

The Bishopdale Bulletin

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Community awards

The Rotary Club of Bishopdale-Burnside recently held its annual Community Service Awards evening at the Hotel Elms. Eleven awards were presented by current president Garry Hampton who commented that these award evenings were always a highlight of the club's Rotary year.

He said, "the achievements and calibre of all the recipients is impressive so it's appropriate they are recognised for the contribution they make to the Christchurch community."



The Awards presented included the following:

Vocational Excellence: Stuart Walker, pharmacist for Bishopdale Unichem Pharmacy

Pride of Workmanship: Amanda Hogwood, Hotel Elms Food and Beverage Manager

Pride of Workmanship: David Giddens, Waterway Enhancement, City Care Property

Community Service: Anna Arps, Trustee for 'Good Night Sleep Tight'

Community Service: Robbie Drew, The Potters Kitchen food bank

Small Business: Bradi Martin, Bishopdale Hearing

Small Business: Sergiu and Sabina, The Option Bar & Bistro Northwood

Young Totara: Samuel Broughton, Burnside High School, environmental work

Young Totara: Finnely Heinz, Christchurch Girls High School, Full Bellies Trust

Young Totara: Zara Gray, Christchurch Girls High School, Full Bellies Trust

For the first time this year a special 'High Achievers Award' was presented to Cooper Moore from St Bede's College who has been excelling at golf both in New Zealand and overseas and was recently recognised as Canterbury Men's Golfer of the Year.

Fun and games at The Kebab Konnection!

The Kebab Konnection has been open since October 2023 but the current owners of the business, Gurjeet Singh and Mandeep Kaur, have been running it since January 2024. Since then, they have received amazing feedback on their food and service. On Google Reviews, they have an average rating of 4.9 out of 5 from 278 reviews. Similarly, they have been featured on the Restaurant Guru website and ranked 162 out of 1771 restaurants in Christchurch, placing them in the top 10% of places in the city.



The Kebab Konnection's popularity is easy to understand. Gurjeet and Mandeep both have significant expertise in Middle Eastern cuisine. Mandeep worked in a Greek restaurant in Cyprus for four years and Gurjeet worked in a kebab restaurant on Auckland's North Shore for one and a half years. At the Kebab Konnection the pair specialise in authentic Mediterranean and Turkish cuisine. Their salads are always fresh, meat is prepared on a doner machine, and they will be shortly acquiring an authentic barbecue grill, which will use coal to cook the food and impart its unique flavours.

The shop's opening hours are Wednesdays - Mondays, 10am - 5am, and Tuesdays, 5pm - 5am. These hours mean the business can cater to airport workers, tourists, warehouse workers from The Warehouse and Kmart in Papanui, university students, and - via Uber Eats and Door Dash - anyone in the city who craves a high quality kebab in the early morning. [CONTINUES PAGE 8]

Let's catch up with...

Jason Dobson, the new owner-operator of New World Bishopdale



How are you doing?

Very well thank you, although I am slightly nervous as I'm taking part in the Coast to Coast race on Saturday.

Are you a native Cantabrian?

No, I'm originally from Invercargill. However, my partner, Maddy is from Christchurch and she is currently working for The Crusaders, so I like to think I'm a Cantabrian by association!

What did you do before coming to Bishopdale?

Immediately before this I was the owner-operator of New World Balclutha for three years. It was a store that was about the same size as New World Bishopdale and had a great community surrounding it.

Have you always worked in supermarkets?

Yes, I suppose I have. My father, Bryan was the Operator of Pak n' Save in Invercargill - a post he held for over 30 years. I was still at school when I got my first supermarket job at the age of 14.

I worked on checkouts and in almost every department and I think this experience got me interested in supermarket work and helped me realise what kind of opportunities the industry would be able to offer.

I went on to study marketing and management at The University of Otago and Executive Retail Management at the University of Southern California in the US.

I then moved to London where I worked as the Dry store manager in an upmarket branch of Tesco in South Kensington. That was a great experience but I'm someone who loves being in the outdoors so I was keen to return to New Zealand. After a year in the big city I left the UK, returned to Pak'nSave Invercargill and then eventually on to New World Balclutha.

Why did you move to Christchurch?

I was fortunate to be approved to purchase New World

Bishopdale and my partner's family are based here. Christchurch was also very appealing for its access to the great outdoors!

How are you finding Bishopdale?

