

Sunshine in Shirley

November 2025

Kia ora koutou



Light Party 2025

Thank you to everyone who helped make this another wonderful community event!



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Annual General Meeting

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

Thursday 20th November
10am

At the Park Centre
19 Acheson Ave

Guest speakers:
Shirley Op Shop team

All welcome, morning tea provided

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Community Hub

17 ACHESON AVE, SHIRLEY

A warm & welcoming space for anyone to stop by, enjoy a \$2 barista made hot drink*, have a chat or a quiet break

*\$2.50 for a takeaway cup

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
10AM - 2PM
(DURING SCHOOL TERMS)
BARISTA TRAINING FINISHES 26 NOV

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Mānuka Stories

Would you like to find books to read during the summer holiday break?

Do you want to participate in the Mānuka Stories Summertime Reading Competition?

Join us for Manuka Stories drop-in sessions to get reading ideas, enjoy fun reading games, and borrow books.

Suitable for children aged 5 to 18 years

Shirley Library

3.30-4.30pm Tuesdays starting from 18 November

Barnardos Early Learning

30 hours no charge

for all ages*
*T&C's apply.

Te Puna Oraka

0-6 year olds
8:00am - 4:30pm
0800 227 627
bel.org.nz/te-puna-oraka

Remember to keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the up to date info on events and activities in the Shirley Community.

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FOOTBALL DROP IN

TERM 4

FOR 5+ YEARS

TUESDAYS 3-4PM

AVON HUB TURF
77 NORTH PARADE, RICHMOND

Eastern Community Sport and Recreation Incorporated

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



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YOUTH - SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND BE IN TO WIN A PALMS VOUCHER!

There is an opportunity to develop a youth space in the old Q Store at the Palms. We want to hear your ideas. If you're 11 - 18ish years old, fill out the google form to go in the draw for one of three \$25 Palms vouchers.

<https://forms.gle/QqAXvqja6mb3Rhp78>



SHIRLEY COMMUNITY LAWN MOWER HIRE

Delivered with fuel to local residents for \$12 and picked up when you're done. If you got this newsletter in your mailbox you're in the area we cover! Text Edgard on 022 367 1088 to arrange delivery.
No texts after 6pm please.

SHIRLEY SHEDS

9-11am on Saturdays the Tool Shed at 33 Briggs Rd is open for borrowing all kinds of equipment for your home and garden projects. You'll also find Tim nearby making stuff with oak and ready for a yarn about what you might want to do with oak!

www.shirleytoolshed.myturn.com



FAMILY DRUG SUPPORT

Did you know Family Drug Support Aotearoa New Zealand is based right here in Christchurch?

They provide assistance for families, whānau and friends to deal with the alcohol and/or other drug use of their loved ones in a way that rebuilds and strengthens relationships and achieves positive outcomes for them, and for you.

www.fds.org.nz - 0800 337 877



A chat with Teresa Bassett

Teresa is a friendly and engaging face in the community and has been since February 2022 when she came to Shirley Community Trust on placement as part of the Ara Health and Wellbeing course she was studying. Following her placement, she continued to volunteer and then in early 2023 she was employed by the Shirley Village Project as an Employment Activator. That has morphed into her present role of providing Employment and Services Support - providing support in CV preparation, filling in application forms and offering information to support people to know where to go in looking for work or training. As she says "I don't do it *for* people, I want to stand with them to empower and support them."



Employment Support

Thinking about working but not sure where to start?

Teresa from Shirley Village Project provides employment support to the community.

Drop in for a chat

Wednesdays
10.30am-12pm
Neighbourhood Centre
17 Acheson Ave

Appointments also available

For more info or to book,
contact Teresa
027 581 2555



Teresa also leads the Sewing Circle, Shirley Walking Group, Groove & Move Seated Exercise Groups, and continues to volunteer at the Shirley Nail Care Clinic.

Teresa, your journey with the community of Shirley started much earlier in your life...

Yes I lived with my grandmother who lived in Shirley through my teenage years and I went to Shirley Intermediate School and Avonside Girls. In fact I played softball in MacFarlane Park.

What do you appreciate about Shirley?

I do enjoy Shirley, it is a friendly and accepting community. Over my time working here I have enjoyed watching people grow, seeing someone who was shy now actively involved in the community gives me a real buzz!

Tell me about your family...

I have three children of my own and two 'bonus' children. So along with my husband our household is full. I do enjoy being actively involved with my family. It gives me much pleasure as well as challenges. After a particularly hard day I wake, say to my family that this is a new day, what happened yesterday will not affect today, it is a new day with new possibilities.

What would be advice that you would like to share that has shaped your life and found to be true?

The past does not need to define the present, yes, my past has shaped me, but it doesn't need to define my life now, who I can become and what I do.

What do you like to do to relax?

I am obsessed with sorting Lego. I collect the Lego Botanicals but it's the sorting of Lego that pushes my buttons!

Thank you, Teresa, for all you give to the Shirley community.

Thank you for your passion and energy.

Carol Renouf – Community Nurse



Teresa's Lego Botanicals collection

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