#### Q. How would you like to use 10 Shirley Road?

A. Build a new Shirley Centre. Why?

- Civic managed facility, citizen hub, new purpose built/bigger Shirley Library with Learning/Meeting Spaces, located within the Innes Ward, which currently has no suburban Christchurch City Library. At 30 June 2018, there were an estimated 24,700 people living in Innes ward. This was 6.4% of Christchurch City's population. (https://ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/statistics-and-facts/community-profiles/papanui-innes/innes-ward)

- 'Residential feel' to fit into the neighbourhood & incorporate some heritage design as this location is next to the Dudley Character Area. (https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Consents-and-Licences/resource-consents/Forms/ Character-Areas/Dudley-Design-Guide-2019.pdf)

- Multifunctional space that can cater for a wide range of "cultural, educational and recreational activities" that bring people from the surrounding communities: Shirley, Mairehau, St Albans, Edgeware & Richmond, together.

- Inclusive: day & night opening hours, available 6 or 7 days, adjustable learning/meeting spaces, that can be booked & utilized by everyone, residents can just be in the space (home away from home, communities living room) without having to attend an activity/event.

- Accessible: Onsite & street parking, location has bus stops on Shirley Road, multiple bus routes arriving/leaving at regular intervals.

- Alternative Waipapa/Papanui Innes Community Board meetings location, so Innes ward residents can have easier access to participate. (https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/elected-members/community-boards/papanui-innes/)

- Civic Education: How does the Council work? What are the different Units for? How does the Community Board work? What do the different roles in Council/Community Board do? How do I engage with Council/Community Board? (https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works)

- CCC "Have Your Say" Consultation info/submission help sessions. (https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and -submissions/haveyoursay/)

- Civic Defence: Emergency Location, community & home education sessions, emergency help/eco features: solar panels & rainwater harvesting system. (https://ccc.govt.nz/services/civil-defence/about-civil-defence-emergency-management)

- Justice of the Peace (JP) Clinic: Witness signatures and documents, certify document copies, hear oaths, declarations, affidavits or affirmations as well as sign citizenship, sponsorship or rates rebates applications. (https:// my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/justice-of-the-peace-jps/)

- Citizens Advice Bureau: Help people to know and understand their rights and obligations and how to use this information to get the best outcomes. Satellite clinic? Weekly sessions? (https://www.cab.org.nz/location/cabchristchurch-city)

- Centre "Shielded Site": Tool for victims of abuse to ask for help, without fear of it showing up in their browser's history or an abusive partner ever seeing it. Send a confidential message through our "Shielded Site" feature. (https://shielded.co.nz/)

NGOs Connect: Connecting residents with local Community Trusts/Support Services/Community Support Workers.
CINCH Connect: Online community directory of clubs, community organisations and continuing education course providers. Outreach to the residents in our communities to introduce themselves. (https://www.cinch.org.nz/)
Volunteering Canterbury: Whether you are looking to volunteer individually or in a group, in a long-term position or a one-off project, events & training. (http://volcan.org.nz/)

- TimeBank: database of local skills that residents can use to find help, a way of trading skills in a community. (https://www.lyttelton.net.nz/timebank)

- Sustainable "Foodscaping": In Geneva, Switzerland where communities have worked together, neighbours consult and plan what each will grow so they can share and trade food. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foodscaping)
- Appetite for Life: Canterbury based 6 week weight management and healthy lifestyle programme. (https:// www.appetiteforlife.org.nz/)

- Green Prescription: Funded by the Ministry of Health & managed by Sport Canterbury that supports people to lead active healthy lives. (https://www.activecanterbury.org.nz/health-professionals/green-prescription.aspx)

- Spin Poi: Improving health and wellbeing through spinning poi. We support individuals and organizations across the globe with our evidence-based programs, specializing in improving quality of life for seniors. (https://www.spinpoi.com/)

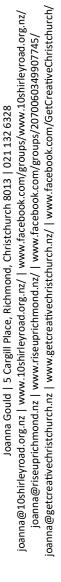
- Activities for Older Adults: location for Free Sunday Walks, Walk 'n' Talk & Leisure Clubs. (https://ccc.govt.nz/recand-sport/activities-for-older-adults)

