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COMMUNITY NEWS



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Going Swimmingly At Te Oraka

By Murray James, We Are Richmond chair

Kia ora Richmond whanau, with so much happening locally, this month I would like to narrow the focus and comment on one project with massive benefits for Richmond and surrounding communities - one that the WAR council is 'donkey deep' in - the re-establishment of the Te Oraka, (Shirley Intermediate) Community Pools.

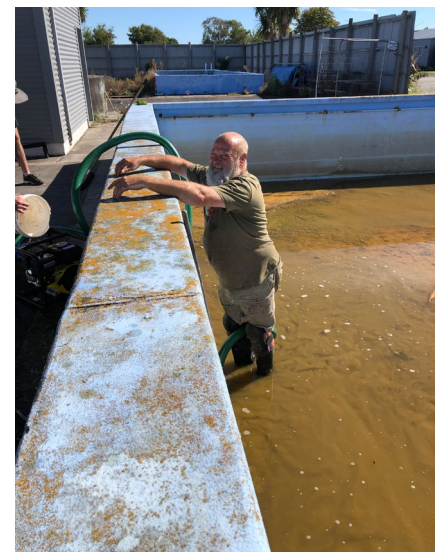
The two pools have been out of action, languishing in disrepair behind a Colditz-style iron fence since they were closed by the Ministry of Education in 2018.

Working in collaboration with Shirley Village Project, Shirley Residents' Association, Dallington Residents' Association, Te Oraka Shirley Intermediate School, Ferndale School, Pareawa Banks Ave Primary, Laura Fergusson Brain Injury Trust and Helen Anderson Trust, we aim to get this facility back up and running and accessible for the whole community.

Get involved! Did you or a family member go to Shirley Intermediate? Spread the word and come down to help with our working bees. The first one was on Saturday 22nd February - we cleaned out the rubbish and slime and washed the pools ready for them to be re-filled on a test basis.

This is one of the most exciting community projects for Richmond and wider and we will be starting a fundraising campaign later in the year. For now – it's all hands to the pump – literally! I look forward to seeing you all at the next working bee – to be advised! Check the We Are Richmond facebook page for updates, and come down and see us at the Richmond Gala on March 29!

Happy days in Bings Land. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.



We Are Richmond meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 25, 7-9pm at Avebury House. Everyone welcome!

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www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/newsletter.html

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The Wit of Sam

My son asked me what I played on the iPad as a kid, I said I used to talk into a fan to sound like a robot.

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I went to my doctor and asked "Do you have anything for wind?" He gave me a kite.

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People call me self-centred, but that's enough about them.

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Avebury Vintage Market Sunday March 23, 10am - 2pm

The Vintage Market is on the Avebury Lawn, Sunday 23rd March. All your retro desires in one place!

Open Call for Artists!

Eastside Gallery is pleased to invite local artists to contribute to the 3rd of its 7 open call shows for 2025: "Brilliant Vibrant People"



This is an exhibition of vibrantly colourful artworks inspired by brilliant people (be they real, imagined or historical).

Register by: Friday 4 April 2025

Exhibition Dates: 28 April - 24 May 2025 (4 weeks)

To register your interest: Please request a Contributor Form by emailing arts@tewhare.org, or feel free to discuss your involvement either by visiting Eastside Gallery at 388 Worcester St, Tuesdays-Saturdays 12-5pm, or by phoning **981 2881**.

A Mathematical Limerick

$$\frac{12 + 144 + 20 + 3\sqrt{4}}{7} + (5 \times 11) = 9^2 + 0$$

A dozen, a gross, and a score
Plus three times the square root of four
Divided by seven
Plus five times eleven
Is nine squared and not a bit more.

Created by Leigh Mercer, wordplay enthusiast & polymath, he also coined the famous palindrome: A man, a plan, a canal, Panama. [1893-1977]



Linwood Village Streetscape - What do you think?

In 2024, Christchurch City Council made some improvements to the Linwood Village streetscape.

Before we did, we found out what the community thought about the plans, and now it's complete, we're checking in again so we can compare feedback from before and after construction.



Global Research is carrying out a survey on the Council's behalf. Let us know what you think from Monday 17 February to Sunday 30 March by completing the survey in one of three ways:

In person at Linwood Village, corner of Stanmore Rd/Worcester St on Wednesday 12 March between 10am and 6pm (or, if wet, Thursday 13 March instead).

Online, by contacting Global Research on **03 355 4562** or at info@globalresearch.nz for the necessary password.

