



Quilting with Love

By Judy van Leeuwen

Hugs All Round is a group of around 25 volunteers who make quilts for children who need an extra hug.

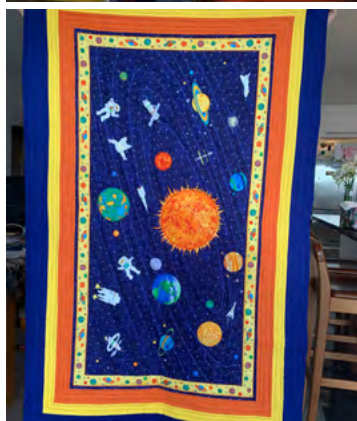
The group was started by Olga Whittaker. When she retired in 2003, Olga wondered what she could do with her time – and the stash of fabric she had acquired over a lifetime of sewing. She saw a need to provide underprivileged children with something of their own: “If a child is feeling sad or lonely they can wrap the quilt around themselves and give themselves a hug”.

Olga set about gathering support for the venture. She approached Council, local radio stations, and spoke to community groups. She sought funding to buy batting (the inside layer of the quilt) and people to join the group. She needed a place for people to meet and somewhere to store fabric. Avebury House became that base and since that time the group has continued to work under the umbrella of the Avebury House Community Trust.

Nowadays the HUGs group meet weekly at Avebury House on a Wednesday afternoon, where they have a big cupboard to store fabric and equipment. Members enjoy the social side of meeting together and discussing



Olga Whittaker (right) with Pam Gurden and Noeline Penn, original members of Hugs All Round.



Top: Children at STAND snuggle into their quilts. Left: Space quilt.

fabrics, colours and quilt designs. They make lots of scrap quilts and quilts from bright child-themed fabrics. Most of the sewing is done at home, with visits to Avebury for collecting fabric and batting. The quilts are made from cotton fabric for the top, with cotton/polyester batting in the middle layer, and have a flannel backing that provides that “snuggle” feeling. This makes them easy care and warm. Over the years around 2000 quilts have been given to groups like STAND, Birthright, Mother and Pepi at Nga Hau E Whau (Pages Rd Marae), Home and Family, Fosterhope, Christchurch Aunties, Aviva, Pillars, Methodist Mission, Village Church, Mothers and Babies at Princess Margaret hospital.

In 2021, 189 quilts were donated and 134 in 2022. We tell the children that the quilt is theirs to keep and take wherever they go. When they are feeling sad they should wrap the cuddly quilt around them and know that someone has made it for them with love.

HUGS ALL ROUND rely solely on donations, grants and the occasional raffle. We are grateful to Avebury who look after our finances. We apply to various funding organisations for batting and flannelette, while the cotton fabrics for the quilt tops are all donated. The group meets at Avebury House each Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm. If you're interested in finding out more, joining in, or even making a donation, you can email Judy at judeVanLeeuwen@gmail.com

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The Wit of Sam

Apparently 30% of people let their pets sleep on their bed. I tried it but my goldfish died.

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

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I quit my job at the helium factory today. I refuse to be spoken to in that tone!

Illustration by Stephanie Terris

Stress Release at Avebury House



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Wed & Sun, 7:30pm fortnightly, 8 people max

For dates and booking contact Kathy **022 650 7896**

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Floristry at Avebury

Saturday 11 Feb, 11am - 12.30pm

Maree is back with her popular floristry course!

In this workshop, you will make a table arrangement with a variety of flowers and native foliage; and a beautiful posey too.

Cost is \$30.00 per person (\$25 with community services card) - this includes all flowers and foliage. Please note, participants will need to bring their own medium-sized ceramic dish for the table arrangement.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL! To make a query or to book in, call Maree on **021 152 5480**.



Exercise at Avebury!

Is 2023 the year you take better care of yourself? Avebury has a range of exercise tutors to help you keep in fine fettle! All our yoga and Pilates classes are \$8 casual or you can purchase a 10-trip concession card for \$70. Gentle Exercise on Monday mornings is just \$5, and Tuesday's Tai Chi class with Roger is \$10/session. See below for timetable and contact details. Tutors are happy to answer any questions, give them a bell, and keep moving!