- GenConnect: Technology-oriented intergenerational programmes are a way to breach the generation gap by providing an opportunity for interaction. (https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/genconnect/)

- GrandFriends: to match up grandparent-less families with older people, building across generations. (https:// www.grandfriends.nz/)

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- Human Library: The Human Library<sup>®</sup> is a bookstore of human beings, to better our understanding of diversity in order to help create more inclusive and cohesive communities across cultural, religious, social and ethnic differences. (https://humanlibrary.org/)

- Learning English as a Second Language: connecting families from our local schools (Mairehau High School, Shirley Intermediate School, St Albans School, St Francis of Assisi Catholic School, Mairehau Primary School, Shirley Primary School, Banks Avenue School) in the community. (https://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Resources/education/ESOL/) - Ministry of Awesome "Coffee & Jam" Outreach: Starting point for entrepreneurs, startups, and innovators in Christchurch. Delivering support, guidance, capability training, and networks that entrepreneurs need to succeed. (https:// ministryofawesome.com/events/#coffee-and-jam)

- Limitless: Equipping for lives of passion & purpose programme, empower every young person to spend time doing work they are passionate about. (https://www.limitless.org.nz/)

- Careers NZ: Plan your career, job profiles, career ideas, cv writing, job hunting, study and training, with help from WINZ Shirley office? (https://www.careers.govt.nz/)

- Drive: Guiding your teen through the learning to drive journey, tools and tips to get your teen confident in the driver's seat. (https://parents.drive.govt.nz/)

- Cycle Safe in the Community: Cycle maintenance and helmet fitting, Basic cycling skills, Road rules, On road cycling, Christchurch cycling groups? (https://ccc.govt.nz/transport/getting-to-school/resources-for-schools/cyclesafe/)

- KiwiAble: Getting more people with a disability involved in sport, recreation and leisure by breaking down barriers to participation. (https://ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/inclusive-christchurch/kiwiable/)

- Wellbeing Community Education: What is Wellbeing? Wellness Warrant of Fitness, Wellbeing Methods: Yoga, Stress Management, Walking, Posture, Goal Setting, Meal Planning. (https://ccc.govt.nz/rec-and-sport/rec-and-sportcentres/health-wellbeing/wellbeing/)

- Mental Health Advocacy and Peer Support (MHAPS): Assist people who experience mental distress, mental illness and/or substance addiction through their choice of services towards recovery. (https://mhaps.org.nz/)

- Reading in Mind: Provides selected books and other resources (e-books, DVDs and CDs) on a wide range of mental health and wellbeing topics. (https://www.pegasus.health.nz/your-health/useful-links-resources/reading-in-mind/) - StoryWalk: Combines family fun, exercise, and literacy into one great community activity. Installed around the

Shirley Community Reserve & along the Dudley Creek Trail? (https://letsmovelibraries.org/storywalk/)

- Pre-school Activities: Babytimes, Storytimes, Sensory Storytimes, Preschool Outreach, Learning Parties. (https:// my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/preschoolers-events/)
- Triple P Positive Parenting Programme: Focuses on positive parenting practices and addresses childhood behaviour problems. (https://www.earlystart.co.nz/programmes/triple-p-positive-parenting/)

- Shirley Playcentre: Located in the Shirley Community Reserve. Connect new children/families to the area, as the community has become increasingly transient and culturally diverse. Parent cooperative with parents encouraged to be involved in all aspects of the playcentre's programme and management. (https://www.playcentre.org.nz/centre/ shirley/)

- Learning Through Action: Conservation of water, ecosystems, sustainability of resources, organic waste cycle, biodiversity, impacts of pests, geology, outdoor survival, waste management and native trees and plants. (https:// ccc.govt.nz/the-council/learning-resources/learning-through-action)

- Sustainable Christchurch: Sustainable Living for Future Living Skills, Energy Efficient, Grow Your Own Food, Conserve Water, Reduce Your Rubbish, Smarter Homes, Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Communities. (https://ccc.govt.nz/ environment/sustainability/sustainable-christchurch/)

