When:** Wed 7 Dec, 1pm & Sat 10 Dec, 10am

**Where:** Fungi Farm, 235 River Rd.

**What:** We'll start at the Fungi Farm and explore the nearby red zone areas. We'll finish by harvesting a salad and come back to the Riverlution Eco Hub to enjoy it and some lovely foraged tea.

### Repair Revolution

**When:** Tues 20 Dec, 5pm

**Where:** 46A Vogel St.

**What:** Let's reclaim the things we own and take pride in maintaining and repairing them. Come join us on the third Tuesday of every month for the Repair Revolution at the Riverlution Eco hub.

## January

No repair Riverlution in January, volunteers are taking a break. The next one will be on **Tuesday 21st of February**.

### Riverlution Eco Park Working Bee

**When:** Saturday 7th January, 10am-1pm

**Where:** 46A Vogel St.

**What:** Come and Join us first our first working bee! We welcome volunteers, be they, seasoned gardeners or newbies, to help create a beautiful garden for our community to enjoy! As always tea, coffee, and kai are provided.

### Forgaging Walks

**When:** Sat 14 Jan, 10am

**Where:** Fungi Farm, 235 River Rd.

**What:** Feel free to come even if you don't know much or nothing about plants as we will do a deep dive into understanding the plant life, exploring some of them in-depth, and identifying all sorts of wild foods we'll come across on the day.



### Wānanga Ikura with Para Kore

**When:** Tues 17 Jan, 5:30pm

**Where:** 46A Vogel St

**What:** The Para Kore Wānanga Ikura aims to provide a safe space to learn about te ao Māori understandings of our Ikura (menstrual cycle/s) and to raise awareness about the waste associated with menstrual products.

## Merry Christmas from The Avon Hub!

By Kate Latimer

The Avon Hub on North Parade has a daily PLAY session from 10am-midday, running from **Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st December**. It is a drop-in with different equipment out each day, FREE of charge and no sign-ups. Suitable for tamariki 5 years old plus.

We'll be closing for Christmas on Thursday 22 December and will reopen on Monday 16 January. Follow our facebook page for the new year's programme dates.

Best wishes to the Richmond Community for a safe and happy festive season and we'd love to see you in 2023. Merry Christmas from the Avon Hub crew!

You can get in touch with Kate at Eastern Community Sports via [kate@easterncommunity.co.nz](mailto:kate@easterncommunity.co.nz) check their website: [www.easterncommunity.co.nz](http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz) or catch up on [facebook](#).

# A Clean Waterway is a Happy Waterway!

By Hayley Guglietta for the Avon-Ōtākaro Network

The Avon-Ōtākaro Network have launched an 'in river clean project' in collaboration with Healthy Rivers NZ, Without Waste, and local community groups. This month tamariki from Ao Tawhiti school, Jenny from Te Tuna Tāone, and Sally from the Community Waterways Partnership went rubbish-spotting from our local bridge and river banks. They were then able to direct Daryl the boat driver to pick it up. The accumulated rubbish was carried over to the Riverlution Ecohub where it was sorted, weighed and recorded.



So far we've found a lot of leftovers from the whitebait season, lots and lots of cans, bottles and road cones, as well as wood, metal and road signs. We are trying to reduce the amount going to landfill by sorting, recycling, and sending things back to their owners. Some of the collected refuse will even go towards an art piece in 2023!



Much of the rubbish has come from our stormwater system. Please be mindful that anything dropped on the ground, or thrown out a car window, winds up in our stormwater drains and is carried straight to our waterways. We know many of our locals take a small rubbish bag with them when they walk along the river

- thank you so much, we really encourage this. If your school, community group, or business would like to help us out with a volunteer sorting session, please get in touch with me at [hayley@guglietta.co.nz](mailto:hayley@guglietta.co.nz)

## Haiku from the Small White Teapot

If you'd like to join a supportive group of poetry-makers, please contact Barbara Strang on [bhstrang@yahoo.com](mailto:bhstrang@yahoo.com). They'll be back in 2023!

reflections  
rippling  
the paling fence

Judith Walsh

last days . . .  
her furrowed brow  
now smooth

Nola Gazzard

at last  
only my name  
on the cheque account

Elise Mei

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## Important Dates for Delta!

**Foodbank:** Last day December 21st. Re opens Monday January 9th, 2023



**Monday Café:** Closed now until January 30th, 2023

**Friday Drop-Inn Café :** Last day December 2nd. Re opens February 3rd, 2023

**ESOL/ English Class:** Last day Wednesday December 7th. Reopens Wednesday February 8th 2023. For more info call Preethi at **022-3258060** or email [preethi@deltatrust.org.nz](mailto:preethi@deltatrust.org.nz)

**Delta international Playgroup:** Last Day Friday December 9th. Reopens Friday January 10th 2023. For more info call Preethi at **022-3258060** or email [preethi@deltatrust.org.nz](mailto:preethi@deltatrust.org.nz)

**Filipino Playgroup:** Last day Wednesday December 14th. Reopens Wednesday January 8th 2023. Just \$20 per term 9.30am-11.30pm. Filipino Breastfeeding Peer Support is also available. Please contact Jo **021-1151657**.