Great. There is a real sense of community here in Bishopdale. The team at the store are fantastic, as are the customers. I'm really enjoying meeting the locals while out on the shop floor.

Do you have any big plans for the store?

We have a lot of exciting plans for New World Bishopdale. The great thing about this industry is the fast-pace and consistent development. We are looking forward to continuously improving our customers' shopping experience.

What do you like doing in your spare time?

I used to play rugby at school and at university but after dislocating both of my shoulders I gave it up! Nowadays I really enjoy multi-sport, events such as Coast to Coast, triathlons and Ironman racing. I enjoy the mental challenge of these events and keeping fit!



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Take a walk on the bright side

The Bishopdale Tramping Club has been operating since May 1985 and arranges a full day tramp each Wednesday.

The day is structured, though informal, and provides exercise, fresh air and great companionship with an emphasis on safety. We usually have two groups of trampers so that one group can choose a less demanding alternative to the main tramp.

We tramp over a wide range of tracks on public reserves, regional parks, forests and private farmland throughout Christchurch, Mid and North Canterbury. Each week we walk in stunning New Zealand countryside and marvel at the views of sea, rivers and streams, hills and snowy mountains, limestone rock structures, native bush and trees – often listening to birdsong.



Our point of difference to other clubs is that we use a bus for transport to/from walks. This means we aren't restricted to loop tracks; having to car pool; or have the risk of leaving unattended vehicles in remote areas.

Each Wednesday, our bus leaves the car park at Bishopdale at 8:30am (or occasionally at 8:00am), returning by about 5pm. One alternative pickup/dropoff point is also offered each week, with its location dependent on that day's tramp. We have members living all over Christchurch.

The club operates a pay as you go system and trampers pay a fee online for the particular tramps they join. If you have a reasonable level of fitness, are capable of walking on hills and would like to join us on a tramp, go to bishopdaletrampers.org.nz for more information.

Paul Harris Fellow

At a Community Awards evening held recently by the Rotary Club of Bishopdale-Burnside, Simon Challies Director of the BrainTree Wellness Centre in Papanui was the guest speaker.

Simon who suffers from Parkinsons Disease himself

took on a directorship at BrainTree because he wanted to help other people with the condition, while also utilising his extensive experience in property development and design, establishing community spaces, and understanding the needs of older people and people with health conditions.

Simon believes the BrainTree wellness centre will give people powerful opportunities to connect with others in the same situation. This will create positive impacts for people with neurological conditions and their families, and ultimately support people to remain independent for as long as possible, decreasing reliance on public health services.

One of the highest awards in Rotary is being made a Paul Harris Fellow, named after the founder of Rotary. To acknowledge the impressive contribution Simon has made to our community under very challenging circumstances, he was made a Paul Harris Fellow at the awards evening.



Simon, flanked by Garry Hampton on the right, the current President of Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary, and Keith Walker, Rotary member and MC for the evening.



Northwest Branch : Term 1 speakers

7 March - Dr Simon Pollard, spider biologist and award-winning natural history photographer and writer

14 March - Paul Seaton *The recovery of a car from Arthur's Pass and its restoration*

21 March - *Greypower and its activities*

28 March - to be confirmed

The Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue, Bishopdale. Fridays 10.00am - 11.30am. Talks begin at 10.30am. \$5 per session. Morning tea included.

For more information please contact Barbara Miller on 03 355 2040 / barbara.miller.22@outlook.com or visit the CWEA website at cwea.org.nz.

COMPUTER AND PHONE SUPPORT

Do you need some help with your computer, laptop or phone? Pop in to The Hub at 94 Farrington Avenue on Monday mornings 9am - 12pm and have a chat with our team of friendly computer whizzes. If they are unable to help, they can give you contacts for someone who can.

Tasks the team can assist with include:

- Setting up and accessing emails
- Installing apps on a phone
- Filling in electronic forms
- Virus protection and electronic scam safety
- Privacy and security settings
- New device set-up
- Recycling computers and phones safely
- Choosing the right programme for the job
- Understanding and feeling confident with your device

And you can have a cuppa while you wait!
This service is free; however donations are very much appreciated.



Christmas Craft Group

A new craft group is starting at The Hub that specialises in the creation of handmade items for Christmas.

The items will then be sold at Celebrate Bishopdale to raise funds for the Bishopdale Community Trust.

Sewing and knitting materials will be provided.