- DogSmart: DogSmart in the Community, DogSafe Workplace Training, Reading to Dogs. (https://ccc.govt.nz/ services/dogs-and-animals/dogsmart-education-programme/)

- After School Activities: 3D Printing, Lego Mindstorms, Lego Stop-Motion, Studio Time, Minecraft Club, STEAM Lab. Science Alive? (https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/after-school-clubs-and-programmes/)

- Code Club: Code Club Aotearoa: A nationwide network of free volunteer-led coding clubs for kiwi kids. Code Club for Adults?. (https://codeclub.nz/)

- KidsFest Event Provider: Location for KidsFest activities & events, during the winter school holidays. (https:// www.kidsfest.co.nz/)

- Resident Initiated Groups: Opportunity for residents to create groups based on interests with like minded people. Location for online Facebook group meetups in person.

- https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/imagine/

- https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/shirley-community-centre-ideas/
- https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/this-is-what-a-librarian-looks-like/
- https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/shirley-centre-q-and-a/

- https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/where-is-our-community-centre-petition/





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#### Canterbury Wellbeing Index | https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/

- Central and local government agencies have a major role in enhancing the social, economic, environmental, and cultural aspects of wellbeing within communities. Civic engagement is associated with citizens' confidence in their ability to influence local and national decision making, including their trust in the political process.<u>https://</u>www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/our-wellbeing/civic-engagement/influencing-central-and-local-government/

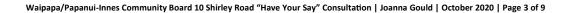
- There is a well-known association between education and wellbeing, which is important throughout the life course. The relationship is complex and it appears that most of it is due to our level of education affecting our employment, income and health. For example, educational attainment strongly predicts health literacy, and the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to access and use health and social care services. Differences in educational attainment between different population groups also provide information about access to education and the equity, or fairness, of the education system. Education is a resource for life that, apart from providing qualifications and facilitating future employment, can have broader beneficial impacts on health and wellbeing through for example developing values, emotional intelligence, self-esteem, and social skills. <a href="https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/our-wellbeing/education/">https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/our-wellbeing/</a> education/

- Employment affects the economic status and standard of living of an individual and their family and also has a strong influence on social and emotional wellbeing. Being employed is an important way for a person to meet their material needs and to participate in their community. Employment is also important to an individual's identity and their role in society. Longitudinal studies show that unemployment has a direct negative effect on health, over and above the effects of socioeconomic status, poverty, and prior ill-health. Levels of employment and unemployment differ across population groups, meaning some groups are less likely to experience the positive benefits of employment. When people move from unemployment to employment, they gain in material wellbeing, subjective wellbeing, physical and mental health, and socioeconomic status. <a href="https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/our-wellbeing/employment/">https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/our-wellbeing/employment/</a>

- Individuals with mental health disorders are at greater risk for decreased quality of life, educational difficulties, lowered productivity and poverty, homelessness, social problems, vulnerability to abuse, additional physical health problems, stigma, and suicide. Mental health care in New Zealand has undergone a transformation over the last several decades, moving from an institutional model to a model centred on engagement with services in community settings. In recent years, record numbers of people have accessed mental health and addiction services across New Zealand. Disasters such as the Canterbury earthquakes have well-documented negative impacts on mental health with an estimated five to ten percent of the population likely to experience a deterioration in their psychological health and to seek or require intervention in the long term. These impacts relate both to the immediate effects of the disaster and to ongoing or secondary stressors, such as a continued lack of infrastructure. International literature suggests that approximately eight percent of those affected by mass shootings - such as the March 2019 Christchurch mosque attacks - may have moderate symptoms, and two percent chronic dysfunction. The impact on individuals will be influenced by aspects including pre-existing risk factors, level of exposure to the incident, and different coping strategies. The figures show that the proportion of the Canterbury DHB population accessing mental health services (combined Non- Government Organisations, primary mental health and specialist mental health services) has increased substantially over time. https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/our-wellbeing/health/mental-healthservice-access/

- Key equity issues within social capital: A number of differences are apparent across the social capital indicators, notably: sense of community, personal identity, loneliness and isolation, and confidence in agencies. Age (particularly the youngest and oldest age groups), having a long-term health condition or disability, and identifying as belonging to certain ethnic groups, appear to be related to lower levels of social capital in greater Christchurch. https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/our-wellbeing/social-capital/

