



## Social Touch Rugby is starting again at MacFarlane Park

Every Monday night from 6pm. Starting 5 October 2020.

All ages and abilities welcome. Just turn up and play!



## Community Garden



Shirley Community Garden has become **MacFarlane Park Community Garden** and is looking better by the week, thanks to some awesome volunteers!

Come along and join in building up this community garden, meet new people, learn new skills, sit and relax, have some laughs. All are welcome.

10.30 am – 12 noon Thursdays

10 am – 12 noon Saturdays

Location: MacFarlane Park off Jebson Street.

Watch our Facebook page for more updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/macfarlaneparkcommunitygarden>

## Celebrating Thankfulness: The theme for the Shirley Community 2020

In October, how about each one of us do one act of random kindness for another?



This may be delivering some baking or helping your neighbour mow their lawns or simply encouraging someone by putting a note expressing something you appreciate about them in their mail box.

We love to hear stories of 'acts of kindness' that you have received. Please share them with Sharyn, 022 621 8269 , email: [sharyn@shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz](mailto:sharyn@shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz)

## Spring 'Try Out' Day at MacFarlane Park

Try new challenging outdoor activities and gain skills. Try cooking your own lunch over a BBQ. For those years 1-8.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 11-2pm

To register, contact Sharyn on 022 621 8269.

Limited spaces available. Gold coin donation / child.



**FUN FAMILY EVENT**

**SATURDAY  
31 OCTOBER 2020**

EMMETT STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH  
106 EMMETT STREET

**5PM-7PM**

**LIGHT PARTY**

DRESS LIKE A PIRATE  
AND GO INTO THE PRIZE DRAW

SAUSAGE SIZZLE \* GAMES \* BALLOON ANIMALS

Christchurch City Council | Emmett Street Community Church | ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH | shirley

## Children and Money

A chance to learn how to teach your children to be money wise, while enjoying coffee and cake.

Thanks to the Methodist Mission, we are running a session on '**Children and Money**'. It will be held on Monday 19 October, 10.30am, at the Neighbourhood Centre. All welcome.

For more information, contact Sharyn on 022 621 8269.



# Shirley Village Project



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

## Home vege gardens

We're connecting people with a bit of energy and skill with people who want a vege garden. Recently a small team of locals helped get a vege plot started for another local resident, Vera. She wants to grow veges for her and her moko and share any surplus with kindergarten whanau. The garden looks great and everyone enjoyed being out in the sunshine and meeting neighbours! If you're keen to get started at your place or work together with others in the neighbourhood on gardening let us know. Email: [shirleyvillageproject@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyvillageproject@gmail.com)



## Painting in the Park

Friday 2 October

12:30pm: Fence painting  
2:30pm: Ribbon cutting for new murals and afternoon tea



Meet at MacFarlane Park Community Garden off Jebson St. Wear old clothes if you want to help paint fences. Afternoon tea provided.



## MacFarlane Park murals

Two exciting new murals have been created by the community - one by Helen Anderson Trust's Manaaki Unit and one a collaboration of Shirley Shine 2019 participants and Shirley Primary 2019 kakano students. They will be installed in MacFarlane Park South with a ribbon cutting and afternoon tea on Friday 2 October, which will follow a fence painting bee. All welcome.

## Community tool shed

The Shirley Community Tool Shed is happening. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September a container was delivered to the Shirley Rugby League carpark. It will be fitted out with storage and filled with tools that will be useful in your garden and home. If you have any unneeded tools and would like to donate them to the Community Tool Shed, text Steve at 021 186 3645.



## Community lawn mower

Spring is here and the grass is growing fast. Mow your lawns early so they do not get out of control. The Shirley Community Lawn Mower is available at \$10 per use (comes with a full tank of fuel). Also available is a weed eater, some gardening tools, leaf rake and leaf blower/vacuum. Text Grant 021 049 5610 to arrange use of the mower/tools.

# Connecting with people in our Community

*Jean lives in our community. These are her reflections on her life, what she enjoys about this community and what she is grateful for. I also asked her what would be her advice to a new Mum.*

John and I have lived in Shirley for just over 6 years. We moved to Christchurch from Lincoln, England, on Parent Visas. The house we live in was the first one viewed and we didn't look at anymore.

My daughter and her family came to Christchurch in 2006 and they are the reason for our move. I fell in love with Christchurch, New Zealand, and its people on my first visit in 2008. But at that time I could hardly dare to dream that living here could ever become a reality. Now we live a 5-minute walk away from my daughter's home.

The local community has a very friendly, warm feeling; just about everyone I come across when out and about says, "Hello" or smiles at me. Neighbours, MacFarlane Park, two nearby bus services, local shops and services, the Community Centre with its lovely people, and a real feeling of safety, all contribute to my enjoyment of living here.

I am grateful for so very many things. Firstly, having had a few health scares I am grateful simply to be alive and reasonably healthy! I am incredibly grateful that I can live out the rest of my life in what is now my own beautiful country and community. I'm grateful for John, who has cared for me lovingly throughout all my problems, who moved to New Zealand with me on trust - and thankfully also fell in love with it. I am grateful for all my family - especially my children, grandchildren, and now the joy of two little great-granddaughters whom I can get to see as they grow. I am grateful for good friends, for the ability to contact loved ones around the world, and for so much, much more. My heart sings.

My advice to a new Mum? Trust yourself, your own instincts. Give your new baby all the love you can. You cannot spoil a baby!

*Carol, Community Nurse*

