

Sunshine in Shirley

April 2022

Kia ora koutou

MACFARLANE PARK TREASURES AND MINI-MARKET

Saturday 23 April, 10am -1pm at the Neighbourhood Centre

This is a great chance to revamp your wardrobe *for free!* PLUS there will also be stalls selling food/ drinks, books & toys, crafts and bric a brac. LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!



This event will help support children in Tonga affected by the volcano and tsunami. Cash only event.

Watch Facebook for more details about the event plus when to drop off any clothing donations.

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL



Remember to put your clocks back one hour.



COVID UPDATE

With many in our community now isolating due to COVID, please look after each other and do contact us on 981 5521 if you think we can be of help.

The SCT Team



SHIRLEY FAMILY FUN

Tuesday 26 April
3-5pm outside the Park Centre

Pedalmania (crazy bikes) will be there, plus games and sports thanks to Kia Kori Waitaha.

BBQ from 4pm. FREE event



Mondays at the Park Centre. For pre-schoolers and their whānau.

Great fun with music, balls, toys, crafts... and food!

Everyone welcome, contact Carol on 027 282 0693



CHILDREN'S GARDENING CLUB



The Children's Gardening Club, which meets on a Tuesday after school has started well. The focus this month has been on planting winter vegetables; cabbages, cauliflower, broccoli, spinach and silver beet, which we all can be doing in our home gardens.

We have also spread mushroom compost, donated by 'The Just Dirt Trust' around our young plants to help them grow. The children also learnt that we can use spent coffee grounds, spread around each seedling to help keep snails away from our plants.

Join us at the MacFarlane Park Community Garden, Jebson St. Tuesday at 3:15pm — Colin Renouf

KAI TOGETHER

Men's monthly cooking school. If you are a male and keen to learn to cook then enjoy some kai with others, please contact: Colin (027 639 1331) or Amy (021 254 7961)



SHIRLEY HIKERS

For all those keen to go for a hike in the Port Hills, this is for you! Colin will be leading a hike on the **first Wednesday morning of each month, 9am—1pm.** Next session 6th April. All fitness levels welcome.

Contact: Colin — 027 639 1331

BLOKES BRUNCH

FREE

Join with other guys from the local community as we meet for some really good food and conversation. All welcome!

ESCC— 106 Emmett Street

Last Saturday of month, 10am.



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Shirley Village Project

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



April's theme is: **Shirley's our place, we can make it better.**

SHIRLEY FIREWOOD CLUB

Want cheap firewood? Join the newly started Shirley Firewood Club. Free to join, some conditions apply. Members need to help at working bees during the year where we cut and split firewood. We have the tools, you have the skills. We already have a pile of firewood cut for this winter - big thanks to CJ, Adrian, and Renee.

For more info or to join, email: shirleyvillageproject@gmail.com or give Steve a call on 021 186 3645.



MACFARLANE ART PARK MURALS

Yay, there are more murals ready to be installed in MacFarlane Art Park. We will be doing another community working bee to paint the fences and celebrate the new murals. Come along on **Wednesday 27th April**, painting 1pm, unveiling new murals 2.30pm. Lower MacFarlane Park, Jebson St entrance.

SHIRLEY TOOL SHED

Tool for the season: Autumn is here and the tree leaves are falling. We have 4 leaf blowers and leaf rakes to help you clean them off your path and lawn. Leaf blowers cost \$5 for a week, leaf rakes are free.



Open: Wednesday 4pm—6pm
33 Briggs Road.

Over **300 tools** available to borrow.

Membership: \$20/year.

Phone Steve, 021 186 3645 or visit:
<https://shirleytoolshed.myturn.com>



MACFARLANE BASKETBALL COURT WORKING BEE

The MacFarlane Basketball court is getting a refresh and fix up of the hoops, lines and drainage. We are holding a community working bee to paint the backboard and lay grass. Pizza lunch provided for the helpers. Come join us on **Tuesday 26th April, 10am** at the basketball court on the corner of Skipton St and Acheson Ave. Contact: Steve—021 186 3645



COMMUNITY LAWN MOWER: \$10 per use, delivered to you, full of fuel. Contact Warren by text 021 0235 5869 to book the mower.

FAMILY HARM SUPPORT: AVIVA provide good information/support for those experiencing family harm or violence. Ph 0800 284 82669.



LEARNER DRIVER LICENCES: For support to learn the Road Code, text Steve 021 186 3645

ANZAC DAY MEMORIES

I had been pondering—as we look to honour Anzac Day in April—who in our community of Shirley would have a story to be told of memories of World War 2. Barry and Allison Waller lived in Shirley for 53 years of the 56 they have been married, brought up their family here and Alison spent some of her childhood in the area as well.



Alison's father served in World War 2, leaving New Zealand in 1943 when she was three years old and returning when she was six. During that time she along with her mother and sister lived with her grandmother. His battalion set up camp in Maadi Egypt where they trained together. He then fought in Italy and France, being involved in the Battle of Cassino as a gunner in Italy in 1944. Alison remembers going with a great aunt who had a car, up to the Port Hills to watch the ship he returned on enter Lyttleton Harbour. Her father didn't talk a lot about the war with her growing up. She would say he shared more with his grandchildren.

Barry's father apparently had 'flat feet' so could not serve overseas. His role during the war was as a dispatch rider, where he rode on an army Indian bike to the various gun emplacements on Banks Peninsula, giving them messages and updates. (Certainly no cell phones during the war!).



Gun emplacement, Godley Heads

I enjoyed listening to Barry and Alison. I wonder if there is someone in your family, amongst your friends or even a neighbour that would like to share their memories of the World War 2 or wars since. How about taking some time to do that this Anzac Day.

Carol Renouf—Community Nurse



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