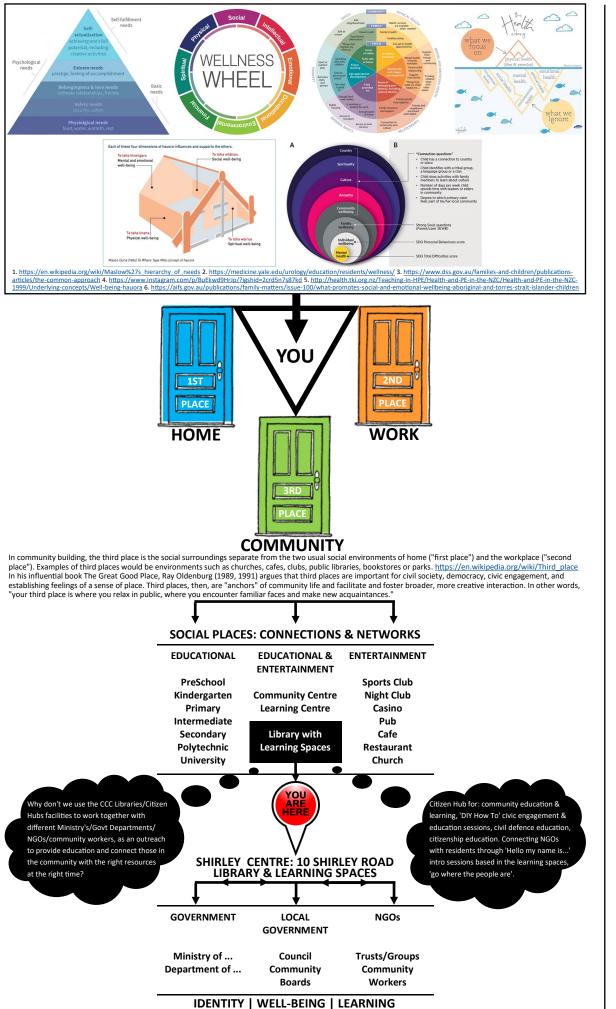
- Feeling like one belongs and is accepted in meaningful social groups has been linked to wellbeing and health-related outcomes. Sense of community is a desirable outcome, whereby community members feel a sense of belonging and commitment, and a feeling that members matter to one another and to the group. Sense of community embraces a number of different elements including: community spirit or membership, influence, reinforcement, emotional safety, community boundaries, sense of belonging, trust, shared emotional connections, and quality interactions. These elements are considered to act together to strengthen the social fabric and improve community wellbeing and health outcomes. The figure shows that in the year following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes, over half of respondents in greater Christchurch (54.5%) agreed or strongly agreed that they felt a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood (agree or strongly agree) dipped below 50 percent in 2014. The current result (47.7%, 2019) is statistically significantly lower than that for 2012 and the overall downward trend in this proportion is statistically significant. <a href="https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/our-wellbeing/social-capital/sense-of-community/">https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/our-wellbeing/social-capital/sense-of-community/</a>





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#### Papanui-Innes draft Community Board Plan "Have Your Say" Consultation (February - March 2020) | Feedback

https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and-submissions/haveyoursay/show/293

Improve community facilities in the Papanui-Innes Wards:

- Engage with the community over future developments of 10 Shirley Road

Vulnerable Communities are supported:

- Advocate for targeted funding to support youth, elderly, and social isolation issues

- Advocate for the Long Term Plan to include increased services and funding for social isolation issues
- Build strong relationships and well-connected networks with external agencies
- Encourage civic participation in local decision making:

- Increase community engagement opportunities (which can include public meetings and targeted opportunities with organisation leaders)

- Encourage community networks

- Increase volunteerism within the community

In my opinion, the top priority for the Papanui-Innes community board should be the planning/building of a new Shirley Centre on 10 Shirley Road. New Inclusive Civic Centre with: Shirley Library | Learning Spaces | Service Centre. Supporting our communities: Identity | Well-being | Learning.

