

Sunshine in *Shirley*

March 2021

Kia ora koutou katoa

OUR SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD EVENT

Shine

Sunday 21st March

We would love to see you at our
SHINE Fun Day
Sunday 21 March 12-3pm at
Macfarlane Park

There will be food stalls, free entertainment, petting zoo, archery, bouncy castles, pedal mania and much much more!



SHINE mini-market will be held again later in the year.

Neighbourhood Week BBQ

On 4 February, over 100 locals joined together at Macfarlane Park for a lovely evening of food, games and fun. There was lots of chatter and laughter alongside the usual bbq sausages plus chicken in buns, banana smoothies, cake and fruit.



Shirley Sparkling Stars – Mondays 9:30–11:30am, Park Centre, Music session starts at 10am

'It's a great friendly environment for pre-schoolers, a fun way of learning and listening, of interaction with music, activities and story-time, followed by morning tea which is supplied. My boy and myself absolutely love coming and enjoy seeing everyone. The Mums can relax too, watching their children having fun but they are welcome to join in too. All this for a small cost, \$3 per family. It's definitely a great way to meet new people and socialize.'

Sonia and Luke



The Shirley Scene

A free afterschool programme with a relaxed environment where the youth can choose to hang inside playing games or doing colouring/drawing, or play some touch or volleyball outside. Afternoon tea



provided. In year 7-10? – then you are really welcome to come along. Tuesdays 3.15-4.30pm during term time at Macfarlane Park Centre. Keen to know more? Contact Aimee on 027 568 0833.

Friday Night Fun!
Fun Games, Good food & Great company!
7-9 PM
Last Friday of each month
At The Park Centre
\$2 per person, \$5 per family
Please Contact Sharyn: 022 621 8269
Everyone Welcome!
shirley community trust
Christchurch City Council

Friday Night Fun (FNF)

A fun night out for all the family – games, activities, quizzes and lots of laughs as teams vie for the FNF Trophy. Always followed by supper! Last Friday each month, 7-9pm Park Centre. \$2 person/ \$5 per family.

Shirley Village Project



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



Fruit Harvest time

Apples, peaches, plums, pears, lemons, grapes. The trees are full of delicious fruit. If you have more fruit than you can use, don't let it go to waste. Give Bec a call and she will arrange to collect it and share it around the community. If you have spare jars or preserving skills let us know and we can organise a bottling day. Phone Bec 021 125 7846.

Listening Post

Sometimes Mondays can be tough, so how about starting the day with a nice bit of food and hot drink or sitting down for a chat with local people. Wander along to the Listening Post on each Monday morning, 8.30am to 10.30am at the Jebson St entrance to MacFarlane Park. For more information visit the **Shirley Village** Facebook page.



Free bikes for kids



RAD is a community group that gives fixed-up second-hand bikes to kids. If you are looking for a free bike with 12in to 20in wheels, suitable for up to 10 year olds, please contact Meg by text 027 848 6927. If you want to learn to be a bike mechanic and help fix up bikes, contact Meg as well.

Wanting to Work?

Are you looking for job, want help with creating a CV or wanting to build your experience and skills? Come along each Wednesday, 11am to 12pm at the Neighbourhood Centre at 17 Acheson Ave. We will help you get ready for work and support you in your job search. Email shirleyvillageproject@gmail.com or text Steve 021 186 3645.



Learner's Driver's Licence

For support to learn the Road Code, text Yolán 027 866 4314

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 Steve 021 186 3645

Community Murals

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

Connecting with people in our Community

Introducing Colin Renouf, SCT's new Community Development Worker

From the 15th February you may have seen Colin around various Trust initiatives and community spaces. Do introduce yourself as he gets to know the people of Shirley who make this a great place to live.

Where do you hail from?

I was born on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland and grew up in Brisbane. I trained to be a property valuer, and to gain work I came to New Zealand. I was posted to Invercargill. However, I didn't stay long in that role and trained to be a pastor, a role I enjoyed, as I like to journey with people as they face life's challenges and joys. For the last 11 years I was the school caretaker at Riccarton Primary School. I do enjoy practical work so you will see me at the Community Garden and attending to maintenance at the Park and Neighbourhood Centres.



What do you enjoy spending your time doing?

I enjoy spending time with our family, including our 10 grandchildren, 5 of whom just live around the corner from us in Shirley. I also enjoy gardening. I am energised by tramping. The last tramp I did was Mount Thomas near Ashley Gorge in January with my 2 sons-in-law and 5 grandchildren. I am keen to take anyone interested in tramping for half-day walks in the Port Hills.

You spoke earlier of journeying with people though challenges and joys. What has been one of the challenges you have experienced in life?

Walking with my two sons through their rebellious years, which included drug addiction. Today I enjoy a close friendship with them and see them each thriving. I learnt what unconditional love looks like.

What has been one of your joys?

Tramping in the beauty of Fiordland when we lived in Gore over a period of 20 years.

Carol Renouf (Community Nurse) and wife of Colin!

Garden BBQ

5-7pm Thursday 11 March

@Macfarlane Community Garden, off Jebson Street.

Come and enjoy food, good company and check out your local community garden. A nice chance to meet Colin if you haven't already.



Sunshine in Shirley is an initiative of the Shirley Community Trust

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Neighbourhood Centre and Park Centre located on Acheson Ave.