From everyone here at Delta Community Support, we wish you a peaceful and happy holiday season.

# The Old North Avon Shops

By Wendy Stolzenberger

In 1992 I purchased 73 North Avon Rd, at the top of Stanmore Rd. At the time it was a pet food shop,



previously it had been the local butcher. My grandfather remembered wandering down from Chamberlain Courts and crossing the

butcher's sawdusted floor to receive a free saveloy.

After World War II these commercial premises were re-zoned to allow residential use, meaning families could run their businesses while still attending to family life.

In 1993, Tall Poppies leased the shop. The popular floristry business was run by Charmaine Chappell Irwin, known for her colourful and creative flair. Sadly Tall Poppies succumbed to one of the 2011 earthquakes. My own architectural practise also ran from the front rooms for many years - Intrudesign - which I still currently operate from home.

The house underwent many renovations through the years, but was brought to recent media attention when a car travelling north on Stanmore Rd smashed through its front door, winding up next to a stunned resident who had been sleeping just inches away. That was back in May, and whether it will be revived from this damage remains to be seen.



71 North Avon Rd was Shirley Motors, owned by Win Stolzenberger for many years before I met him in the '90s. Following our marriage we sold the business and it became the drive-thru Richmond Dry Cleaners it still is today. Win passed away in 2010, but I have many fond memories of the Richmond area and the friends we made along the way.

Wendy runs an interior design business, you can contact her at [intrudesign@gmail.com](mailto:intrudesign@gmail.com)



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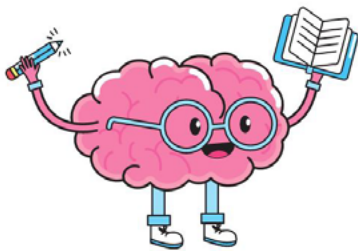
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# Mind Yer Language: Close Enough!

By Tanya Didham

Mrrey Chmatriss form all the sftaf and vunolteers at Abveruy Hosue! And a vrey hppay new yaer! It's likely you had not much trouble raeding that, despite the crazy letter jumlbess because our celver brains don't read words letetr by lteetr, but rather as a wlohe. So long as key letter shapes and sonuds are in their rifhgtul palces, our brain jmpus to the neresat conclucosoin. It's comparing the visual shape of the word to other ones in its database, and it's using context to predict. There are exceptions to the 'first and last letter' meme, as words become harder to interpret if you move the sounds around too much. For example, this exmaple is easier to read than this epmalxe.



The phenomenon has been tagged with the tongue-in-cheek name, Typoglycaemia; and it shows we rely not only on what our eyes see, but what our brain expects to see.

It's a subject of special interest to orthographers, a pursuit perhaps more well known as 'word nerd' or even 'grammar nazi'... 'Orthography' came to us via French and Latin, from the Ancient Greek 'ortho' meaning 'correct', and 'graphy' meaning 'to write'. It first crops up in the 15th century as many languages are beginning to seek more consistency, and it is very much about proper spelling!

A Cambridge researcher saw the internet meme about a Cambridge researcher, and wondered why he'd never heard about their work, as he too worked in cognition. After some sleuthing he tracked the researcher down to Nottingham University, and a 1976 PhD thesis on letter randomisation. We've learned more since then, but understanding the ways our complex brains observe and interpret our world is an ongoing and fascinating field of research.

N.B. While perhaps not difficult to read, for a self-confessed amateur orthographer, this was very difficult to write!

I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, 'Toys not included.' — *Bernard Manning*

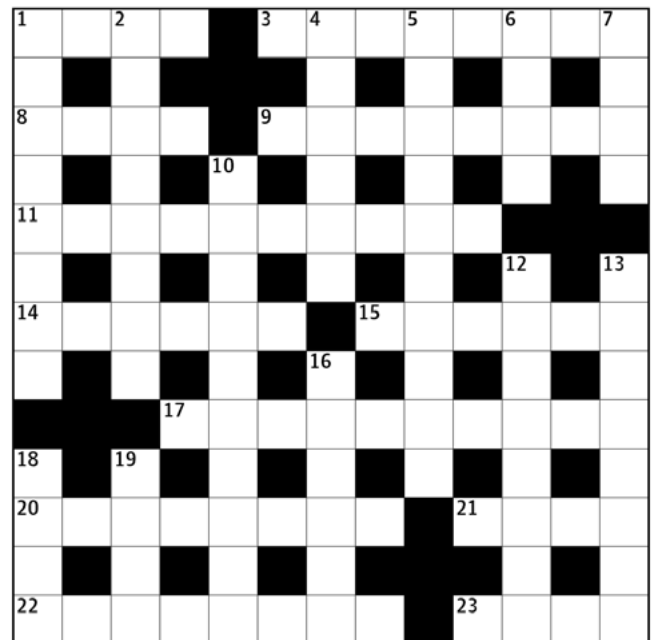
## Puzzle Crossword

### Across

1. Location (4)
3. Obstacles (8)
8. Above (4)
9. Fort (8)
11. Doing well (10)
14. Revolving cylinder (6)
15. Atmospheric light show (6)
17. Fruit grower (10)
20. Colleagues (8)
21. Metallic element (4)
22. NZ magazine (8)
23. At one time (4)