Since 1915 this location has been important part of our identity, first as the original Shirley Primary School, then as the Shirley Community Centre, until the building was demolished in 2012 due to earthquake damage.

- citizen hub for: community education & learning, 'DIY How To' civic engagement & education sessions, civil defence education, citizenship education.

- connecting NGOs with residents through 'Hello my name is...' intro sessions based in the learning spaces, 'you are here', 'go where the people are'.

- community directory to inform & direct residents out from the hub, connecting residents into activities/groups/ other community centres.

- park setting location, with significant trees, Dudley Creek and playground/half basketball court, with off street & on street parking.

- centrally located between our four remaining schools: Mairehau High School, Shirley Primary School, Shirley Intermediate & new Banks Avenue School.

- bus stops for the Orange Line/Orbiter/100 routes, are located outside 10 Shirley Road, and across the road, by Shirley Primary School.

The current Shirley library is situated inside the Coastal-Burwood ward, although it is seen as a Shirley/Richmond facility. Currently the Innes ward has no 'suburban' library. Approx 25,000 people live in the Innes ward, with our population increasing due to in fill housing & social housing developments.

'Our Space 2018-2048: Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update' identifies Shirley as a 'Key Activity Centre' for 'new residential/commercial opportunities, meeting the demands arising from the growing population'.

'Resilient Greater Christchurch Plan' identifies Shirley as 'Under performing Commercial Centre, Mall dominated centres with higher levels of vacancy, crime, reducing retail turnover'.

Unfortunately due to the location of the library in the car park of The Palms mall, the library continues to attract anti-social behaviour, requiring a security guard to be present.

The Shirley Library & Service Centre is soon to refurbished to include NZ Post services, in an already congested building with Shirley Library, Service Centre & Coastal-Burwood Governance unit.

This library is smaller than most 'suburban' libraries in Christchurch & yet is consistently one of the top providers of events/activities, even with no dedicated learning spaces.

We need a new community facility to serve the wider communities of Shirley, Richmond, Mairehau, Edgeware and St Albans east of Cranford Street, <u>https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/where-is-our-community-centre-petition/</u>.

Citizen hubs become landmarks in a community. They are a safe place to go to. Their familiarity brings comfort in stressful times.

They are the only third place that offers education & entertainment in the one place, & transforms to fulfil the communities needs during a local emergency.

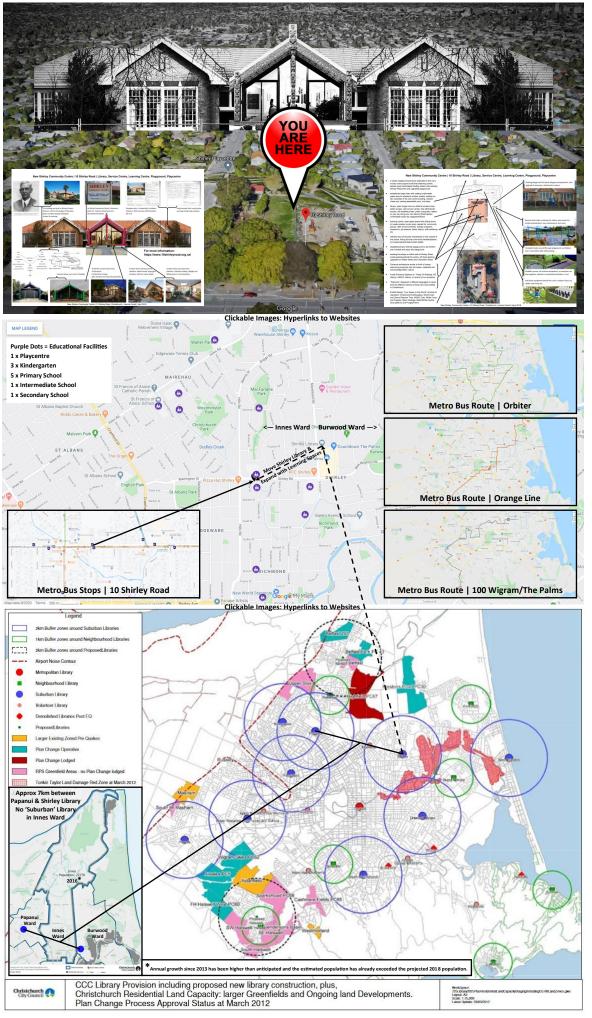
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# Christchurch City Council Community Facilities Network Plan | Feedback via email to Councillors (07/08/2019)

https://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/07/SOC\_20190731\_AGN\_3438\_AT.PDF

10.Community Facilities Network Plan

## Plan Feedback

- Page 33, "5.4 City-wide there are currently no significant major geographic gaps in the network when we consider all current providers."

