Shirley Community Centre | 10 Shirley Road | Library, Learning Centre, Playground, Playcentre



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- website and community noticeboard on the outside of the centre, listing all local community facilities/places to hire/groups/activites/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



Shirley Community Centre Submission | 10 Shirley Road, Christchurch | Joanna Gould | April 2018 | Page 1

Who?

Who created the original Shirley Community Centre?

http://www.heritage.org.nz/the-list/lost-heritage/canterbury-earthquakes/christchurch-city-q-to-z

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https://ir.canterbury.ac.nz/bitstream/handle/10092/9591/thesis fulltext.pdf?sequence=2

https://ir.canterbury.ac.nz/handle/10092/9591

https://ir.canterbury.ac.nz/bitstream/handle/10092/9591/WilliamsIllustrationsfinal.pdf

BUILDING YESTERDAY'S SCHOOLS

An analysis of educational architectural design as practised by the Building Department of the Canterbury Education Board from 1916 - 1989, by Murray Noel Williams.

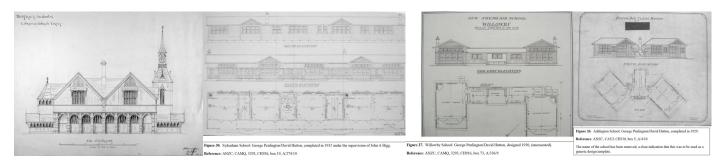




Figure 8. Somerfield School: George Penlington, completed in 191

Reference: ANZC, CAMQ, 12457, CH437, box 3, item 125.

Although this photograph was taken at least 20 years after its construction there has been no change to the facade. This image ______ shows touches typical of Penliguon's pre-war brick schools, e.g., the hopper windows at the top and bottom of each joinery unit and the decornity eaple.



George Penlington: NCEB and CEB architect, 1900-1931



Figure 19. Addington School: Penlington's original building, modified by the removal of gables and the introduction of a hipped roof in an attempt to secure the structure against possible earthquake damage. Reference: CEB Building Ledger, ANZC, CAMQ, 12457, CH437, box 2, 110d.





Where?

Where is the Shirley Community Centre?

https://www.gets.govt.nz/CCC/ExternalTenderDetails.htm?id=17008821

15/16-127 For the provision of a Combined Community Facility at No 10 Shirley Road Christchurch

Tender Details | Keith Murphy

Open Date: 19 November 2015, Close Date: 20 January 2016

Overview

The purpose of this RFP is to invite Respondents to submit their proposals for a new Combined Community Facility to be located at 10 Shirley Road (the "Site").

The historic Shirley Community Centre was previously located at 10 Shirley Road but suffered significant damage in the Canterbury earthquake series and was subsequently demolished.

The Council now requests proposals to establish a new, long term (>20 years) community focused facility on the Site.

The objective of this RFP process is to obtain sufficiently detailed information from Respondents as to their proposed design, funding and operation for a facility. The enables the Council staff and the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to select a proposal to allow further discussions with a Respondent.

http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2016/07/SPCB_20160706_AGN_685_AT_WEB.htm

Shirley/Papanui Community Board | 06 July 2016

Shirley Community Facility - 10 Shirley Road | Kent Summerfield

"1. Purpose and Origin of Report

Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to receive the information contained within and to instruct staff on how to proceed regarding the reinstatement of a Combined Community Facility at 10 Shirley Road.

Origin of Report

1.2 This report is being provided in accordance with earlier Shirley/Papanui Community Board and Council resolutions.

1.3 Specifically, on the 19th of August 2015 the Shirley/Papanui Community recommended that the staff recommendation as set out below be adopted. That recommendation was:

That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board recommend to the Council that it instruct Council Officers to prepare and release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the open market inviting proposals for the development and operation of a Community Centre or similar at 10 Shirley Road.

1.4 Subsequently at the Council meeting of 10 September 2015, it was **resolved** on the motion of Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Jones, that the Council instruct Council Officers to prepare and release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the open market inviting proposals for the development and operation of a Community Centre or similar at 10 Shirley Road."

"4. Key Points

4.1 This report supports the <u>Council's Long Term Plan (2015 - 2025)</u>:

4.1.1 Activity: Community Facilities

· Level of Service: 2.0.1 Provide community facilities

4.2 The following feasible options have been considered:

• Option 1 – **Reject Crossway Proposal.** Under this option the Board would instruct Council staff to reject (with many thanks for their offer and commitment) the Crossway Proposal received in response to the Request for Proposal document and proceed with the consultation, design and construction of a new facility using available Council funds.

