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George Penlington, NCEB and CEJ architect, 1900-1931



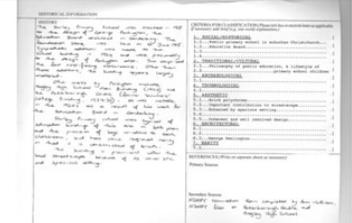
This building was built as Shirley Primary School in 1915 to the design of Education Board architect George Penlington. A place for learning.



As Shirley Community Centre it became a place for: Cultural, Educational and Recreational Activities.



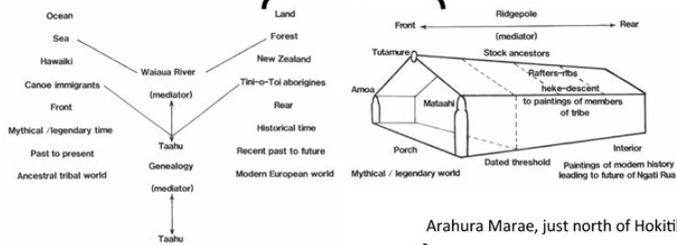
Georgian style, U-shaped plan, Jacobean influence. Brick masonry with Marseilles tile roof.



Polychromatic brick construction and large triple hung windows.



For more information:
<https://www.10shirleyroad.org.nz/>



Arahura Marae, just north of Hokitika.

St Martin's Community Centre, Christchurch. Combination of large glass windows and new/recycled bricks.

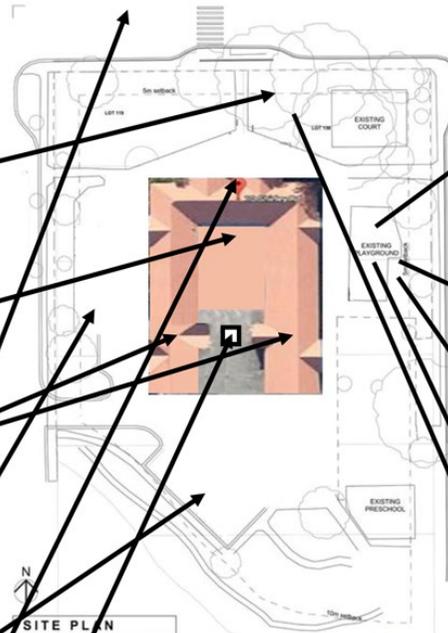
Creators Early Learning Centre, Hamilton. Natural wood, large glass windows, features marae design.

Creators Early Learning Centre, Hamilton. Cathedral ceilings. Skylight and Sliding doors to internal garden.



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- a whole neighbourhood block dedicated to this community (new purpose built library/learning centre, beside newly landscaped Dudley stream with existing Shirley Playcentre and upgraded playground)
- established large trees with seating underneath, grass area for weekend outdoor market, seating under verandah of the new centre building, outdoor chess set, existing basketball court, fruit trees
- library: open longer hours so fulltime workers have better access, with service centre, free wifi/internet access, wifi enabled printer, public computers, tables so you can bring your own device (iPad/Laptop), comfortable chairs by magazines/fiction
- learning centre: open glass space with sliding doors to create smaller rooms when needed for community groups, after school activities, holiday programs, classes for: job seekers, family history, self publishing etc.
- website and community noticeboard on the outside of the centre, listing all local community facilities/places to hire/groups/activities/contact details
- disability/sensory friendly playground so all children are included and enjoy this playground
- existing bus stops on either side of Shirley Road, onsite parking behind the centre, off street parking upgraded on Slater Street and Chancellor Street
- Entrance architecture similar to front of marae, welcoming everyone into this space, celebrate and acknowledge Maori culture.
- Inside Entrance displays on: Treaty Of Waitangi, NZ History, ANZAC History, to remind of our ancestors
- "Welcome" displayed in different languages to represent the different nations of those who have settled in Christchurch
- Exhibit Design "Your Space in this World" symbols to represent: Christchurch Earthquakes: White Chair and Cherry Blossom Tree, ANZAC Day: White Cross and Poppies, Maori Heritage: Black/White Kowhai-whai patterns and Pungas/Ferns



