



2020 – What a year to reflect on!

It has been a year of change and challenges but also of new discoveries, learnings and creativity. Through this we have also seen greater compassion and care for each other within our community. COVID has changed so much, yet we are so fortunate to live in a country where we are protected and provided for. The loss of Ian Dunbar has been huge for our community – we miss his friendship and presence. Thanks to the community and CCC, there is now a memorial to Ian outside the Neighbourhood Centre.

Thank you to all of you who have given in so many ways to our community – it is a privilege to live in Shirley. As we look to Christmas and the school holidays, 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.

The team at Shirley Community Trust



Shine mini-market

SHINE was sadly cancelled due to the weather, so the following Saturday we held a SHINE mini-market, with 13 stalls selling a range of crafts, plants and food. It was enjoyed by all who went.



SHINE Fun Day will be held next year on Sunday, March 21. from 12-3pm. Watch this space!

Community Garden

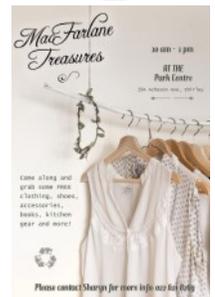
Watch on Facebook ([macfarlaneparkcommunitygarden](https://www.facebook.com/macfarlaneparkcommunitygarden)) and the blackboard at the garden for updates.



Dates to remember

- **Christmas in Macfarlane Park** – Sunday, December 20 from 2pm. This wonderful annual free event includes a Christmas concert, sausage sizzle with drinks. Also a visit from Santa who will bring a small gift for each child.
- Last Monday Night **Touch** is Monday, 21 December. Starts again on Monday 11 January, 6pm, at Macfarlane Park – all welcome.
- The **Neighbourhood Centre** will be closed from Friday, 18 December, till Monday, 18 January.
- **Knit & Knatter** – starts Wednesday, 27 January, 10am at the Park Centre.
- **Macfarlane Treasures** – at the Park Centre – Saturday, January 30, 10am-1pm. Grab some free clothing, shoes, accessories, books, and much more!
- **Sparkling Stars** – starts Monday, 1 February, 9.30-11.30am, with the music session at 10am. A fun morning of music and play for pre-schoolers and their whanau.

Emmett Street
COMMUNITY CHURCH



Shirley Village Project



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

Penguin at 10 Shirley Road

Shirley's Pop Up Penguin was installed on the last weekend of November in Shirley Community Reserve opposite Shirley Primary School. It is getting lots of attention, being near the pump track and bus stop and easily seen from Shirley Rd. You may have seen artist Vanessa Heaver working on the painting down at Bunnings. It is a father Emperor penguin with chicks. Male Emperor penguins incubate the egg all winter until it hatches in the spring and the female returns to feed it. The males survive the cold dark winter by huddling together and taking turns being on the outside of the group bearing the wind. What an inspiring image of parenting and community!



Shirley is a Graffiti Clean neighbourhood



The persistent work of Shirley residents to report graffiti has been rewarded with the Christchurch City Council officially recognising Shirley as Graffiti Clean neighbourhood, a first for Christchurch city. Being a Graffiti Clean neighbourhood means all easily seen graffiti has been removed from public places,

residents are active in reporting any new graffiti, and that residents can take part in creating public art. To help keep Shirley Graffiti Clean over the summer please report any new graffiti using the SNAP, SEND, SOLVE app, or by phoning CCC on 0800 800 169.

Overcoming Period Poverty

The Shirley Village Project is supporting Toni, a local resident, start a new project 'Supporting Sisters'. The aim of this project is to ensure all women and girls in Shirley have access to the sanitary products they need. Donations of sanitary products greatly appreciated. Please contact Toni on 027 769 1904.

Community Tool Shed

To donate tools to the community tool shed, text Steve 021 186 3645

Community Lawn Mower

To hire the community lawn mower, text Grant 021 049 5610

Home Vege Garden

To help create your own vege garden at home, text Tam 021 0855 7798

Community Murals

If you want to create a community mural, text Bec 021 125 7846

Connecting with people in our Community

Interview with Andrea Tisch

Andrea works as a Budget Adviser at Delta Community Support Trust. She also provides personal advocacy, which involves going with someone to an appointment and also empowering someone to problem solve to make a good decision.

I was interested in chatting with Andrea and I asked her the following questions:



What would be your advice, Andrea, about how we should spend our money at Christmas?

I say to people, don't spend money that you haven't got. Instead of buying something, you can give vouchers of time, offering to help with gardening or another task you know they would appreciate. Or you could offer to take them out on an outing or do some baking. For many, this gift is far more meaningful than what you could buy. If you would like to buy something look at secondhand shops, there are a lot of treasures in them. I would say, don't ever put something on hire purchase.

What should someone do when they get a phone call pressuring them to buy something, or have someone coming to the door trying to sell them something?

Remember, its always ok to say No!! Don't give into that pressure. If you think it sounds a good deal, respond by asking them for their phone number, or tell them you will ring back in a week. Then go and get advice. No decisions should be made on the spot!!

What do you enjoy about your job?

I enjoy seeing people learn to make good decisions about how they spend their money. After a time often they find they have money over and can even begin to save.

What do you look forward to doing over Christmas and New Year?

I am looking forward to spending time with family, reading a good book, and going for a walk, whether that be at the beach, along a river, in a park or up in the hills.

Carol Renouf, Community Nurse



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