Monday

10.30am Gentle Exercise with Dakota 022 012 5005
6pm Yoga with Robyn 0274 592 553

Tuesday

9am Yoga with Alison 021 1500 163
10.30am Tai chi with Roger 021 208 9196
6pm Pilates with Dee 027 25 15 475

Wednesday

11am Pilates with Dee 027 25 15 475
6pm Pilates with Dee 027 25 15 475

Thursday

9am Yoga with Timea 021 295 0037
11am Pilates with Dee 027 25 15 475
6pm Yoga with Dakota 022 012 5005



'You can't have everything.
Where would you put it?'

-Steven Wright

The Avebury Paddling Pool

Following World War II Hubert Flesher sold Avebury House to the government along with 8 acres of land. The government had no particular plans for it and by 1951 had gifted it to the Christchurch City Council. It was decided the grounds would become a public park and around this time Plunket began using the house. In 1954 Council added the paddling pool behind the house, and it has been a popular local amenity ever since.

The pool opens on Show Weekend each year, in November - one of Richmond's best kept summer secrets, some families have been bringing their kids for generations! It is monitored daily for water quality, and maintained by Council who close it at the end of March when the weather cools. This year it will be closed from March 26th.



Remembering River Road



By Pam Milne

In the early 1950s Mal and Mabel Hall moved with their six children to a one-and-a-half storey, 4-bed house at 367 River Road. It was the family home till 2001, and a further 14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren would result!

The land was a third of an acre with 13 various fruit, walnut, and berry trees, a huge vegetable garden, an abundance of flower beds, and a large fountain-fed, artesian pond full of goldfish and lillies. Kingfishers, herons, fantails, the occasional wood pigeon and ducks were frequent visitors eyeing those fish! We also had several pets including a pony, a sheep, a dog, a cat, pet mice and fantail pigeons.

The clean, pristine river was our playground, swimming in the deep hole under the weir before the bridge was built, rafting on tractor tubes and white baiting. 367 was a family home full of love, fun and laughter, sadly lost like so many River Road homes to the 2011 earthquake. I did this painting of the Medway Street bridge in memory of a wonderful childhood.



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Creating a Haven on Avon

By Louise Bunt

Beverley and Louise began 'Haven on Avon' in March of 2022. With a combined 20 years experience in Early Childhood Education, we are two teachers who are passionate about providing a rich environment for young children in Nature. Unhurried, unrestricted and uninterrupted play is the vision. The ethos ensures a rich character of play, and alignment of values between us, the children and their families. This is important to us as we consciously foster connection, sense of belonging, and ongoing friendships. These attitudes and aspirations for children help to create a rich spirit of exploration, discovery and creation. Children experience fun and spontaneity. The outcomes are an appreciation for the Natural World and a growing awareness of the larger environment.

A healthy dose of vitamin D promotes bone health, and exposure to Nature has been shown to improve mood, reduce cortisol in the brain, and improve self-esteem. Facts we can all benefit from! Haven on Avon's unique location at Richmond Community Garden's Fungi Farm allows the children to push physical boundaries, through big bodily movements, gross motor skills, risky play and courageous actions. It involves but isn't limited to: tree climbing, rope swinging, running and hut-making. Nature Play encourages activities that get children active, thinking, and problem-solving outdoors. Through the freedom of play, children build many skills and abilities, developing and growing their capacities for creativity and symbolic play. The holism of each of these parts comes together in happy healthy children whom we hear saying "best day ever!". That makes our hearts glad and we are very proud of what we are co-creating alongside them.

We embrace all weather which means adapting when it's too wet to be fully outside. This might be erecting the tent or putting some tarpaulin up between two trees. A wonderful recent development at the Fungi Farm space is a children's 'log cabin' hut, built by Matty from the Avebury Workshop. With support from Richmond Community Garden, Matty repurposed fence posts from the fencing that had been erected around the Christchurch Red Zone after the quakes. It can be used for shelter, arts and crafts, reading, napping or snacking in. The children enjoyed the progression of the build and we have developed an ongoing relationship with Matty as a member of our extended community. Alongside a newly installed mud kitchen, the hut will hopefully entice more children and families to the area. We really value the hut and together we have come up with the name



Matty and Haven on Avon co-founder Beverley

Te Whare Tamariki - The Children's House. The children are making a hand painted sign - look out for it soon!