By phone, by contacting Global Research as above for assistance.

Complete the survey and be in to win one of three \$100.00 Prezzy Cards!

If you would like to know more about the Linwood Village streetscape upgrade, phone **941 8999** or **0800 800 169** or go to Linwood Village streetscape plan : ccc.govt.nz/the-council/community-consultation-archive/show/486

TENANCY LAWS - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Several changes to residential tenancy laws have come into effect, here are some important points to note:

A tenant can now end their periodic tenancy with just 21 days' notice, down from the previous 28 days.

A landlord can terminate a periodic tenancy by providing the tenant with 90 days' notice without needing to give a reason. This is referred to as a 'no cause' termination, previously a lawful reason was required.

A landlord can give 42 days' notice to end a tenancy if they or a family member needs to occupy the property, or if the property is being sold and vacant possession is necessary. Changed from the previous notice periods of 63 and 90 days, respectively.

Fixed-term tenancies automatically convert to periodic tenancies once the term expires, unless ended, extended, or renewed. For fixed-term tenancies concluding on or after 1 May 2025, either the landlord or tenant can terminate the fixed-term tenancy without providing a reason by giving notice between 90 and 21 days before the fixed term concludes, whereas previously only the tenant could do so.

To learn more, visit CAB's specialized tenancy website www.tenant.aratohu.nz.

Citizens Advice Bureau, or CAB as it is mostly known, is a not-for-profit charity that gets its funding through grant applications and generous donations by individuals. Last year, CAB Christchurch volunteers helped around 10,000 people. The top three enquiries were about conditions of work, rental housing, and relationships. Go figure!

If you require assistance in understanding your rights, please reach out to your local CAB on **0800 367 222**, or visit our website www.cab.org.nz to find a CAB near you. It's free!





Richmond Gala - Saturday March 29, 10am - 2pm



From top left clockwise: Craft market on Avebury lawn; Volunteers pumping out scones in the kitchen; Disc golf champ Sarah Wadsworth returns to the playground; Carboot at the Riverlution Eco Park.



It's Gala time! Combining the resources of Richmond Community Garden, Avebury House and We Are Richmond this large, annual cross-site event is a fantastic day out, celebrating our community and all it inspires. A huge day of market stalls, kai, music, games and learning.

There are lots of ways to join in - do you have a crafty stall? Contact Avebury House for a space on the front lawn. Want to join the carboot sale or have preserves to enter in the competition? Get in touch with Richmond Community Garden. Or maybe you'd like to run a free children's activity -

talk to We Are Richmond. See contact deets below!

Volunteers are always welcome at any of our organisations, so that is another way to participate, and of course the best thing you can do is come along and have a fantastic time!

Avebury House: admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz

RCG preserves: drop to 46A Vogel St by March 28 [see below]

RCG carboot: coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz

We Are Richmond: secretary@weare-richmond.co.nz

Jams, Pickles and Vinegars - Oh My!

Riverlution Eco Hub is ready to receive all your delicious preserves for our annual Preserves Competition at Richmond Gala! Between now and March 28th, drop off your homemade jams, pickles, chutneys, drinks, and vinegars to join in the fun and celebrate the love of preserving!

The amazing Kathrine's Kitchen has generously offered a preserving lesson to everyone who enters - a wonderful opportunity to learn some new tips and tricks. Whether you're a preserving pro or just getting started, we can't wait to see your creative, tasty treats!

Winners will be announced in three fabulous categories: **Jam, Pickles & Chutneys; Drinks & Vinegars;** and **People's Choice** - showcase your favourite and unique

creations. The community will vote on their top picks, and we'll have plenty of prizes and inspiration for all. So get those jars ready, bring your preserving passion, and let's make this year's competition the best one yet!

Stay tuned for an upcoming story by Louise from Quite Frankly on how this preserve competition got its humble start over three years ago. A wonderful reflection on how our community has come together, we look forward to sharing it with you all.



RCG March Events



RICHMOND
COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden Working Bee

Every Monday, Wednesday & Saturday
10am - 1pm

Fungi Whanau

2 March, Sunday, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Riverlution Market

8, 15 & 22 March, Saturday, 9am - 12pm

Riverlution Yoga Fundraiser

9 March, Sunday, 8:15am - 9am

Repair Riverlution

18 March, Tuesday, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Foraging Walks & Potluck

At the Foraging Corner, Fungi Farm
22 March, Saturday, 10:30am - 12:30pm



Riverlution Farmers' Market Goes Weekly!

