



Sunshine in
Shirley
April 2021

Kia ora koutou katoa

FUN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES COMING UP

LUNCH TO GO

Monday 19 April, 11am-3pm. A fun day out for children 5-12 years old.

We'll meet at MacFarlane Park Centre to make your own lunch and then we will walk to the Community Garden for a picnic lunch and afternoon of fun activities. Gold coin per person and parents are welcome.

Numbers are limited, so book your spot by contacting Sharyn on 022 621 8269.



GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Wednesday 28 April 1-3:30pm at Walter Park. Start times every 30 mins, last walk at 3pm.

We're going on a Bear Hunt! We're not scared! Bring children down to the park for a swishy, swashy, splashy, sploshy, squelchy, muddy experience. Gumboots essential. One of the many walks in the CCC Walking Festival this. This fun one is local and great for preschoolers.



The Walking Festival

17 April–2 May 2021

ccc.govt.nz/walkingfestival

MACFARLANE TREASURES | Saturday 1 May, 10am-1pm at the Neighbourhood Centre.



This is a great opportunity to revamp your wardrobe for free – clothes for all ages plus shoes, accessories and much more.

Donations of clean clothes in good condition always appreciated. Please bring them to the Neighbourhood Centre, Friday 30 April between 9am-12pm.

SHINE

Over 1000 turned out for a great afternoon of entertainment, food and fun at our annual SHINE event recently held at MacFarlane Park. There were bouncy castles, bikes and activities as well as wonderful singers and performers on stage ensuring there was something for everyone. Thanks to those who helped on the day, or ran stalls but special thanks to everyone who came and had fun!



Thanks to our supporters!



MACFARLANE PARK CENTRE

Did you know our Park Centre is a diverse and multi-cultural space, used by not only our groups, but also many others? Some of these groups, you are welcome to join in, like "Sit 2 Fit" on Friday mornings for anyone who wants to improve their strength and balance, classes are \$8.

If you're interested in hiring this space, please contact Ann on (03) 981 5521 or office@shirleycommunitytrust.org.nz.



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



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 term time, 8:30am–10:30am at the Jebson Street entrance to MacFarlane Park. There you can get free BBQ food, hot drinks, and have a chat about life in general. For more information visit the [Shirley Village Facebook page](#).

WANTING TO WORK

Are you looking for work, want help with creating a CV or wanting to build your experience and skills? Then come along on a Wednesday, 11am-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.



FIREWOOD



Autumn is here, so it is time to get your firewood supplies organised for the winter, and to put aside money to pay for firewood. The Shirley Village Project has a limited supply of lower cost firewood available, but only for residents of the Shirley Village Project area. We will not be able to supply everyone, but if you are in need of firewood, email shirleyvillageproject@gmail.com or text Steve 021 186 3645.

SUPPORTING SISTERS

For the wahine/women and young ladies of Shirley there is a range of feminine sanitary products available at no charge in the cloakroom at the Neighbourhood Centre at 17 Acheson Avenue. Available Monday, Wednesday 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-2pm. For more information or to donate sanitary products or koha text Toni 027 769 1904.



Learner's Driver's Licence: For support to learn the Road Code, text Yolana 027 866 4314

Community Lawn Mower: To hire the community lawn mower, text Grant 021 049 5610

Home Vege Garden: For help to create a vege garden, text Steve 021 186 3645

Art in Shirley / Community Murals: If you want to create a community mural, text Steve 021 186 3645

CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE IN SHIRLEY

It was great to sit down with Irenie How and ask her the following questions. Irenie is presently doing a Diploma in Youth Development with Praxis and hangs out in various spaces: Kidzone, Shirley Scene and CHUR Youth.

How long have you been living in Shirley?

IH: I came to live in Shirley just before Lockdown.

But this isn't the first time you have lived in Shirley is it?

IH: I first came to live in Emmett Street with my mother and siblings when I was 10, so returning last year felt like coming home. I returned to Shirley with a desire to help the young people in Shirley in a way I never experienced myself. I felt alone growing up, home life was hard, I didn't see many options for what I could do with my life, I felt that there wasn't much hope for the future and I was afraid nothing would change. I found these feelings were true but didn't need to define me. I could choose something better for myself which I am learning to do. I have just completed a Master of Fine Arts something I didn't think I could do but after encouragement saw it as a possibility.

What are your dreams for the youth of Shirley?

IH: That they all believe they have options and the power to choose the path that they walk. Their lives do not need to be defined by the hard things of their past or the negative stories they tell themselves. One way I hope to see this happen is to be able to teach art. I would like to see a space where youth can have ownership of what they can create. It will be great to see a youth centre in Shirley. Already there are art projects happening and I am excited about that and looking forward to seeing what happens!

Carol Renouf | Community Nurse.



WHAT IS EASTER ALL ABOUT?

Easter is the main festival in the Christian calendar, one of the annual festivals we celebrate in our diverse country that is Aotearoa. In ancient Roman society, to be sentenced to death on a cross was seen as the most cruel way a person could die. Jesus entered the world and when He spoke and acted in ways that provoked the anger of the Jews and Romans, He, too, was put to death on the cross. To the amazement of His followers and disgust of the authorities, Jesus rose from the dead, as recorded in the Bible. Christians worldwide celebrate Easter and reflect that the cross, the place of utter cruelty has become a symbol of hope and life.

LOCAL EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES | 4 April 2021

St Stephens (Shirley Intermediate School hall)

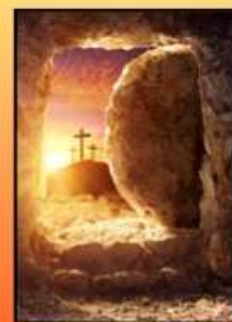
9:45am Coffee/ tea & croissants | 10am Easter Egg Hunt | 10:45am Family Service

Eastside C3 Church | 10am service followed by lunch and Easter Egg Hunt

Emmett Street Community Church | 10am Service and hot cross buns

Latimer Church (12 Berwick Street)

4:15pm Family Service, Easter Egg Hunt, Bouncy Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Kid games



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