We are extremely grateful to the people of Richmond. We appreciate the openness, encouragement, and community-building values that we get to benefit so deeply from. Haven means 'place of safety' and we witness a lot of cohesion between the children. As the special culture of respect and harmony continues to grow, our experiences at Haven become richer and more meaningful with respect to the place, the wider space and the people we encounter.

If you are interested in having your child attend Haven on Avon we currently operate on Fridays 9am-3pm. During the school holidays we operate Tuesdays through to Fridays and can accommodate extended hours. Find us at www.havenonavon.com. Or get in touch at Havenonavon@gmail.com

Louise is a co-founder of Haven on Avon. The Fungi Farm is situated at the bottom of Eveleyn Couzins Drive, opposite the playground.





Richmond Community Garden Events

Sun Drying Workshop with Foraging Corner
Saturday, February 4 at 2pm



[Repair Riverlution](#)

Tuesday, February 21, 5pm – 7pm

[Te Pūnaha Hoko Mea/The System of Stuff with Para kore](#)

Tuesday, February 28, 5:30 pm – 7pm
Riverlution Eco Hub

[Late Night Gardening](#)

Thursdays
6pm-8pm

Check out our facebook page for more events:

@RichmondCommunityGardenAvebury

Or email: **coordinator@**

richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz

[Riverlution Eco Hub Ōtākaro Urban Trapping Project Hui](#)

Tuesday, February 7, 5pm – 6:30pm
Riverlution Eco Hub

[Foraging Walk](#)

Wednesday, February 8, 10am – 12:30pm
Fungi Farm

Composting 101 with Para kore

Monday 13th February, 5.30pm
Riverlution Eco Hub



Creating the Sacred

Around the world, cultures have made various different things sacred for practical purposes. Why does a tree get ordained in a forest in Thailand? Why does a river have personhood in New Zealand? Why are there shrines in Bali's rice-paddies?

Donna will talk about these and other examples and then lead a guided meditation based on the theme of creating the sacred for yourself. The first in a series of talks presenting a religious concept combined with a meditation, Donna has a BA in Religious Studies and is currently working towards an MA. She is very interested

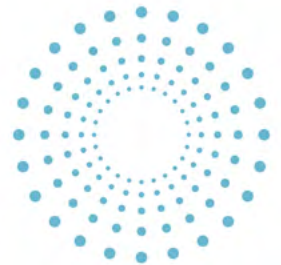
in people's beliefs, how they express their faith and the use of ritual.

When: Monday, 13 February,
7.30-8.30pm at Avebury House

Price: \$20 - bookings essential

You can register online at

www.thehealingdimension.co.nz or contact Donna Roy on 0211831066 or donna.roy63@gmail.com



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Mind Yer Language: Bonzer mate!

By Tanya Didham

How are we feeling in 2023? We have invented many slang terms to describe our moods. Some are fairly self-explanatory like 'tip-top', from the 1700s, or 'burnt out', from the 1970s. But many are less obvious like 'chuffed'. A northern English dialect word for 'puffed with fat', no doubt some of us were feeling 'well-chuffed' after a bit of holiday indulgence! 'Corking' and the derived 'corker', was one my grandad used. 'I'm corkin' mate', or 'What a corker of a day!' Originally the 'corker' doing the 'corking' was someone who had the last word

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in a debate. They ended or 'corked' the conversation with their brilliant remark. The word then drifted towards meaning anything brilliant.

'Jim-dandy' appears to have derived from a racist, 1840s South Carolina ditty, about a handsome slave named Dandy Jim! Hunky-dory is thought to have its origins in New York

slang, picked up from the Dutch word *honk* meaning 'home'. To be 'hunk' implied being home safe or well-positioned, often with regard to children's street games. The 'dory' was added in the 1860s - it's not clear why - perhaps just simple reduplication as in 'hoity-toity' or 'wishy-washy'. 'Box of birds' derives from the wordier but more understandable 'Happy as a bird in a box of birdseed!' No doubt the source of 'chirpy'.