Did you miss the inaugural farmers' market at the community garden? Never fear, they are now bringing this homegrown goodness to Richmond every Saturday until the end of daylight saving time! Come down from 9am til 12pm on Saturdays March 8th, 15th & 22nd!



Civil Defence Preparedness

Emergency Management Canterbury (Canterbury CDEM) is undertaking a preparedness survey for residents in the Waitaha/Canterbury region. How prepared are you?

Says Regional Manager James Thompson, "Measuring preparedness and resilience levels of residents will give our civil defence teams a

clear view of how to contact communities in the event of an emergency and where the resource needs to go. Now is also a timely reminder to review your emergency preparedness plans as being prepared is one of the most beneficial things you can do for you and your family."

The survey runs from Monday 17th February to Monday 10th March 2025 and will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete. Take the Canterbury emergency preparedness survey: <https://cdemcanterbury.govt.nz/survey>

Surveys can be completed online and will also be placed in libraries and service centres across the region. Find out more about potential hazards in the Canterbury region: <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/your-region/your-environment/natural-hazards/>



Eastern Sports & Recreation

Have you encountered the pickleball craze yet? A ton of fun, there are options at the Avon Hub on North Parade, and the amazing Eastern Canopy venue, 134 Shaw Ave in New Brighton. To secure your spot head to pay2play.co.nz, select 'Book a Class' - just \$7.00 per player.

Eastern Canopy Pickleball

Wednesday - Wahine & Mixed 6:00-7:30pm

Avon Hub Pickleball

Tuesday 9-10:30am

Thursday 9-10:30am - NEW SESSION!

Sunday 10-11.30am

Football Fun

Tuesdays 3-4pm, during term-time at Avon Hub

Free for primary school children - no need to register.

Dance Fitness with Gillian

Tuesdays 7-8pm, upstairs in the Avon Hub meeting space. \$7 per session

TIMA at Avon Hub

Adapted sport and recreation for neuro diverse youth.

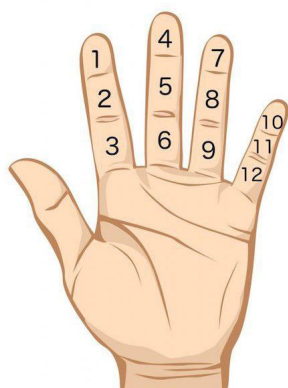
Term-time programmes are on visit

www.tima.nz for details.

Mind Yer Language: Counting On It

By Tanya Didham

In English we count in base 10, though 'eleven' and 'twelve' hold a special place in ye olde counting hearts. It's theorised the origin of counting in dozens comes from using our fingers - specifically each of the 3 segments on our 4 fingers! Not many folk had cause to count more than a few dozen, or maybe a 'gross' - that's a dozen dozens - 144!



Many old European languages counted in base 20, (Celtic languages still do - possibly a fingers and toes system!), and while base 10 became ubiquitous, many of those languages have vestiges, for example, in French '80' is commonly 'quatre-vingt' (four 20s), instead of 'huitante' like 'eighty' (eight 10s). The Germanic 'hundred' didn't

originally represent 100. 'Hund' was 120, or in base 20, six 'score', (six 20s!). As Arabic base 10 numbers spread through Europe, 120 became called the 'long hundred', and 100, the 'short hundred', but fortunately this confusing practice died out in the 1300s. The suffix '-red' in hundred, means 'a count of'. It's also where we get a 'reckoning' (making a count of); 'reckless' (to act without accounting for consequences); and it is also present in a German word for computer: der Rechner - the reckoner!

'Computer' arrived in English in the 1600s - someone who did computations. But 'calculator' dates back again to the 1300s. The Latin root, 'calx' describes a calcite or limestone pebble. A 'calculator' was a person who used these pebbles to make 'calculations'. We get 'chalk' from the same root. 'Tablet' was also a 14th century addition, from the French 'small table'; a portable slab covered in wax on which sums could be inscribed. 'Abacus' dates from this time, from the Greek 'abakos', a table covered in sand or dust where one could trace out computations. The Arabic craze for mathematics also gave us 'algebra' from 'al-jabr' meaning to reconcile or reunite; and 'algorithm', named for brilliant 9th century mathematician, al-Khwarizmi.



