

# sunshine in Shirley

November 2024

Kia ora koutou



Awesome holiday activities in and around MacFarlane Park:

- Spring Market
- Walking Storytimes
- Mural and Fence Painting
- House of Hoopz



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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.

Thursday 14th November  
10am

AT THE  
Park Centre

19A Acheson Avenue,  
Shirley

Guest speaker:  
Mark Hudson  
Food Together

All welcome, morning tea provided.

## Teddy Bear Sleepover

Free

Wear your PJs and bring a teddy bear friend for special stories and a craft.

See what your friend got up to overnight when you pick them up the next day!

4.30-5.30pm, Friday 8 November

Shirley Library

Suitable for 2-6 years old and their caregivers

christchurchcitylibraries.com



Christchurch City Council

## COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 10.30 am

MACFARLANE COMMUNITY GARDEN

5 JEBSON STREET

Learn everything you could ever want to know about composting; how to get started, what kind of compost set up works best, what to compost... and best of all, learn that composting is actually really simple!

This is a hands-on workshop, please bring sturdy shoes and wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.



## Health Questions???

Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand

HealthLine 0800 611 116 -

24/7 phone line for health advice across all ages over the phone.  
HealthInfo.org.nz - for up-to-date information about all things health across all ages.

Healthpoint.co.nz - for information on local services (GPs, private consultants, pharmacies, physios, dentists). Where to find them, what they do, what they cost etc.

FREE St John Health Shuttle - call 0800 103 046 for free shuttle service to and from health-related appointments (GP, Dentist, Hospital, Physio etc).

\*\*Bookings must be made at least 24hrs prior\*\*

listeningtofamilies.co.nz has a collection of short videos about everyday health challenges, from fussy eaters or allergies to ADHD or anxiety.

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."



## WHITE RIBBON DAY IN SHIRLEY

Monday 25 November

Breakfast with Inspiring Speakers

7.30am at ESCC, 106 Emmett St

Free for Shirley residents

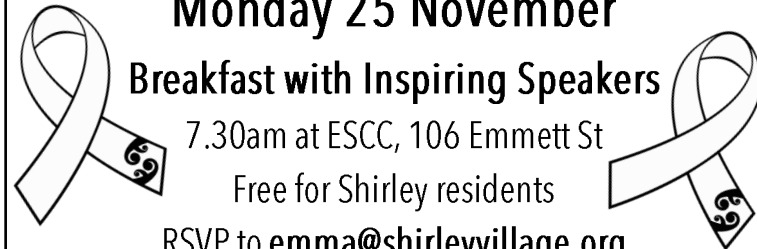
RSVP to [emma@shirleyvillage.org](mailto:emma@shirleyvillage.org)

Celebration at Listening Post

2.30- 4pm at MacFarlane Community Garden, Jebson St

BBQ, juggling lessons, activities and giveaways

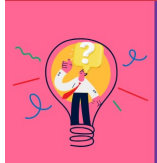
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## WISE UP WEDNESDAY

10 AM

Wednesday 20 November  
MacFarlane Park Centre



This month Emma from SVP / Create Shirley will share a

All Welcome!  
Morning tea provided

### Christmas craft project

Materials provided



For more information, contact Teresa on 027 581 2555



### 111

EMERGENCY  
Ohotata

Call for emergencies if life or property are at risk

### 105

NON-EMERGENCY  
Ohotata Kore

Call 105 or go online to [105.police.govt.nz](http://105.police.govt.nz)

## Positive actions to keep our Community Safe



Tuesday 12 November 6-7 pm  
at MacFarlane Park Centre

Community conversation with guest speaker

Mary Chappell from Christchurch North Community Patrol.

Pizza provided.

RSVP to [bec@shirleyvillage.org](mailto:bec@shirleyvillage.org) or 021 125 7846



### Sewing Circle

Work on your own project or repair with some Friendly support.  
Sewing machines and Fabric available.  
Hand sewers also welcome.

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Every second Thursday (yellow bin weeks)  
10am-12pm  
At the Neighbourhood Centre

## Interview with Murray from Clearbrook Street

A highlight of this past month was the time I spent with a long-time local resident, Murray. He and his wife moved into Clearbrook Street in 1967. They had one child at the time, and went on to have two more children, all of whom attended Briggston School. - Being a relative newbie to the area I had not known of Briggston School situated behind the Briggs Road shops which closed 2003!

Murray brought his house which was only 6-7 years old for 4450 pounds, around \$8900 today! Clearbrook Street was originally part of the Waimairi County Council, that then became a District Council, and in 1989 was amalgamated into the Christchurch City Council.

All around Clearbrook Street in 1967 were sand hills, swamps and some old trees. Clearbrook Street just went to 'nothing'. Behind their house horses grazed and his second daughter enjoyed riding them. The old macrocarpa trees behind his house attracted magpies, he would feed them cheese and they would even come inside for the cheese!

Murray reflects what a great street Clearbrook was to bring up a family. His children would play with the other children, everyone helped and looked out for each other. He enjoyed the community that was present. It was in the early days of television which was black and white!

Murray has had great enjoyment in rugby. One of his heroes in that sport is Don Clarke who had a phenomenal goal kicking ability which gave him the name 'The Boot'. It's his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren that give him much pride; Murray spoke of the 'amazing pleasure' he receives from his great grandchildren!

I left my time with Murray inspired by the respect and delight he had for people. His health has taken him to hospital over the past few years. He couldn't speak more highly of the doctors and nurses; they have all been so caring and supportive. A big shout out to all who work in health reading this, thank you for all you give.

Thank you Murray for sharing your memories, I know they will spark memories in those who read this as they did in me.

Carol Renouf - Community Nurse



Students of Briggston School on a field trip in 1977

## Are you new or wanting to connect in Shirley?

Colin Renouf works for Shirley Community Trust as Community Development Worker. His role is to meet people and help them to connect. You can contact him on 027 639 1331 to receive a visit and small welcome gift bag, and find out about what groups and activities you can connect with.



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