Existing playground has basic playground equipment, only upgrade if necessary, refresh paint colours



Remove bark chips, surfacing for safety, easy access for strollers/wheelchairs, low maintenance, less mess

Footpath/roads around/through playground, so children learn road safety skills while playing



Disability access, all inclusive equipment, so everyone can play together, whether in wheelchairs/strollers or not

Add other equipment beside the court: outdoor chess set, spider web swing etc.



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Pre Earthquakes



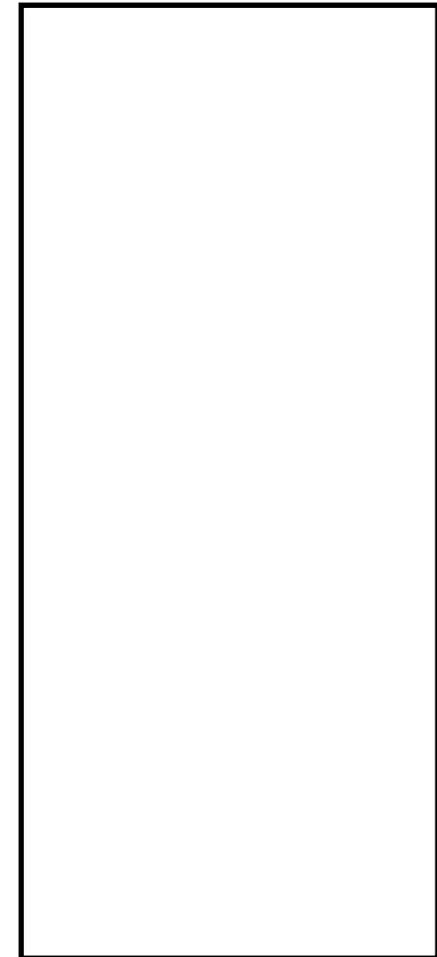
Our Place, Our Identity

Post Earthquakes



Demolished 2012

Today 2022



Constant Visual Reminder...We haven't rebuilt.



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

The “Where is our Community Centre” petition, that was presented last year to Council, as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-2031, received **over 1,200 residents signatures/comments.**



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“Where is our Community Centre” Petition

“Our communities lost our well used and well loved community centre at 10 Shirley Rd, following the February 2011 earthquake. We need a new community facility to serve the wider communities of North Richmond, Shirley, Mairehau, Edgeware and St Albans east of Cranford Street. We the undersigned, request that Christchurch City Council work with us to rebuild our beloved community centre as soon as possible.”

<https://www.facebook.com/Where-is-Our-Community-Centre-101495294547442/>

Please sign/share this petition to ask the Christchurch City Council, for a new community facility to be built at 10 Shirley Road, Richmond, Christchurch. Thanks for your support!

<https://www.change.org/p/christchurch-city-council-a-community-centre-for-north-richmond-shirley-mairehau-edgeware-st-albans-east>

Below are the comments from supporters, sharing why signing this petition is important to them:

– “These places are hubs for community activities, and communities are so much stronger with them. Its such a shame this hasn’t been rebuilt.” Robyn W.

– “This is a important asset to the Eastern Communities” Roger E.

– “A Community Centre is a truly under estimated asset to any community. They become a major part of the community and used by many different groups. This type of centre impacts many different groups positively so to have our community centre back is a necessity to our area.” Rachael D.

‘Shirley Road Central’ verbal submission: <https://councillive.ccc.govt.nz/video/10113>



Hon Poto Williams
MP for Christchurch East



22 April 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My constituents have asked me to provide a support letter for a new Community Centre at 10 Shirley Road, Shirley. The Shirley and surrounding communities has suffered a lot since the Canterbury Earthquake Sequence after having the Shirley Community Centre demolished in 2012.

