

# Sunshine in *Shirley*

July 2022

**Kia ora koutou**

## Volunteer Recognition Award

Sonia Joyce received a Volunteer Award through Volunteer Canterbury for her mahi over several years in our community and in other places as well. Sonia has supported our Shirley Sparkling Stars since its inception, and regularly delivers our newsletter. Sonia is also involved in packing and giving kai boxes to three preschools in the area.



A big shout out and thank you to all the volunteers in our community who give faithfully in so many ways to make the Shirley community a great place to be and live. None of the programmes and services would happen without the generous giving of time and energy.



## Children's Gardening Club



Our Children's Gardening Club have had a lot of fun even in the wintering weather this term. They have planted winter veges, cover crops, built 2 beds from scratch, made a scarecrow, established herbs in the garden (*kindly supplied by Fonterra – THANK YOU!*).

The Children's Gardening Club will resume first Tuesday of Term 3 (26th July):

Group Gardening time: 1.30pm–3pm

Children's Gardening time: 3.15pm–4pm



This month's topic is:

**As we get older—some things to consider**

Wednesday 6th July, 10am at the Park Centre. All welcome, morning tea provided.

**Empowering people...changing lives**



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## KIDSFEST

9th – 24th July

261 events – 48 of which are  
**FREE!**

Check out their website:  
[www.kidsfest.co.nz](http://www.kidsfest.co.nz)



## Power Tips!

Managing the power bills can be a challenge especially in the Winter!!

Here are some costings that may help you negotiate this:

Heat Pump	32-46 cents/hour
Heater – two bar	61 cents/hour
100 watt bulb	15c/6 hours
LED bulb – 100 watt equivalent	2c/6 hours
Washing Machine (large, top loader- COLD wash)	4 c/load
Washing Machine (large, top loader – WARM wash)	46c/load
Computer and LCD monitor	4c hour
Television 32", LCD	3c



## WOOL

Our Knit and Knatter group are an amazing group of women who knit for good causes, donating hundreds of articles every couple of months which they gift to Christchurch hospitals and the local kindly.

Any spare wool you have would be really appreciated by the group! Please contact Sue on 027 614 9600 or 386 3310.



MacFarlane Park Neighbourhood Centre

## BOOK NOOK

You're welcome to come and  
take a free book,  
or leave one for others.

MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 9AM-3PM

FRIDAY 9AM-1PM  
(DURING TERM TIME)



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## Community Hub

There is always a warm  
welcome at the  
Community Hub on  
Mondays and  
Wednesdays.

Hot barista drinks  
available for \$1, people  
to chat to and lots of  
books at the Book Nook  
to choose from.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

## Community Hub

17 ACHESON AVE, SHIRLEY

A warm & welcoming space for anyone  
to stop by, enjoy a \$1 barista made hot drink,  
have a chat or a quiet break

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
10AM-2PM  
(DURING SCHOOL TERMS)

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# Shirley Village Project

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



## Shirley Tool Shed

We are seeking donations of:

- Household items such as irons, sewing machines, overlockers, knitting needles.
- Camping equipment, such as tents, sleeping mats, camp cookers, camping chairs and tables, and utensils.
- Outdoor Games, sports equipment, and Fishing gear.

Think of it as donating joy! Someone can make their 4-year-olds birthday cake, sew their own ball dress, take the kids fishing, and a family can head off camping together. So, if over these winter months you are clearing out the garage or shed, think what you can donate that could benefit others. For donations or questions about the Shirley Tool Shed, contact Steve on 021 186 3645.

It's not just tools! We also have household items, like a cake mixer, kitchen whizz, and ice cream maker. Borrow them to make cakes and treats for children's birthdays or other celebrations.



## Graffiti

The Shirley neighbourhood has done so well to become graffiti clean. This makes the neighbourhood look better, people feel safer, and it reduces crime.



Please keep using the Snap Send Solve app to report any graffiti you see. One bit of graffiti that keeps reappearing is 'delta' (in photo). If you know who is disrespecting the Shirley neighbourhood with this tag, please ask them to stop or you can anonymously let me, Steve, know on 021 186 3645 and I will ask them to stop.

## Family Violence – 'How to Support Healing' workshop:

On Thursday 28th July, 10am -12pm, at Emmett Street Community Church Hall, 106 Emmett St.

A free workshop for Shirley residents and organisations on how to support the healing process for people who have experienced family violence. This is not a counselling session, but it will give tips on helping people to heal from trauma and how to get support.

Please text Steve if attending, on 021 186 3645



**Community Lawn Mower:** \$10 per use, delivered to you, full of fuel. Contact Warren by text 021 0235 5869 to book the mower.

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





**Interview with Jane Mitchell — Manager at Shirley Community Trust.**

**What has shaped you in your life?**

My Christian faith, the people in my life, plus all the experiences I have been through. Overall the challenges have grown me more and hopefully given me greater insight into life. I love reading and find books a wonderful source of reflection and inspiration.



**What do you like about living in Shirley?**

The people! Plus, it has a wonderful park and it is not very far from either the city or the beach. I enjoy walking around and always meeting someone I know.

**How long have you been manager of the SCT?**

**What do you enjoy about your role?**

I have been Trust manager six years, but have been involved in the café since it started 20 years ago. I enjoy the variety of the job and the wonderful team I work with, both the staff and the volunteers. It is a privilege to be part of something that wants the best for those that live in Shirley.

**What are you proud of in what is happening in Shirley?**

I love the fact that so many locals are keen to be part of the activities and events and to contribute their time and skills for the benefit of others. It is also great seeing schools, agencies and churches working together. There is a real sense of community pride – people look out for each other and for their community.

**What would you want to see yet happen?**

More activities which engage all of community. I love seeing the connections made through initiatives such as social touch rugby and the community garden where a range of ages can be involved together.

**We know you are a mother of three awesome young adults. What advice or wisdom would you like to pass onto those starting on the mothering journey?**

Seek others' wisdom but only take on what works for you and your children, and don't sweat the small stuff. Be prepared too for your children to grow you! I have learned so much through their interests, especially sport! Always encourage them to look beyond themselves and to volunteer and contribute – something so many in Shirley are so good at and from which we all benefit!

Thank you, Jane, for all you so generously give to the community of Shirley.

Carol Renouf- Community Nurse