The group meets weekly on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm and is open to anybody. All are welcome.



Come and join us at The Hub!

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Te Roopu Manaaki O Papakohatu

MON	Tech Support 9am - 12pm	Coffee & Friendship 10:30am	Mahjong 12:30pm - 2:30pm	Greeting Card Making 1pm- 3pm term time only
TUE	Women's Social Walking Group 9:30am	Scrabble 9:45am - 12pm	POND - Parenting Neuro-diverse Children 10am term time only	<div>Scan me →</div>
WED	Rummikub 10am - 12pm	500 Cards 1pm - 3pm	Craft Group 1pm - 3pm	
THU	Community Lunch 11:30am	Xmas Craft Group 1pm - 3pm	94 Farrington Avenue, on the corner of Farrington Avenue and Killarney Street	

Would you like to facilitate a group activity? Have a special skill you would like to share or learn? Ideas for new groups are welcomed and appreciated. Contact us on 027 459 1741 / 03 359 1741 or office@bishopdalecommunity.org.nz

94 Farrington Avenue, on the corner of Farrington Avenue and Kilburn Street.

Further information on the trust and our activities can be found on our website at bishopdalecommunity.org.nz



WAIMAIRI TOY LIBRARY

Suiting children from 0-11 years, our fantastic range of over 800 toys includes: animal figurines (plastic and wooden); baby toys; dress ups; construction sets including Lego, Duplo and Mobilio; manipulative toys; music and movement toys; puzzles and games; role play toys; outdoor and ride-on toys; STEM; sensory play resources; vehicles (cars, trucks, trains sets); water and sand toys; and more!

Library session hours

7.00 – 8.30pm on Thursday nights

9.30 – 11.30am on Saturday mornings

Our membership fee is \$90 for a calendar year, or \$65 for community services card holders. All members are expected to fulfill duty assignments. For members who may have limited time to volunteer for rostered duties, we offer a non-duty membership at \$220 per year.

Visit waimairi.mibase.co.nz/home/index.php for more information or get in touch on 022 451 7886 or 7886waimairitoylibrary@gmail.com.

Hamish Campbell MP for Ilam

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03 359 3665

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Board members for Harewood Ward

Community boards act as advocates for the interests of communities.

If you are concerned about any local issue, get in touch with any of our community board members.



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Your credit rating is a score ranging from 0 to 1,000, bestowed upon you by credit reporting agencies, based on your credit history. The higher your score, the more favourable your rating is. Businesses, banks and landlords may peruse your credit report to ascertain their willingness to engage in business with you.

You are entitled to free access to your credit record, and typically it will arrive within 10 days of applying for it. Should you desire it sooner (within three working days), a fee may apply. A credit reporting agency cannot charge you more than \$10 (inclusive of GST) for processing your request.

For a full check, apply to each of these agencies: Centrix, illion and Equifax.

For more information, visit: www.cab.org.nz/article/KB00001773

If you need, help with this, or any other issue, not matter how big or small, then Citizens Advice Bureau Christchurch is here to help.



CHILDREN and YOUNG PEOPLE

Afterschool Activity Zone Fun crafts, activities and technology at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library. Friday term time, 3:15pm - 4:30pm. Phone 03 941 7923.

Babytimes/Wā Pēpi: Rhymes, movement and music. Korero pukapuka, puoru, korikori. Friday mornings 10:30am - 11:00am term time for under 2 yr olds. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre.

Billy's Little Boppers: Tuesdays at St Margaret's Church, 94 Farrington Ave. 10:30 am morning tea, play and 30 minute interactive music session. Gold coin donation. Contact church office 03 359 0149 or Maree 027 359 3559.

Bishopdale - Harewood Scout Group Thursday nights. Groups for 8 to 14 yrs. Call Marie 021 672 712 or email bishopdalegl@gmail.com.

Bishopdale Recreation Centre Programmes: Children's miniball/basketball, gymnastics (incl. pre-schoolers) and hip hop dance. Mums and babies exercise classes and gym access. Phone 03 359 8320 or visit thekindfoundation.org.nz.

Boys Brigade 4th Christchurch Company Thursdays 5:45pm - 9:45pm, ages 6 -18 yrs. Phone St Margaret's church office on 03 359 0149.

Girls Brigade 47th Christchurch Company Tuesdays 5:30pm - 7:00pm, ages 5 - 16 yrs at St Margaret's Church, 94 Farrington Ave. Phone church office on 03 359 0149.