When the original Community Centre was up and running it housed many learning and education spaces as well as supports from NGO's.

The Richmond, Avonside, Dallington and Shirley Locals have a brilliant concept in their application to provide a Library and Education space and this new Community Centre could also provide a range of opportunities for the locals such as learning the Art's, cooking lessons, gardening, exercise classes and various groups could be formed such as Seniors Knit and Natter or walking groups plus a café date where you could meet your neighbours over coffee. A space for after school activities and holiday programmes and possibly a venue for hire.

The Community Centre could also house NGO's as well as drop in sessions for local organisations who could provide advice and assistance to those in need including Wellbeing/Health and Youth Clinics.

A Community Centre is a place where you are bringing everyone in the community together of all ethnicities and therefore I fully support this application and if you would like to discuss this further, then please don't hesitate to contact me on 03 382 0288.

Yours sincerely



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May 11, 2021

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Dear Mayor and councillors,

I write in support of further exploration of the community centre concept proposed for 10 Shirley Road.

While this is not in my electorate the area serviced by such a centre would cross into Christchurch Central and benefit my constituents.

I have read the support letter provided by MP for Christchurch East, Hon Poto Williams, and I am happy to add my support to her views and encourage council to consider exploring the idea further, such as commissioning a feasibility study or full review including the future of the current Shirley Library.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for listening to this passionate group of community advocates. Christchurch is fortunate to have such committed residents working for its greater good.

Nāku, nā



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https://www.lgnz.co.nz/news-and-media/2019-media-releases/reinstated-well-beings-endorse-councils-community-focus/

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While councils have largely continued to deliver across these four areas, as mandated by their constituents, the amendment provides official restoration of the four well-beings to the Local Government Act, which were removed under the last government.

It is a significant show of support from the Coalition Government for the on-going work of councils to lift the well-being of their communities.

"The reinstatement of the four well-beings is formal recognition that councils have a significant role to play in lifting the quality of life of our people, and the health of our environment," says LGNZ President Dave Cull.

"As the operational arm of government, councils deliver infrastructure vital to our economy, such as roads, three waters and housing infrastructure, cultural and social amenities such as events, parks, libraries, pools and balance the built environment with the natural environment through the RMA."

"The reinstatement of the four well-beings acknowledges that through all these services, and more, local government has a broader role in fostering liveable communities, than simply providing 'core services'."

"We commend the Government for passing this Bill, and look forward to partnering with them on the big issues facing New Zealand."

https://newsline.ccc.govt.nz/news/story/law-change-reinforces-councils-community-focus



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Christchurch's Acting Mayor Andrew Turner is welcoming changes to the Local Government Act that reinforce the role of councils in promoting community wellbeing.

The Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill passed its third and final reading in Parliament last night, effectively reinstating the four aspects of community well-being – social, economic, environmental and cultural – into the Local Government Act.

Cr Turner says the reinstatement of the four wellbeings into the Local Government Act is recognition of the significant role that Councils play in lifting the wellbeing of their communities.

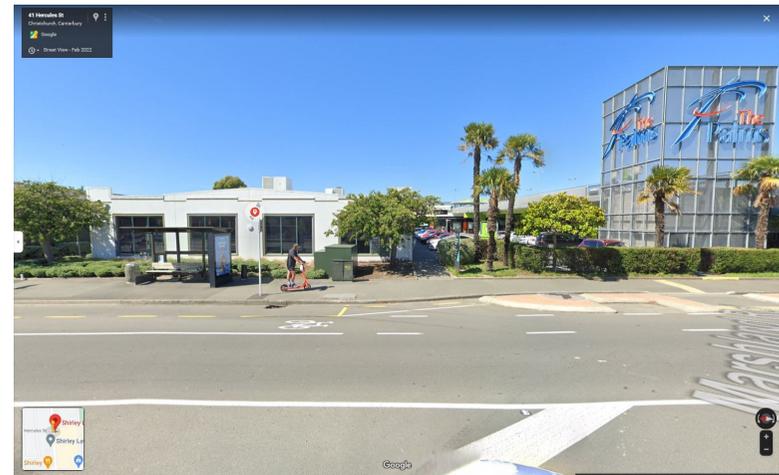
"People and communities are at the heart of everything we do so it is right that this law change acknowledges that Councils have a broader role in fostering liveable communities than simply providing core services," he says.