Or maybe you're just feeling 'knackered'. Yes this relates to worn out horses going to the knacker's yard to be slaughtered, but the word itself seems to go back to the 1500s when a 'nacker' was simply someone who looked after farmers' horses, from saddlery to the disposal of 'old nags'.

Recent research has uncovered the iconic Australian term 'bonzer' originated here in New Zealand! It came from 'boncer' - a large marble in a northern Hampshire dialect. It referred to the biggest one used to bounce other marbles out of the game. It appeared here first in 1893, referring to a champion racehorse, as 'biggest' had come to mean 'best'. Spelling varied but the first printed use of bonzer-with-a-zed was tracked to a 1901 ad for bicycles in The Lyttelton Times! 'BONZER' In the vernacular means excellent: OUR REMINGTONS Are 'Bonzers'. Here's hoping for a bonzer 2023!

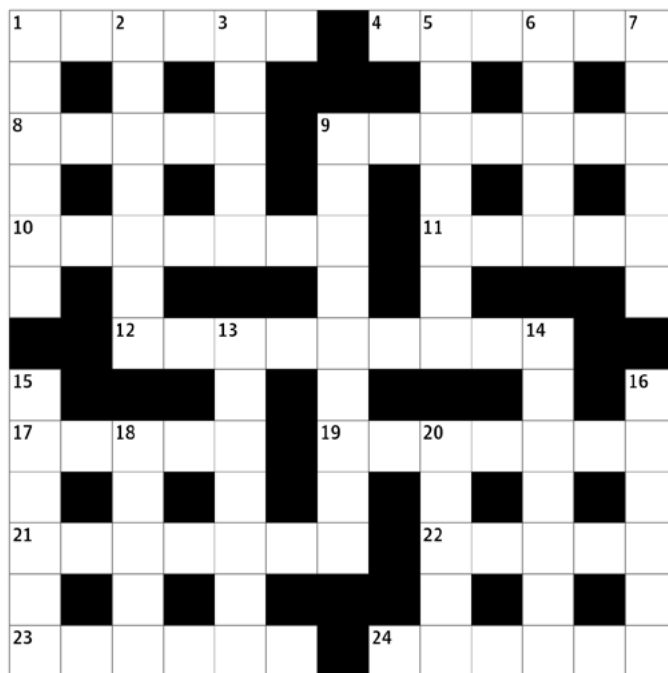
Puzzle Crossword

Across

1. Men's long garment (6)
4. Place of business (6)
8. Right-hand page (5)
9. Shut out (7)
10. Large building (7)
11. Precipitous (5)
12. Bad dream (9)
17. Greek letter (5)
19. Fundamental (7)
21. First (7)
22. Sailing vessel (5)
23. Takes illegally (6)
24. Stick together (6)

Down

1. Floor covering (6)
2. Invented story (7)
3. Garlic sauce (5)
5. Flowering shrub (7)
6. Accustom (5)
7. Free from obligation (6)
9. Related to voting (9)
13. Icy (7)
14. Surround (7)
15. Viral disease: hydrophobia (6)
16. Pass (6)
18. Cost (5)
20. 70's dance music (5)



Solution to Dec/Jan Crossword

Across: 1. Site 3. Barriers 8. Over 9. Stockade 11. Prospering
14. Roller 15. Aurora 17. Orchardist 20. Partners 21. Zinc
22. Listener 23. Once

Down: 1. Shoppers 2. Trefoils 4. Artery 5. Reconquers
6. Exam 7. Stew 10. Appearance 12. Position 13. Particle
16. Charge 18. Opal 19. Arts

UPDATE: FUTURE RICHMOND ROADING IMPROVEMENTS

By David Duffy for We Are Richmond

Members of the Richmond Residents' and Businesses' Association (We Are Richmond) recently met with Council's Transport and Roading Group, and can now pass on the following schedule:

FULL ROAD RENEWALS 1 – Nicholls & Dudley Sts

Tender process complete by 30 May, 2023.