Where? (cont'd)

• Option 2 – **Accept Crossway Proposal.** Under this option the Board would recommend to the Council that the Council instruct staff to accept the Crossway Proposal as presented. Council approval for this option is required due to the grant component of the Crossway Proposal.

• Option 3 – **Neither accept nor reject Crossway Proposal.** Under this option the Board would neither accept nor reject the Crossway Proposal as it stands, and would instead instruct staff to obtain additional detail/negotiate and report back to the Board at a later date."

http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2016/08/SPCB_20160831_AGN_689_AT.htm

Shirley/Papanui Community Board Area Update | Judith Pascoe | 31 August 2016

"Shirley Community Centre Rebuild Process

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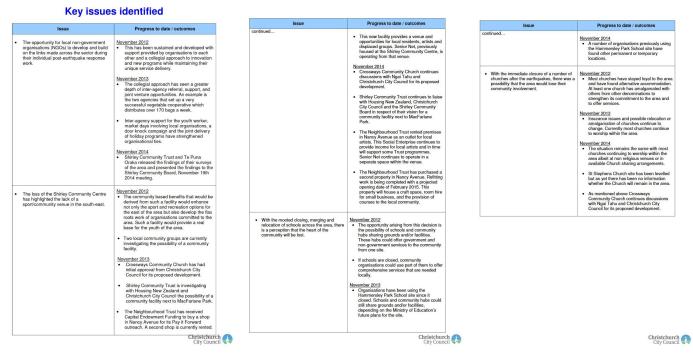
http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2016/12/PICB_20161209_AGN_1197_AT.htm

Papanui-Innes Community Board Minutes | 09 December 2016

Memo Re: Info on the Site Selection Process for the Shirley Community Centre Rebuild Project

https://www.ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Culture-Community/Stats-and-facts-on-Christchurch/CommunityProfile-ShirleyPapanui-Shirley.pdf

Shirley Community Profile | November 2014



Why have I created this submission?

"I regularly go to the Shirley Library and after my visit today I made some observations to my husband. He suggested I fill in the Facebook survey for the new Central Library, which I did.

But then I thought...I most probably won't get to use that library much, I wish we could upgrade the Shirley Library... Wouldn't it be a great community facility to have a library and learning centre like Upper Riccarton and South Libraries?

But where would we get the money to create this building?

Sell the existing Shirley Library to The Palms Shopping Centre, as they are planning to expand north of the centre, and have already bought houses on the other side of the library.

"A block of 27 council flats, the Shirley library and service centre, and a Resene paint store separate The Palms from some of AMP Capital's residential properties." <u>https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/75692826/christchurchs-the-palms-mall-buys-neighbouring-homes-in-expansion-bid</u>

But where could we build a new community facility/library/learning centre?

My son goes to Shirley Primary School, directly opposite 10 Shirley Road. Each day as I pass 10 Shirley Road, it is a constant visual reminder to me and the locals/road users of Shirley Road, that our community has been left behind, we haven't rebuilt from the earthquakes.

What message is this also sending to the children at this school whose classrooms outlook is a "dump", and what about all the children from other schools who walk/bus/drive past this area?

That it's ok to treat your community spaces like a dump? That this area doesn't have any pride and isn't worth much? That there isn't any community spirit? That it's not a place you want to live? Now imagine:

- 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

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- 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/activites/contact details

groups/activites/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

This is what I would like and how the community could afford to create this place.

It won't be the same as the previous Shirley Community Centre, but I believe it could be a place to bring the whole community together again, for all ages and stages of life." ("Richmond Avonside Dallington Shirley Locals" Facebook post | Joanna Gould |

How?

How can the Shirley Community Centre be used?

- Neighourhood block catering for all ages and stages of life

- Community Hub, one stop place for community engagement, learning and entertainment
- Incorporating library, learning centre, community groups/facilities, playground and playcentre
- Onsite and off street parking, disabled parking and parents parking
- Bus stops on either side of Shirley Road
- Preschoolers: Babytimes/Storytimes in Learning Centre rooms, Chidren's Library area, playground, playcentre

- Primary/Intermediate School children: Young Reader's Library area, After School activities in Learning Centre rooms, School Holiday Program in Learning Centre rooms, QR Code Hunt (inside centre) and Treasure Hunt (outside within neighbourhood block) answer questions correctly and go in draw for gift voucher (encourages research skills, productive use of technology, engage with librarians for help)