The plan includes "Church Owned & Religious Facilities", so there are gaps in the network for those in our communities who do not feel comfortable attending an activity at these facilities due to their own beliefs. Some "Community Trusts" are outreach opportunities for a church, and can alienate those in our communities who feel 'judged', from attending their activities/community centres.

- Page 34, "5.16 Community operation leads to greater diversity of use and activation. Community groups/trusts can offer a greater quantity and range of use with many in the Christchurch area already doing this well."

"Community groups/trusts can", yes this 'can' happen. But also what 'can' happen, is that these groups/trusts become closed/cliques, that are not welcoming and inclusive to all the residents in our communities.

I support non partisan civic facilities (CCC Libraries/Citizen Hubs) for this reason, as they are welcoming and inclusive to all the residents in our communities, and operated by Council staff who are accountable to the Council/ Community Boards. The Learning Spaces at our CCC Libraries could be better utilized by our communities through resident initiated groups, civic engagement meetings, civic education classes, community groups/trusts/association meetings etc.

Page 44, "The spaces are more than the actual buildings, creating connections within the space/s and to the areas and amenities surrounding them. In the new community spaces people come together for a common reason/cause, creating a sense of community through social engagement, having a sense of ownership, and shared experiences."
Page 45, "No provider is particularly strong in providing for drop-ins, bumping and social services - Council Libraries are strongest in this area."

- Page 46, "4a. Focusing investment in small number of community hubs (existing and new) of significant size colocated with other Council facilities such as libraries."

- Page 48, "Worldwide trends tell us Community Facilities will be focal points in the community and will become known as neighbourhood and communal gathering places of flexible spaces that allow people to work/play/be/meet together in groups or work/play/be alone but connected to others outside of their homes."

- Page 57, "Facility Location Significance: Some facilities are better suited to be hub locations based on their centrality within a neighbourhood/rural community, geographical location, accessibility and proximity to other hub or key locations such as libraries, social and community outdoor spaces, cafes, economic and commercial centres including malls and or proximity to aligned activity, school/education, church, sport and play related."

- Page 57, "Ward and Neighbourhood Significance: At the network level where there are potential hub facilities, the approach is to support their development as Council owned and operated sites. Hub facilities are where there is colocation and clustering of services: library; service centre; community activity; recreation and sport; civic activity; culture; meeting and public assembly; education and arts activity."

- The plan counts the number of facilities, but doesn't show the capacity of each facility/number of people able to attend each facility? One small centre doesn't cater for the same amount of people as another larger centre.

- Where in the plan is the information about the users of these community centre/facilities? Who is the target audience for these facilities? Who are we providing these facilities/activities for?

Most of these community centre/facilities are open limited hours and mainly used by people who are at home during the day: eg. stay at home parents, retirees, unemployed, people working from home, people with mental health/ disability issues.

- How can the Council/Community Boards make informed decisions on investing in new facilities and funding existing facilities if they don't understand who in the community is using them/or not using them and why?

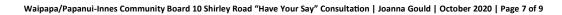
- CCC Community Board engagement staff and CCC Libraries/Service Centre staff have a wealth of information about each community and local knowledge that our communities could make better use of.

### **10 Shirley Road**

- Page 35, "6.1 A feeling that there has been a degree of inequity across the board areas in terms of investment in repairs and new builds since 2011."

This is an issue in our community. 'Stakeholders' have been consulted, but they have a different opinion to the residents. From my perspective, the Shirley Community Centre hasn't been rebuilt due to some 'stakeholders' influencing the decision, due to fear of funding cuts.