Construction to start 1 July, 2023; end 30 Nov, 2023.

FULL ROAD RENEWALS 2 – Stapletons Rd from Warden St to Shirley Rd

Tender process complete by 30 May, 2023.

Construction to start 1 July, 2023; end 30 Sept, 2023.

RICHMOND CRAF* PROJECTS

- Intersection upgrades: at Averill & Petrie Sts; Averill St & Stapletons Rd; Chancellor & Guild Sts; Guild St & Hills Rd; and Guild & Slater Sts.
- New kerb and channel for Slater St from Guild St to 75/80 Slater.
- New speed humps: on Slater St at the Warden St intersection; on Chancellor St at the Warden St intersection; and on Dudley St at the Slater St intersection.

*The Christchurch Renewal Amenities Fund was granted by government in October 2021. Expected completion date for all CRAF projects – 30 June, 2024.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GREENWAY CYCLEWAY

North Parade, Averill Street, Stapletons Road, Dudley Street, Nicholls Street

Expected completion date – 30 June, 2024.



AREA-WIDE SPEED RESTRICTION

between North Avon Rd, Hills Rd, Shirley Rd and North Pde.

Expected completion date – 30 June, 2023.

SLATER ST REBUILD

from Warden St to

Shirley Rd, & no. 75/80.

Expected completion date – 30 November, 2024.

POULTON AVE

Pavement maintenance, street trees team, and road resurfacing - dates TBC.

All of the above work is supplementary to Council's regular maintenance schedule. Please use their 'Snap, Send, Solve' app to advise Council of maintenance issues in your area, or contact us at secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz



Come along to the Richmond Residents and Business Association meeting at The Richmond Club on: **Tuesday, Feb 28 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.



Allan the Appliance Guy will collect
for free scrap metal, old appliances,
computers, dvd players etc. No printers pls.
Call him on 027 756 2718.

Linwood Village Market

Saturday 4th Feb - Waitangi Weekend, we'll have music, singing and dancing, multicultural lucky dip and some games too! Live music with #Lizzie Cook 🎵🎵🎵 Corner of Worcester & Stanmore (Linwood Community Art Centre car park). Crafts, clothes, books, this & that, odds & ends, vintage & upcycled, free box, and always reasonably priced refreshments and a friendly welcome! First Saturday of the month, October till May!

Poetry from the Teapot

Poetry lovers The Small White Teapot will be back at Avebury in 2023. To find out more, or to join their friendly group, email Barbara at bhstrang@yahoo.com.

three for Christmas dinner
we eat cold turkey
for days

Judith Walsh

summer drought
a pale grasshopper
leaps somewhere else

Barbara Strang
(Published in Kokako)

two friends
twice their childhood size
lick icecreams

Elise Mei

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. 105 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**.

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.

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

Repair Revolution: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5pm.



DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST,

101 North Avon Road
(Entrance off Chrystal St)
Ph: (03) 389-0212, Free

phone 0800233582. Check our Facebook page or website www.deltatrust.org.nz

Foodbank: Please phone first.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday (except public holidays) 10am-2pm.

Monday Café: Every Monday except public holidays. 10am-12.30pm \$2 Hot Toasties, Tea & Coffee 20cents

Friday Drop-Inn café: Every Friday except public holidays. 10am-12.30pm. Choice of 2 mains only \$2, Dessert \$1, tea & Coffee 20cents.

Free Budgeting Advice and Advocacy: Please ring for an appointment.

North Avon Community Centre

ESOL/English Class: Starting February 8th, 2023. Every Wednesday 10am-

12.30pm (except Public & School holidays). \$3 Fee. Please Contact reception@deltatrust.org.nz for more information.

Delta International Playgroup:

Starting February 10th. For mums and children under 5. Every Friday 9am-12pm(except Public & School holidays). 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. Music and stories at 10.30am. Please Contact reception@deltatrust.org.nz for more information.

Filipino Playgroup: Starting February 8th, 2023, Every Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm (Except Public & School holidays) For more information contact Jo jo@odt.org.nz or **021-1151657**

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.

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.