

# Sunshine in Shirley

December 2024 / January 2025



## Christmas Reflections

It is hard to believe it is December and 2024 has nearly finished. Shirley Community Trust would like to thank you for your support of our community and for all you contribute - it is a privilege to be part of Shirley.

As we approach Christmas and the end of the year, it is an opportunity to ponder, as Mary did on the first Christmas, the achievements and learnings of the year. It is also okay to acknowledge the challenges this year has brought and the pain at times we carry.

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. There are a number of wonderful Christmas celebrations and community events to enjoy.

From the team at Shirley Community Trust

## Join us for a Christmas Lunch

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

12-1.30PM

MacFarlane Park Centre  
19A Acheson Ave

Lunch provided // Guest speaker

RSVP to Sharyn  
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## Dates to Remember

The final MacFarlanes Café is on Friday 6 December, and will restart again in February.

The Neighbourhood Centre closes on 11 December and will re-open on Monday 27 January 2025.

There will be a Neighbourhood BBQ on Friday 31 January 2025 to kick off the year.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page - Shirley Community Trust for information on when other activities will start up again in 2025.

## Social Touch Rugby



The final Social Touch Rugby for the year will be at 6.15 pm on Monday 16 December in MacFarlane Park, with a BBQ to follow.

Touch will restart on Monday 13 January 2025.

## A chat with Tim

Tim with his wife Phillipa and family have lived in Emmett Street for 16 years. For a time, Tim was manager of Delta Community Support Trust and was one of the team that had the vision for the new Delta building on North Avon Rd and worked diligently to see it a reality. He now works at the National Public Health Service.

## What have you enjoyed about the Shirley community in the past year?

I always appreciate the community activities and their expressions. As I walk through MacFarlane Park I enjoy the murals, the flourishing garden, the developing bird song trail, and I have been able to attend 'Create Shirley' sessions. These are because of the ongoing connections and dreaming together of what could be in this community.

## Tell me Tim, you seem to be growing a moustache which isn't your normal look.

Well one of the reasons I came to Shirley was to serve as well as to receive. So I am participating in Movember which will probably go into December to raise money for the advocate and chaplain at Delta, two men serving other men in our wider community.

## When you reflect on the Christmas story, which we celebrate this month, who do you identify with?

The shepherds stand out to me because I am a farmer's son, so understand something of that job. The shepherds to me are just ordinary people. Christ came to be a friend of ordinary people, people like me.

Thank you Tim, for all you have given to our wider community.

Tim's Movember and Mullet givealittle page can be reached through this QR code.

Carol Renouf - Community Nurse

## Community Summer Football

Join in each week to enjoy the summer evenings with a friendly and free kick-around. Everyone is welcome, bring your friends and whānau.

Thursdays  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Te Oraka Shirley Intermediate School Field



Contact: [maggietarry@hotmail.com](mailto:maggietarry@hotmail.com)





# Shirley Village Project

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

For more info visit: [www.shirleyvillage.org](http://www.shirleyvillage.org) or Shirley Village FB



## Final Listening Post for 2024

Monday 9 December 2.30 - 4.30pm  
MacFarlane Park Community Garden

Bring your togs and towel to join in the watery fun for our last session!

BBQ and other treats provided.

Final Women's Group for 2024 - Thursday 12 Dec

Final Sewing Session for 2024 - Thursday 12 Dec

2 - 4 pm at the Neighbourhood Centre. Bring your own project or make reusable gift bags with us.

Contact [emma@shirleyvillage.org](mailto:emma@shirleyvillage.org) or 022 103 8351

*Create Shirley*  
**Christmas Sessions**  
Final Create Shirley session for 2024  
**Sunday 15 December**  
Have a go at making reusable gift bags, decorating cards or making your own crackers.

At the Neighbourhood Centre | 2-4pm  
All ages welcome | Koha appreciated

## Shirley Firewood Club

Join now to request firewood for 2025 and start recording volunteer hours. Every hour worked gets a discount off your already reduced firewood price.

There will be working bees coming up over the summer with jobs for everyone - from splitting wood, coordinating volunteers to baking for working bees...

Membership is open to residents within Shirley Rd, Hills Rd, Innes Rd, QEII, Marshlands Rd.

Contact Steve at [shirleytoolshed@gmail.com](mailto:shirleytoolshed@gmail.com) or 021 186 3645 for more information

**The Shirley Tool Shed** will be closed 28 December and 4 January, but otherwise get along to 33 Briggs Road on Saturday mornings, 9 - 11 am to borrow tools for jobs round the house and garden, even camping gear for those summer adventures (back lawn or beyond!). Find out more at [shirleytoolshed.myturn.com](http://shirleytoolshed.myturn.com)

**The Community Lawn Mower** will have reduced availability over the December/January period. If you need to use it, text Warren on 021 0235 5869 and he will let you know when it is available.

## FENCE PAINTING



**Friday 17 January 1 - 3 pm**

MacFarlane Park (Riselow Street end)

Come help us get the fences looking nice and tidy.

Wear old clothes.

Paint, brushes and afternoon tea provided.

Anyone want a summer mural painting project?

Materials provided.

Contact Emma 022 103 8351

# Christmas Celebrations and Community Events

Please join us this Christmas as we celebrate Jesus...



St. Stephen's Church Christchurch  
<https://ststephens.org.nz>  
Phone: 03 980 0929  
Email: [admin@ststephens.org.nz](mailto:admin@ststephens.org.nz)

### CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 15 December, Mairehau High School Hall, 10.30 am

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday 22 December, Mairehau High School Hall, 10.30 am

### MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday 24 December, Mairehau High School all, 11.30 pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Wednesday 25 December, Mairehau High School Hall, 9.30 am



## Christmas EVE PARTY



**CAROLS FREE BBQ BOUNCY CASTLE**

4:30pm - 7pm December 24th

Invite a friend to our Christmas Eve Party. Activities, bouncy castles and a free BBQ dinner followed by a special carol service to celebrate the message of Christmas.



## CHRISTMAS IN MACFARLANE PARK

Sunday 8 December 2 pm

MacFarlane Park, near the Park Centre

Christmas carols and message, sausage sizzle and visit from Santa

Free community event

ALL WELCOME



## Boxing Day Party

Thursday 26 December

11 am - 2 pm

Bouncy Castles, Slip n Slide, Kai, Sports, Vibes

MacFarlane Park - Free Community Event

Thanks to:



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