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Puzzle

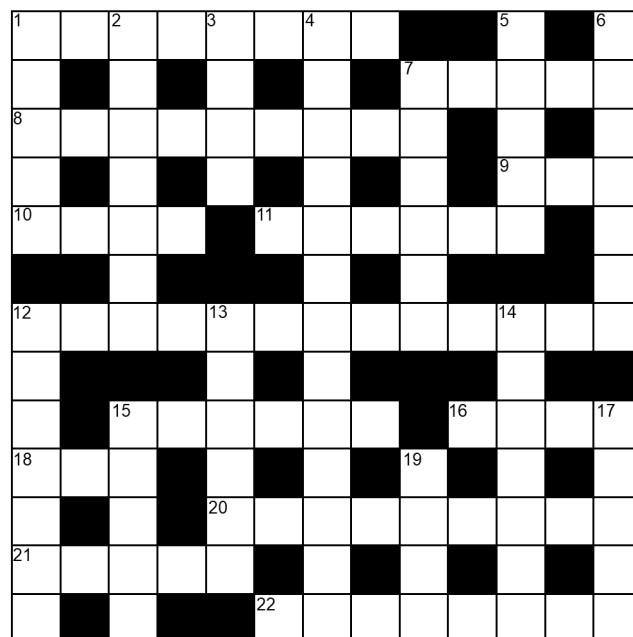
Crossword

Across

1. Move to another country (8)
7. Consumed (5)
8. Small child's conveyance (9)
9. Type of carp (3)
10. Category (4)
11. Evade (6)
13. University student (13)
15. Cover (6)
16. Requests (4)
18. Unwell (3)
20. Remove completely (8)
21. Centre (5)
22. Doorway (8)

Down

1. Person living outside their native country (5)
2. Flavourless (7)
3. Grain (4)
4. Text of speech (13)
5. Share, financial involvement (5)
6. Of an earlier age (7)
7. Messages (7)
12. Worthless item of jewellery (7)
13. Vertical post (7)
14. Refrain from (7)
15. Free from dirt (5)
17. Winter root vegetable (5)
19. Layer (4)



Solution to February Crossword

Across: 1. Deck, 3. Strength, 8. Army, 9. Pendant, 11. Cheapskate, 14. Record, 15. Embryo, 17. Beginnings, 20. Contempt, 21. Bear, 22. Register, 23. Isle.
Down 1. Drawcard, 2. Commence, 4. Tweaks, 5. Excitement, 6. Goat, 7. Hate, 10. Sparseness, 12. Princess, 13. Conserve, 16. Simple, 18. Scar, 19. Snug.

Reuben Davidson MP - New Brighton Office Now Open

Welcome to March! Our new electorate office has officially opened! Thanks to the students of Rāwhiti School for the beautiful waiata, Chris Hipkins, Leader of the Labour Party, for cutting the ribbon and to everyone who came along to be part of the celebrations. We will be continuing regular coffee catch ups and clinics in Richmond, so I look forward to connecting at our new office or a local café soon.

After speaking with locals in Richmond recently, a major concern raised was speed and irresponsible driving so it is disappointing that two roads in Christchurch East need to have their speed limits automatically increased by the 1st July 2025 due to the Government's new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024. The two roads in question are Gloucester Street between Linwood Avenue and Woodham Road, and Ruru Road between Hay Street and Maces Road.

I look forward to being at the upcoming Richmond Gala, make sure you stop by for a chat. Until then if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns my office is open five days a week and I have a great team here to help.

Ngā mihi
Reuben Davidson
MP for Christchurch East
chcheast@parliament.govt.nz
03 382 0288
0800 MP EAST (67 3278)
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Shirley Village Project - Firewood Club

Steve and the Firewood Club are ready for winter with a good supply. To enquire or pre-order please text Steve on **021 186 3645**.

\$120/m3 or discounted to \$90/m3 for residents in the SVP area (within Shirley Rd, Hills Rd, Innes Rd, QEII Dr & Marshland Rd).



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The office is open Mon to Fri
from 9 am to 1 pm.

Monday

Men's Shed: Contact Ian at 027 555 8368.

Chit chat Club: 10–10:30 a.m.
For the older adults (55+) in our community to get together and have a catch up.

Gentle Exercise: 10:30–11:30 a.m. A tutor will guide you through a routine designed to keep those muscles moving! \$5/session.

Kids' Yoga: 10:30am

Yoga: 6pm. A class guided by collaboration and finding joy. \$10/session.

Tuesday

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

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

Small White Teapot Group: Haiku group meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 12pm. Contact Barbara at **021 171 8622**.

Pilates: 6:00 pm \$10/session.