Residents are continuing to vote with their feet every time they go to Shirley Library, just look at the numbers. The staff do a great job with a small space, imagine what they could do with dedicated learning spaces in a new library at 10 Shirley Road.





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- Page 36, "7.4 Shirley Community Centre 10 Shirley Road –Emerging information points to the retention of the site at 10 Shirley Road as community space (land banking). Continue to use the site as an open air community hub or a "longer term gap filler approach" funding has been secured for a pump track and landscaping, with the potential for other outdoor activity features over time. As the site is recommended to be retained there is always to opportunity to re look at the development of a facility with a community partner into the future. Other providers have developed facilities in the area and Council has supported the development of a facility in the near-by Macfarlane Park and is currently developing a facility in St Albans."

Thanks to Council staff I was able to talk to Peter Burley as part of his research for the Community Facilities Network Plan. At our meeting in February, I did not agree with his opinion (as stated above), which is why after our meeting I created the <u>attached .pdf</u>, and emailed it to him. I have also <u>attached my .pdf</u> for the Draft Annual Plan [2019-2020], that shows how my idea for 10 Shirley Road aligns with the different CCC Plans, Strategies & Policies documents "that help us to plan and shape the future of our city." We don't need Shirley Park, we need Shirley Centre. Turning 10 Shirley Road into a park does not address the social issues in our community. We already have more than enough green spaces in our communities. Another park is not the answer.

- We seem to have lost focus that well-being is more than access to a park. The Health Iceberg suggests: What we focus on: physical health (diet & exercise). What we ignore: occupational health, social health, mental health, environmental health, spiritual health, emotional health.

- "Christchurch already has far more park land, sport fields and playgrounds (local parks) per person than the national median and more than other major metropolitan cities in NZ."

## https://engage.regeneratechristchurch.nz/30274/documents/64943/download, Page 36

The gaps in our communities are not related to physical health opportunities. The gaps that the Council (in partnership with Ministry's) can help with are: occupational health, social health, mental health, emotional health, and environmental health.

- Why don't we use the CCC Libraries/Citizen Hubs facilities to work together with different Ministry's/NGOs/ community workers, as an outreach to provide education and connect those in the community with the right resources at the right time?

"The Government has promised to set up a new universal frontline mental health service, expected to help 325,000 people with mild to moderate mental health needs by 2024...it recognised the need "to train more qualified mental health workers and build new facilities".

# https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/budget/113093191/budget-2019-mental-health-and-child-poverty-focus-in-firstwellbeing-budget

- Last year I visited most of the libraries in Christchurch to gain a better understanding on how they were designed, what worked/didn't work etc. I quickly realised that the people within each local library, represented the health/ wealth of each community.

Most of the learning spaces were under utilised, and I wondered why they weren't being used as education/outreach opportunities into the community (introduction to service, seminars, drop in session etc.) by the Ministry's/NGOs/ community workers in a neutral space?

- "The public library is the one place, potentially the only civic place, where people are welcome to come no matter their background, their politics, their beliefs. People who are disenfranchised, have mobility issues, are socially isolated, the very old and the very young, it can be the only comfortable place to be – and their ideas are welcome." "We are becoming a bastion of wellbeing and welcome for people," says Kat Cuttriss, Hutt City Libraries manager and chair of Public Libraries of New Zealand. <u>https://www.stuff.co.nz/entertainment/books/113926856/how-new-zealand-libraries-are-adapting-to-the-21st-century</u>

 Projects Removed from Programme: Shirley Community Centre, Papanui-Innes Community Board, Finance and Performance Committee, 4th July 2019, <u>https://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/07/</u>
 <u>FPCO 20190704 AGN 3476 AT.PDF</u>, Page 78

"The capital budget for this project was removed from the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. In March 2019 the Riverside Community Network received the feasibility study and business case for a combined community hub for the Burwood, Avondale and Dallington area which they had commissioned. This will be considered as part of the delivery of the Community Facilities Network Plan project."

