

Even though the weather is getting colder, there is still lots happening in Shirley! Check out all the activities available to keep you warm on these chilly days.



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

Feeling crafty?

Free

Join us for Craft Collective and try your hand at a different craft each month!

11am-noon, first Wednesday of the month (except October) Shirley Library

All materials provided, no prior skills or bookings required.

christchurchcitylibraries.com



Also check out the Great Stash Swap Find new homes for your unwanted craft supplies and pick up some new stuff. Sunday 16 June 11 am–2pm at the Shirley Library

MacFarlanes on the Park Cafe



Did you know that we have a café right here in the heart of Shirley?

MacFarlanes on the Park is a community café that has been running for over 20 years!

Friday mornings 9.30 am - 12.00 pm during term time. At the Neighbourhood Centre - 17 Acheson Ave. We'd love to see you there!

Incentive Saver

If you've always wanted to start saving but keep putting it off - **NOW IS THE TIME!**



Methodist Mission run a savings scheme where they will match

your savings dollar for dollar *up to \$500.

Get in touch with Linda (financial mentor) for full information.

Linda is usually at the community cafe on a Friday or you can get in touch with her at 027 818 7116 or lindas@mmsi.org.nz.



DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE?**

THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 9-12

MCFARLANE PARK CENTRE **19 ACHESON AVENUE**



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Shirley Village Project

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







In collaboration with Community Energy Action, Michael Begg will share information on how we can keep warm while keeping our power bills down this winter. All sessions will be at the Neighbourhood Centre, 17 Acheson Ave, and refreshments will be provided.

Thursday 6 June 10-11 am – Tips for renters and DIY home assessment.

Sunday 9 June 1-2 pm – Tips for home owners, and option to stay for draft stop sewing bee 2-4 pm.

Thursday 27 June 10-11 am – Upskilling Community Energy Connectors: Kicking off a regular group to support energy wellbeing in Shirley by learning about the tools and resources that are available.

Community Kapa Haka

MacFarlane Park Centre Thursdays in term time Free kai 5:30pm, Kapa haka 6-7pm All welcome, come and join us as we learn together. For more info contact Bec 0211 257 846 shirleyvillagebec@gmail.com



Our Create Shirley group will be turning the Neighbourhood Centre into a creative space on Sunday afternoons. There'll be workshops every second Sunday, alternating with an open creative space with a range of mediums and activities to try. We're also hoping to develop a regular repair session so if you have fix-it skills, we'd love to hear from you! Watch our facebook page for details and join the Create Shirley facebook page to get involved or run a workshop. Or just pop in on a Sunday between 2-4pm.



WISE WEDNESDAY **10 AM** Wednesday 5 June MacFarlane Park Centre This month Ginny from **DRESS FOR SUCCESS** All Welcome! will share the programmes they offer to support women Morning tea into employment. provided For more information, shirley contact Teresa on 027 581 2555 Women's Group A place to connect, learn new skills, try some crafts and take some time to relax and focus on your own wellbeing.

Thursdays 12:30-2:30pm. If you are interested please contact Emma 0221038351 or shirleyvillage.emma@gmail.com

MacFarlane Park Reflection

Recently I have reflected on how proud Sir Robert Mafeking MacFarlane (1900-1981), who MacFarlane Park is named after, would be if he wandered through the length of it today.

MacFarlane Park was originally part of the Emmett farm owned by Arthur William Emmett which was subdivided for housing in the late 1940's. What is now MacFarlane Park was developed on low-lying land in the Emmett farm not suitable for housing and formally became a park named after the then mayor in 1954. Sir Robert MacFarlane started work as driver, then worked as a trade unionist, and served in WWII. After the war he became a Member of Parliament and served as the mayor of Christchurch 1938-1940 and 1950-1958. He was known for "his personal attention and assistance to thousands of Christchurch residents". His legacy lives on in Shirley as we too attend to being part of creating a colourful, caring, connected community

As we walk through the park today, the murals are stunning and each one tells a story. The slack line is fun to try. The Community Garden is a living pantry, and a credit to those who work in it each week. It is a joy it is to see so many enjoying sitting and enjoying the pergola. The newly painted toilets are an experience not to miss out on. The Bird Song Trail is developing. The Sports Park that the Park Centre looks out on is the meeting place for sport, dog walking, exercising and a place to sit, stop and be. I do enjoy the playground and of course the horse takes me back to my childhood, being at the back and flying into the air!

Thank you to all in our community who have had the vision and drive to make what MacFarlane Park what it is today. But we're not done yet... keep an eye out for more exciting developments in the park in the months to come.

Carol Renouf - Community Nurse.





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