Wednesday

Pilates: 10:30am, 5:30pm and 6:30pm. \$10/session.

Write Your Own History: Every 2nd and 4th Wed of the month. 10 a.m. –12 noon. Please email to confirm at grahamandlois@xtra.co.nz.

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.

Thursday

Pilates: 10:30a.m. \$10/session.

Yoga: 6–7p.m. \$10. Evening yoga. Join us for a good stretch! With Dakota.

Sunday

Yoga: 9am-10am

Pilates: 10am - 11am

SHIRLEY LIBRARY,

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

Monday

Fiero Code Club: 3.45–5.15pm

Suitable for ages 8–16. Free. Bookings required.

Tuesday

JP Clinic: 10am–1pm.

Wā Kōrero: Storytimes: 10.30–11am

Suitable for ages 2–5. Free.

Wednesday

Craft Collective: 11am-12pm. Do you enjoy crafting? Would you like to have a go at something new, but don't know what? Come along to our Craft Collective sessions and have a go at something new. Free.

Scrabble Club: 1:30pm–3:30pm

All materials are supplied. Free, no bookings required.

Dungeon Delvers: 3:45pm - 5:15pm.

Registration required.

Sensory Craft for Pēpi:

11–11.30am. Suitable for ages 0–2. Free.

Thursday

Wā Pepi: Babytimes

10.30–11am. Suitable for ages 0–2. Free.

Me Kōrero Tatou (Te Reo Language Group):

1.30–2.30pm. Suitable for all ages. Free.

No bookings required. All skill levels welcome.

Code Club @ Shirley: 3:45pm - 5:15pm.

Registrations required.

Friday

Card Club: 1.00–3.30pm. Free. No bookings required.

Saturday

Family History Help: 10.00am–Midday

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month

Ran by the Canterbury Genealogy Society.

Free. No bookings required.

Saturday Storytimes: 10:30am-11:30am.

Mahjong Club: 1.00–3.30pm

Free. No bookings required.

EASTERN COMMUNITY SPORT & RECREATION,

Email: Kate@easterncommunity.co.nz

Ph: 027 728 3005

Catchball: 10:30am, Tues, starting 4th of February, First time free.

Free Football Dropin for Children: 3-4pm at Avon Hub Tuesdays. Suitable for 8+ years.

Pickleball session: Tuesdays 9-10:30am \$5. Use the book a class option at www.pay2play.co.nz to save your spot.

Pickleball session Sunday mornings: 10-11:30am \$5

Dance Fitness: Tuesdays, 7pm, \$7/class

Eastern Chargers Junior Basketball League: 4:30-7pm, Fridays. For 5-8 years old.

SHIRLEY COMMUNITY TRUST & SHIRLEY VILLAGE PROJECT

www.shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz

03 981 5521

www.shirleyvillage.org 021 157 7846

TTO = Term time only

Neighbourhood Centre: 17 Acheson Ave
Community Hub & Barista Training: Mon & Wed 10am - 2pm TTO

Employment drop in: 10:30am - 12pm Wednesdays.

Mending, sewing & alterations: Last Thursday of the month, 2-4pm.

MacFarlanes on the Park Cafe: Fri, 9:30 - 12pm, Neighbourhood Centre. TTO

Walking Group: Fridays, 10am. Meet at Neighbourhood Centre. TTO

Create Shirley: Art and craft sessions Sundays 2-4pm.

Park Centre: 19 Acheson Ave

Sparkling Stars: Mon, 9:30am, Music & movement for 0-5 year olds. \$3/family.

Nurse-led Foot Care Clinic:

Approximately monthly on a Tues, 9:45am. Appointments essential. Call 022 6218269. \$10.

Knit & Knatter Group: Fortnightly Wed, 10am. Shirley yellow bin weeks.

Wise up Wednesday: 10am. Monthly topic, 11 Sept is health focussed.

Te Reo Maori Class: 5pm Wed, TTO

All Age Community Kapa Haka: 6pm Wed, TTO

MacFarlane Park Community Garden (off Jebson St)

Listening Post: Afternoon tea. Mon 2:30-4pm. TTO

Children's Gardening Club: Tues, 3.15-4pm, TTO

Gardening: Thurs, 1pm.

Shirley Tool Shed: 9-11am Saturdays
Shirley League Club 33 Briggs Rd.



RICHMOND COMMUNITY GARDEN

Riverlution EcoHub, 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!

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

Repair Revolution: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

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/



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

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

www.deltatruster.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

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