### Down

1. Customers (8)
2. Three-leaved designs (8)
4. Blood vessel (6)
5. Overcomes again (10)
6. Test (4)
7. Casserole (4)
10. Outward aspect (10)
12. Location (8)
13. Minute portion (8)
16. Attack (6)
18. Precious stone (4)
19. Skills (4)



### Solution to November Crossword

**Across:** 1. Remark 4. Oracle 9. Stop 10. Imbalances 11. Freeze 12. Reserved 13. Adjective 15. Seat 16. Site 17. Backstage 21. Macaroni 21. Afghan 24. Repentance 25. Oops 26. Ensues 27. Eyelid

**Down:** 1. Retired 2. Maple 3. Raiment 5. Relish 6. Congruent 7. Element 8. Abbreviations 14. Extranets 16. Siamese 18. Knavery 19. Grasp 20. Bottle 23. Growl

# What Do I Want For Christmas?



By David Duffy for We Are Richmond

When I was a small boy, my brother and I would ask our parents what they wanted for Christmas. The reply was invariably 'two good boys'. A difficult request to meet as we both knew it didn't just apply to Christmas Day but to all the days beyond!

Today, when I'm asked, 'what do you want for Christmas?', my thoughts float beyond family, and I look around at the society I live in. I reflect on what part I'm playing to contribute to the overall well-being of my community. This brings me to the work and aspirations of Richmond Residents' and Business Association (We Are Richmond). Recently, we all sat around the table with a pile of post-its and brainstormed how we'd like to help make Richmond a better place.



Included in our wishes was a desire to assist Shirley Intermediate School with their pool facilities. Can we facilitate a restructure to create a community-based swimming complex, or will we lose the asset to demolition? A second wish was to work with Council to create a more vibrant Stanmore Road precinct. Thirdly, we cast our eyes over Petrie

Park and saw the potential for an innovative upgrade plan, incorporating the site vacated post-quakes by the Bowling Club. Four years ago we started a collaborative Council planning process to improve the roads in North Richmond (some may remember the stormy meeting at Shirley Primary in October 2018). Our roading infrastructure was badly damaged by the earthquakes



and so neglected by Council that our streets reminded residents of a war zone! Happily 16 of the 31 proposed projects have now been completed, with many locals now enjoying the amenity of safe, well-built, attractively landscaped roads. The process has been marked by a growth in understanding of the challenges when working with regulatory bodies. We have had to be patient! But we persevere toward the long-term outcome. We have also had our 'back streets' cycleway, co-designed with Council, accepted into its city-wide cycleway plan!

But, if I asked you, the reader, 'What do you want for Richmond?', what would your answer be? We plan to conduct some community surveys over the next few months and your responses will really help us direct our efforts. By answering in a thoughtful way you will be making a contribution to your community, a gift not just Christmas Day, but one that could have a positive impact on all of us! I guarantee you will feel good about becoming a part of your community in this way.

Merry Christmas everyone – have a safe and restful holiday period.

*David Duffy is the Chairperson of Richmond Residents' and Business Association, aka We Are Richmond. You can contact them at [secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz](mailto:secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz)*

Come along to the We Are Richmond (Richmond Residents and Business Association) meeting working group at Richmond Club every fourth Tuesday of every month. The next one is on **Tuesday, 24 Jan 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.



# 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.

### 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 pm \$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:** 11am & 6pm. \$8/session.

**Stress Release:** 7:30pm, guided relaxation & tension release. Contact Kathy 022 6507896.

### 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/](http://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.

## 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.



## RICHMOND COMMUNITY GARDEN

46A Vogel St

**Garden Days:** Monday - Wednesday & Saturday from 10am. to 1pm. We welcome volunteers to help create a beautiful veggie garden for our community to enjoy!

**Night Gardening:** Thursdays, 6-8pm. Last day on the 15th Dec, will resume on the 12th Jan.

**Riverlution Eco Hub:** Mon-Fri, 9:30am-4pm & Sat, 10am-1pm.

**Repair Revolution:** Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5pm. None in January.



## DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST,

101 North Avon Road

(Entrance off Chrystal St)

Ph: (03) 389-0212, Free

phone 0800233582

**Check p4 for important dates!**

**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 Drop-Inn café:** Every Friday except public holiday. 10am-12.30pm. Hot Soup and scone or fried rice only \$2, tea and coffee 20 cents.

## North Avon Community Centre

**ESOL/English Class:** 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-12pm at the North Avon Community Centre. \$2 for the session, \$10 per term. 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)

For more info call Preethi at

0223258060 or email

preethi@deltatrust.org.nz

## 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.