



# Sunshine in *Shirley*

December 2022

**Kia ora koutou**



## 2022 Reflections

Covid has continued to impact our lives (sadly we couldn't run our annual SHINE event) but as the year settled down it has been great to meet again without restrictions and even add new initiatives; Kai Together (monthly Men's cooking sessions), Children's Gardening Club and Te Reo classes.

Thank you for being part of our community and for all you each contribute - it is a privilege to live in Shirley. As we look forward to Christmas and the school holidays, let's enjoy the summer days, stay connected, be grateful and be kind to yourself and others. May this Christmas be a special time for each of you.




The team at Shirley  
Community Trust



## Join us for a Christmas Lunch

**TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER**  
**12-1.30PM**

MacFarlane Park Centre  
19A Acheson Ave



*Lunch provided // Guest speaker*



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## Annual General Meeting

Join us as we stop to summarize, reflect and appreciate all the good things that have happened in Shirley this last year.

**Wednesday 7th December**  
**10am**

**AT THE**  
**Park Centre**

19A Acheson Avenue,  
Shirley

Guest speaker:  
Emma Norrish

Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board

All welcome, morning tea provided.



# BOXING DAY

*Party*

11 AM - 2 PM

**BOUNCY CASTLE - BBQ**

**SLIP N SLIDE - SPORTS**

MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER

**MACFARLANE PARK**

FREE WHĀNAU EVENT - ALL AGES



## Reimagine Morning Tea & Mini-Market

Come and join us for the final Reimagine for the year. Morning tea provided and a variety of crafts (earrings, Christmas cards, seedlings) will be available for a koha. Or make your own Christmas cards or gift tags for free!



**Thursday 15th December at 10.00 am, 106 Emmett Street**

## Dates to Remember:

- \* Neighbourhood Centre officially re-opens on Monday 30 January
- \* Last Social Touch this year: Monday 19 December with BBQ to follow. Starts again Monday 23 January, 6pm Macfarlane Park. All welcome!
- \* Knit & Knatter restarts Wednesday 25 January, 10am. Please note this meeting will be in the Neighbourhood Centre, not the Park Centre.
- \* Please watch Facebook for information on when everything starts back in February!



**Thanks to all those who contribute to this newsletter – through articles or photos plus all those who deliver the copies each month.**



# Shirley Village Project

"Shirley residents and organisations working together for a  
'caring, colourful, and connected' Shirley Community."



## Community-led Development

One of the five principles for Community Led Development is 'Growing from shared local visions'. A constant theme we are hearing is a desire for local employment and enterprise opportunities. Did you know the Acheson Ave shops were originally built for servicemen returning from World War II, so they could establish businesses for themselves? In the New Year we will be checking in with the community in lots of ways and places to make sure we have a current community plan that expresses shared local visions.

*Grow from  
shared local  
visions*



Mā mua ka kite a muri,  
mā muri ka ora a mua

*those who lead give sight to those  
who follow; those who follow  
give life to those who lead*

## The Listening Post

We have really enjoyed seeing so many friendly faces at the Listening Post this year. Our last session will be December 5th. Come join us for an end of year celebration with BBQ, activities and sports equipment.



2.30pm - 4pm  
lower MacFarlane Park,  
Jebson St entrance.

## Embracing Māori Culture in Shirley:

Kia ora koutou, Danette and Shirley Village Project invite you to Kai and Kōrero sessions so we can hear your experiences and get your ideas around embracing and growing Māori culture within the community. Kai provided. All sessions will be held at the Neighbourhood Centre, 17 Acheson Ave.



- Tuesday 6th December, 5.30pm to 7pm. A special invite to the Māori community to attend this session
- Wednesday 7th December, 1pm to 2.30pm. Open to all.
- Thursday 8th December, 5.30pm to 7pm. Open to all.

## Play in the Park

December 16th 5-7pm. MacFarlane Park off Jebson St.

Come have some fun playing with us in the park! In conjunction with Kia Kori Waitaha we will turn the park into a playground for all ages for the evening. Sausage sizzle, activities, dance and giveaways. Free event!



**Family Harm Support:** AVIVA provide good information and support for those experiencing family harm or violence. Ph 0800 284 82669.



**Shirley Tool Shed:** Will be closed Wednesday 21st, 28th December & 4th January. For more info visit <https://shirleytooshed.myturn.com>

**Community Lawn Mower:** Contact Warren by text 021 0235 5869 to book the community mower.





## Some **great Christmas events** in **our community!**



*Christmas in MacFarlane Park*  
*Sunday 11 December 2.00 - 4.00 pm*  
Christmas carols and message,  
sausage sizzle and visit from Santa.  
Free community event - ALL WELCOME

Emmett Street  
COMMUNITY CHURCH



*aimed at  
Primary School age*

**NATIVITY  
ESCAPE  
ROOM**

Kids, go back in  
time to solve  
the mysteries of  
Jesus' Birth, to  
earn your key to  
get out!

Friday 23 December  
2-3:30pm  
Mairehau High School  
440 Hills Road

Afternoon Tea provided  
Craft available for littlies

Book Your Free Ticket:  
[www.trybooking.co.nz/M6H](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/M6H)

Questions? Contact Amy  
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St. Stephen's



*Christmas  
EVE PARTY*

**CAROLS** **FREE BBQ** **BOUNCY CASTLE**

**4:30pm - 7pm**

**Merry Christmas!**

Come along and join the fun at our  
Christmas Eve party. We will have  
activities, bouncy castles, carol singing  
and a free BBQ dinner.

4:30pm - 7pm December 24th  
Eastside C3 Church,  
269 Hills Rd Mairehau

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