- High School Students/Adults: Free Wifi/internet access, Wifi enabled printer, public computers, tables so you can bring your own device (iPad/Laptop), power points for charging phone/iPad/Laptop, comfortable chairs by magazines/fiction, outdoor seating

- Parents: Activities for children's age, After School Activities, School Holiday Programs, Changing table in both female and male disabled toilets, Free Wifi/internet access, Wifi enabled printer, public computers, tables so you can bring your own device (iPad/Laptop), power points for charging phone/iPad/Laptop, comfortable chairs by magazines/fiction, outdoor seating

- English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL): Basic English/Life Skills for NZ class in Learning Centre rooms, option to connect with others in the community who speak your language. At Shirley Primary there are over 20 different languages spoken by the children attending. These children are getting help through the school, but their parents/grandparents need help also.

- Job Seekers: cv writing skills, job application class in Learning Centre rooms, guest speakers from WINZ Shirley?, free Wifi/internet access, Wifi enabled printer, Public Computers with Microsoft Office

- Learning: open glass space with sliding doors to create smaller rooms when needed for community groups, after school activities, holiday programs, classes. Free Wifi/internet access, Wifi enabled printer, public computers, tables so you can bring your own device (iPad/Laptop), power points for charging phone/iPad/Laptop.

- Entertainment: Chess, Cards, Scrabble, CD/DVD library hire, comfortable chairs by magazines/fiction, playground, outdoor market

- Community Groups: Learning Centre rooms available to hire during day or evening, week days or weekends, free Wifi/inernet access, Wifi enabled printer, Tea/Coffee facilities available with room hire

How can we afford to create the Shirley Community Centre?

"The Papanui-Innes Community Board is committed to bringing forward the budget for a community facility at 10 Shirley Road, through the current Long Term Plan process." (Stacey Holbrough | Community Adviser | Community Support, Governance and Partnerships Unit)

http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2016/08/SPCB_20160831_AGN_689_AT.htm

Shirley/Papanui Community Board

Shirley/Papanui Community Board Area Update | Judith Pascoe | 31 August 2016

Shirley Community Centre Rebuild

Process

The Council has allocated funding of \$2.57 million to cover the capital costs of the rebuild of the Shirley Community Centre. This project is in Tranche 1 of the Community Facilities Rebuild Programme.

https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/75692826/christchurchs-the-palms-mall-buys-neighbouring-homes-in-expansion-bid

"On December 18 an independent panel hearing submissions on the city's district plan approved zone changes allowing The Palms to expand its retail and carparking to the immediate north of the centre, and on the western side of Marshland Rd."

"The council has also re-zoned other property around The Palms owned by AMP. That land can now be turned over into higher density, two to three-storey homes.

A council spokeswoman said that residential zone was a response to the Land Use Recovery Plan, which favoured people living more closely together around the city's largest retail centres.

How? (cont'd)

A block of 27 council flats, the Shirley library and service centre, and a Resene paint store separate The Palms from some of AMP Capital's residential properties." (Tim Fulton | The Press | 11 January 2016)



How can the community financial invest in this community centre?

http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2016/12/PICB 20161209 AGN 1197 AT.htm

"The Council, through the LTP has allocated funding of \$2.57 million for the capital costs of a rebuild of the Shirley Community Centre." (Papanui-Innes Community Board Minutes | 09 December 2016)

https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/new-brighton-pier/

A group of residents who had formed the Pier and Foreshore Society to try to save the pier continued to campaign for a new pier. Thirty years of lobbying and fundraising in the community saw almost \$2 million raised from the community which was matched by a further \$2 million from the Christchurch City Council and a new pier design was approved with a new library, a café and a restaurant at the landward end."

"Buy A Brick" for individuals/families to have their name on a brick, edging the pathways around the centre.

"Sponsor A Seat" for businesses to have their name on a seat, added to the different outdoor spaces around the centre.

What?

What do we actually need/want in the Shirley Community Centre?

Email/Survey from Stacey Holbrough | Community Adviser | Community Support, Governance and Partnerships Unit | April 2018

"Our research shows there are nine facilities that are available for hire or soon be built in the Shirley and Richmond area.

- St Stephens Church
- · Shirley Intermediate school hall with stage
- Te Puna Oraka
- MacFarlane Park facility
- C3 Church
- Delta Community Support Trust
- · Avebury House
- Shirley Rugby League Clubrooms
- Crossway Community Church

What would you like to see rebuilt at 10 Shirley Road?