Has the rebuild of the Shirley Community Centre been 'sacrificed' for the new 'Riverside Community Network' centre? How is that strengthening communities, when adjacent communities feel like they are being pitted against each other for funding? <u>https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/community-needs-community-centres/</u> - Inequalities: Pre-Election Report Booklet, <u>https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/How-the-Council-</u>

works/2019-Elections/Pre-Election-Report-Booklet-WEB-FINAL-002-Optimized.pdf, Page 30.

"Inequalities undermine social cohesion and have been shown to have negative consequences, including for life expectancy and health, educational performance and employment, crime and our social fabric, and cultural and civic







participation. Inequality also significantly inhibits economic growth."

"The Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Act 2019 restored the purpose of local government, "to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future." This obligates the Council to consider the social and economic wellbeing of all communities in the city." "Community organisations are in a great position to identify the needs of their communities, and to respond quickly to social and economic changes at the local level. They are also often in a position to be able to reach those groups who are 'hard to reach' and address social exclusion."

After living in Shirley for 8 years, and now in Richmond for 3 years, my experience with community organisations/ groups/centres has been varied. I have found them hard to find with no community directory, targeted at certain groups with set specific activities, and open limited hours.

My idea for 10 Shirley Road is to build a new centre for the future, by creating adaptable learning spaces for community groups/organisations to share the resources and become more visible/open/available to those people in the community needing their help and support. They need to be operating from where people already are in our communities: our libraries.

## **Shirley Community**

- "An east Christchurch suburb overlooked since the earthquakes is close to breaking point, community leaders say" Papanui-Innes Community Board chairwoman Ali Jones told a council submissions hearing on Monday Shirley was in dire need of new community facilities, but had been largely left out of the Christchurch City Council's draft 10-year budget. "Our ward has been forgotten in many ways, particularly the Shirley area - an area that is in the east but not in the east we hear so much about...The community is close to breaking point. They need a place to meet, to gather, to mend."

# https://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/103484014/christchurch-suburb-overlooked-since-the-earthquakescommunity-leaders-say

- In November 2018, the Shirley Village Project conducted a "My Hopes for Shirley" survey, asking residents 'To make Shirley a better place, it needs...'

"Facilities and places to gather", 2nd highest result, the current community centres are not fulfilling the needs of the people in this community, they need more opportunities for learning and connecting with others.

## Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board Plan 2017-2019

"Strong Communities | Board Priorities: (for the next two years) Develop a ten year plan for the area at 10 Shirley Road for community use. The plan will be considered in the Long Term Plan. The rebuild of a community centre on the land at 10 Shirley Road is designed and commenced. Strong Communities | We will measure our success by: Development of a ten year plan for the area at 10 Shirley Road and consideration in the Long Term Plan. This may include, among other items, a children's playground, community gardens and a community centre. A community board community working party commencing to work with technical staff to design and begin the rebuild of a community facility at 10 Shirley Road. Prosperous economy | Board Priorities: (for the next two years) Successful rebuild of the 10 Shirley Road. Prosperous economy | We will measure our success by: Commencement of the rebuild of the 10 Shirley Road Community Centre."

https://www.ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Community-Boards/Plans/Papanui-Innes-Community-Board-Plan.pdf

#### Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board Plan 2020-22

Page 6: Improve and support community facilities and amenity in the Papanui-Innes wards (proposed/existing). Why this matters: With a choice of community facilities and good amenity, a community is more able to achieve social cohesion, resilience and happiness and wellbeing. They provide opportunities to develop a strong sense of community, a space to enhance a safe and healthy community and a space to celebrate our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport.

Page 6: Ensure vulnerable communities are supported. Why this matters: Through the community board engaging with community leaders, they have identified that citizens in the Papanui and Innes wards feel isolated and therefore are more likely to not be involved and engaged with the community. The community board takes isolation seriously due to the flow-on negative effects this can have for a community. The Waipapa/Papanui-Innes Community Board is committed to funding and advocating for programmes and initiatives that encourage social connectedness for those who are socially isolated.

Page 7: Encourage civic participation. Why this matters: Ensuring residents' voices and views are listened to and included when making local decisions ensures that the decisions are appropriate for the community involved. https://www.ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Community-Boards/Plans/Community-Board-Plan-Papanui-WEB-Final.pdf

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