"It was unfortunate the four wellbeings were removed from the legislation in the first place and Christchurch City Council welcomes their reinstatement."

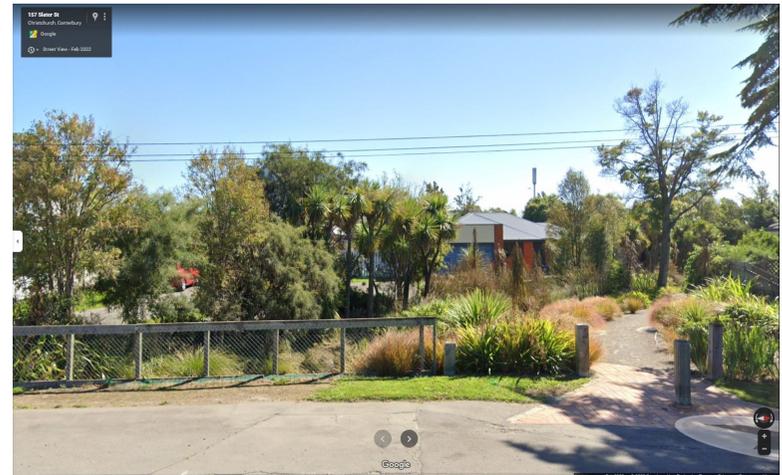
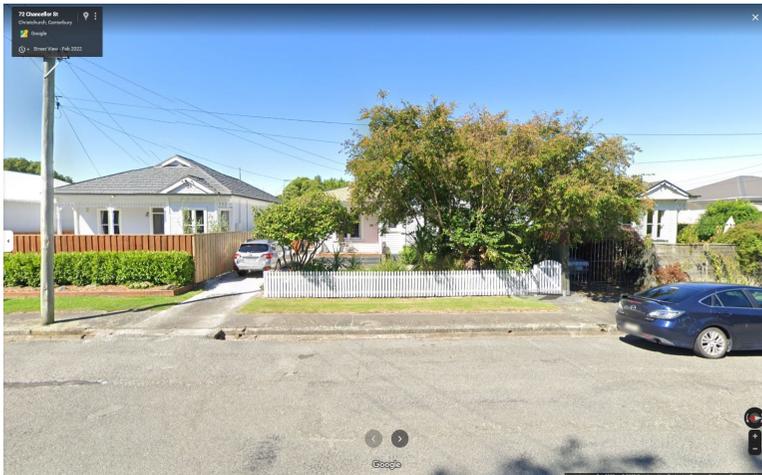


Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner

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The former Shirley Community Centre was a historic building, used for Cultural, Educational and Recreational Activities. Prior to the September 4, 2010, and February 22, 2011 earthquakes, the well-established centre was used by many community groups.

It was a popular and welcoming community asset situated on multiple bus routes, reaching out to the communities of Shirley, Dallington, Richmond, Edgeware, St Albans and Mairehau.

Due to the building's damage caused by the earthquakes, the facility was demolished in 2012 and has not been replaced since, in spite of the area's growing population. In 2022 the land remains empty. Our communities have waited over a decade for a replacement facility, while watching tens of millions of dollars spent on new community facilities in other areas of the city.

Our vision is a new community hub at 10 Shirley Road. We want a modern future-focused library, with learning/meeting spaces for all ages and stages of life. We want a centre that is inclusive and accessible for all. This location is a very visible historic landmark at the beginning of Shirley Road. Leaving it empty without a building, is a constant reminder of what we have lost, that we have been forgotten & have no community legacy for the future generations.



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Community Education & Support Services in Learning Libraries**