- Community Centre with a mixture of large and small meeting spaces
- Large hall
- Facility with a commercial kitchen
- Storage facilities
- Room with stage to hold performances in
- Long term club lease opportunities
- Fruit forest
- Skate Park
- All access playground
- Outdoor recreational space
- Other option(s)?:

What programmes would you utilise at 10 Shirley Road?

- Exercise classes
- Community learning
- Arts and Crafts
- Faith based activities
- Club and Recreation programmes
- **Community Groups**
- Drop Inn Centre
- Dance classes
- Facility you can hire for celebrations
- Facility you can cater / learn to cook in
- Other programmes?:"

We already have numerous "big spaces" like school halls, church buildings.

Not everyone feels comfortable going to/using a church, based on their own faith/beliefs.

The current Shirley Library is out of date, no dynamic spaces or quiet spaces that can be used by different groups, no specific library parking so you can't park close by due to the busyness of the mall, closes early so it unavailable to 9-5pm workers, service centre is not well used so space could be smaller, young adult room is mainly used by teenagers after school, limited space for after school activites/holiday programs, internet computer users can be noisy.

What? (cont'd)

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| Summary: | This historic place was registered under the Historic Places Act 1980. This report includes the text from the original Proposal for Classification report considered by the NZHPT Board at the time of registration. | | | |
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What could the new building look like?

Old Building Design

https://quakestudies.canterbury.ac.nz/store/object/13346

The original building on this site "was constructed in 1915 as Shirley Primary School. It was built to the design of Education Board architect George Penlington. The building's hipped roof and symmetry gave the building an overall Georgian air, whilst its U-shaped plan and large and regular fenestration hinted at the Jacobean influence which was to be developed in Penlington's later work."

New Building Design

Honor the original building/architect/heritage and style of the character homes in this area, but frame/foundations built to modern earthquake standards.

Weatherboard style on the outside, long tables/study space by windows, windows to the ceiling (similar to Penlington re air flow), verandah with pillars, gable pitched roof (shape similar to the original building), grand central doorway, door into entry area (current events displayed on the inside, directory listing on the outside), door from entry area into library/learning, issues desk either side of front doorway, librarian desk and help desk either side of front doorway, children's library area overlooking playground/playcentre, bookshelves in the centre of the building, learning centre spaces at the back of the building, services area overlooking Slater Street (returns, staff, service centre, toilets), bookshelves in the center of the building with comfortable chairs by magazines/fiction, public computers spaced throughout the building.

Playground Design

- existing playground equipment could be repainted to save money
- swings (infant, single, basket/disc/web), slide, see saw, carousel, trampoline
- disability access, all inclusive equipment, so everyone is included
- disability equipment can be used by everyone, including babies in strollers
- surfacing for safety, easy access for strollers/wheelchairs, low maintenance, less mess
- preschool/primary school children learn road safety skills while playing

https://christchurchwalks.wordpress.com/playgrounds/rolleston-playground-and-skate-park/

Rolleston Playground (94 Rolleston Drive, Rolleston) "with mini roading system"

https://www.totstoteens.co.nz/entertainment/10-must-visit-playgrounds-canterbury/

Torlesse Cycle Park (19 Johns Road, Rangiora) "kids' road for them to ride on, there are even child-sized give way signs and pedestrian crossings."

https://christchurchwalks.wordpress.com/other-fun-stuff/westburn-reserve-bike-park-2/

Westburn Reserve (Westburn Terrace, Burnside) "bike park with mini roading system"

<u>https://www.playgroundcentre.com/</u> (playground equipment) <u>https://www.playgroundcentre.com/products/disc-rider/</u> (inclusive play) <u>https://www.playgroundcentre.com/products/inclusive-carousel/</u> (inclusive play) <u>https://www.playgroundcentre.com/products/trampoline-wheelchairs/</u> (inclusive play) <u>https://www.playgroundcentre.com/products/chess-board-pieces/</u>

<u>http://www.parksupplies.co.nz/</u> (playground equipment and seating) <u>http://www.parksupplies.co.nz/Activities/Disabled+Play.html</u> (Disabled Play) <u>http://www.parksupplies.co.nz/Furniture.html</u>

http://www.playco.co.nz/ (playground equipment)

http://www.playco.co.nz/playground-components/swings

http://www.playco.co.nz/playground-components/swings/kryptonite-basket

http://www.playco.co.nz/playground-components/panels

http://www.playco.co.nz/playground-components/slides

http://www.playco.co.nz/playground-components/springys-and-seesaws

<u>http://www.playbases.com/</u> (playground surfacing) <u>http://www.playbases.com/categories/poured-in-place-tpv/products</u> <u>http://www.playbases.com/categories/play-matta-original/products</u> (Accessible to disabled children)

Landscape Design

- existing established trees, introduce different native plants, name of tree/plant signs

- grass spaces for playing, kicking ball, picnics, outdoor market
- grey brick edging wide paths leading up to centre, "Buy A Brick" funding for individuals/families
- sensible seating under trees, by playground and stream, "Sponsor A Seat" funding for businesses

- mini roading system path around and through the playground area, to teach road safety and provide access to all areas of the playground for strollers/wheelchairs

- access paths to connect existing Shirley Playcentre with the playground/centre

What? (cont'd)

Sign Design

- Open hours and facilities available inside the centre

- Outdoor signage with directory of community groups using this facility

- Lockable outdoor noticeboard with current local event details/calendar, where locals can promote events in the area and at other local facilities

- History of the previous building

"This building was constructed in 1915 as Shirley Primary School. It was built to the design of Education Board architect George Penlington."

- History of Chch earthquakes

"Shirley Community Centre (former Shirley Primary School), 10 Shirley Road, Christchurch.

Category 2 historic place (#7117) - Demolished 2012"

- History of the new building

CCC & Community Board, Funding Process, Building Process, Opened

- Plant name signs, in different languages, QR code link to info on plant species etc.

Exhibit Design—"Your Space in this World"

- to create awareness, and inspire acceptance of all mental health issues and disabilities

When my son was 6 years old we had a lot of assessments/appointments at Whakatata House.

We came across the Dyslexia Discovery Exhibit, opposite the Arts Centre, at 21 Worcester Blvd.

My son was intrigued with this interactive space and spent a lot of time enjoying the discoveries he made.

This space inspired me and reassured me that whatever disabilities my son would be diagnosed with (ADHD, Autism, Sensory Processing), he would find his "space in this world" that accepted his differences.

http://www.ctct.org.nz/dde/ Dyslexia Discovery Exhibit

http://tonyshaw3.blogspot.com/2013/04/dyslexia-discovery-exhibit-christchurch.html

http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/christchurch-earthquake-2011/7459146/Plans-to-save-dyslexia-building

"Words fly out of an open book, twisting and threading around the small front garden of the single storey villa opposite the Arts Centre on Worcester Blvd. The bronze sculpture, Inner Struggle by Weta Workshop's Richard Taylor, is one of several artworks forming the Dyslexia Discovery Exhibit in the forecourt of the historic home of the Dyslexia Foundation and the Cookie Time Charitable Trust."





What? (cont'd)

Exhibit Design—"Your Space in this World" cont'd

We should have our own identity as a community that: celebrates, accepts and acknowledges our differences.

We should be known as more than just "The Palms", the previous community centre was our landmark.

So how do we show/represent that in our community centre?

Every map always has a marker to say "You Are Here", this is "Your Space in this World" right now.

This exhibit could be installed in front of the new building, in the middle of the three connecting paths.

\$ = Brick Planter Box, on each brick the word "Welcome" in different languages. Planted with a Cherry Blossom Tree to acknowledge the Christchurch earthquakes, and remind us of the changes the earthquakes bought to our community.

As it goes through Autumn we will be reminded of our losses, but in Spring, we will look to the future and all the positive changes that have happened in our community.

\$\$ = Water Fountain, activated by coin donation, square brick base, on each brick the word "Welcome" in different languages.

\$\$\$ = Water Fountain, with lights at night, activated by coin donation, square brick base, on each brick the word "Welcome" in different languages.

We should create a space that whether you are inside the community centre or outside, you feel included and welcomed, whether or not you are disabled, have mental health issues, or speak another language.

Acknowledge: the Christchurch earthquakes and the changes they brought to our community.

Celebrate: different nationalities/languages spoken in our community. At Shirley Primary School, there are over 20 different languages spoken by the children.

Accept: disabilities and mental health issues in our community. These are the organisations that I know of in our community:

Seabrook McKenzie Centre for Specific Learning Disabilities 68 London Street, Richmond https://www.seabrookmckenzie.net/

Early Start Project 56 Shirley Road, Shirley https://www.earlystart.co.nz/

Mental Health Education & Resource Centre 116 Marshland Rd, Shirley http://mherc.org.nz/

Autism NZ – Christchurch Branch 250 Westminster Street, Mairehau https://www.autismnz.org.nz/local_branches/canterbury/christchurch

Champion Centre 284/330 Burwood Rd, Burwood http://www.championcentre.org.nz/