Kaimai Brownies Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm during term time at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre. Contact Girl Guiding NZ at www.girlguidingnz.org.nz.

St John Bishopdale/Cranmer Youth Division: Wednesday nights at St Margaret's Church, 94 Farrington Avenue. Contact Joshua at Joshua.davies@stjohn.org.nz.

Storytimes/Wā Kōrero: Stories, movement and music. Korero pukapuka, puoru, korikori. Wednesday mornings 10:30am -11:00am during term time for over 2 year olds. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library and Community Centre.

Tiny Tots Music & Play is a fun interactive morning for babies and preschoolers. It runs every second Tuesday during school terms starting at 10:30am. Morning tea is provided. Phone or text Andrea 027 391 0169 for more information or email office@bishopdale.org.nz.

CRAFTS and HOBBIES

Bishopdale MenzShed Tuesday and Thursday from 11am, Wednesday from 9am and Saturday 1pm - 4pm at 55A Kendal Avenue. Phone Richard Rendle on 03 359 7275 or rendle@xtra.co.nz.

Bishopdale Spinning Group: Spinning and knitting. 1st and 3rd Friday each month. 10:00am -1:00pm at Meeting Room 1, Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Community Centre. \$4 per visit. Phone Jess on 027 202 2038.

Card Making Club: Mondays at 1pm - 3pm term time at 94 Farrington Avenue. \$5 per session - all materials supplied. Phone Pat on 03 359 5013.

Christchurch Bonsai Club Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Cotswold Preschool Hall. Email chchbonsai@yahoo.com.

Christmas Craft Group A new craft group specialising in the creation of handmade items for Christmas. Once made, the items will be sold at Celebrate Bishopdale to raise funds

for the Bishopdale Community Trust. Sewing and knitting materials will be provided. The group meets on Thursdays at The Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue from 1pm to 3pm and is open to anybody.

Craft, Crochet & Knitters Group: Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm. Gold coin donation. Bishopdale Community Trust, 94 Farrington Avenue. Phone 03 359 1741.

Kiwi Coffin Club Fridays 1:00pm - 4:30pm at the Menzshed, 55A Kendal Avenue, Burnside.

Knit 'n' Yarn: Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm. Bring along your current craft project. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

NZ Stamp Collectors Club for enthusiasts or beginners. Meet 1st Wednesday of the month at 1pm - 3pm at Christchurch North Methodist Church (corner Harewood Road and Chapel Street). Visitors and new members welcome to buy, sell, swap or just chat. Phone Ross Stanton on 03 359 9815 or Glenys Blair on 03 354 0477.

FITNESS, DANCE and MOVEMENT

Better Breathing: A group for senior people with breathing difficulties and their supporters. Every Tuesday 10:30am - 11:45am at Ōrauwhata Bishopdale Community Centre Hall. Each session is 45 minutes of exercise, followed by tea/coffee and a chat. \$4 per session. The group welcomes anyone who is interested in doing exercises regularly and enjoys meeting people. Contact Gary on 021 313 903 or garyhettysyme@xtra.co.nz.

Bishopdale Badminton Club: Social badminton for men and women over 40. The club meets Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm at the Bishopdale Recreation Centre. Costs \$8.

Bishopdale Ramblers: Wednesdays for a 7 or 8km walk, stopping for morning tea and lunch. Contact Jonathan on 021 151 3094.

Bishopdale Recreation Centre fitness and movement programmes in their on-site gym. Membership, concession cards and casual options. Contact 03 359 8320 or visit thekindfoundation.org.nz.

Bishopdale Tennis Club: 35 Leacroft Street. Contact Andrea on 027 310 0988.

Bishopdale Tramping Club Day tramps on Wednesdays. Visit www.bishopdaletrampers.org.nz for more information.

Bowls Papanui: Contact Malcolm Hogan on 022 091 3420 or visit www.bowlspapanui.co.nz for more information.

Burnside Scottish Dance Club Thursdays 8pm -10pm at St Paul's Church Hall, 1 Harewood Road, Papanui. Contact Margaret on 03 327 0193.

Chans Martial Arts: Kung Fu and Tai Chi. Monday and Wednesday evenings at New Apostolic Church, 352 Wairakei Road. Contact Nick (Kung Fu) on 027 406 0337 or Manle (Tai Chi) on 021 027 59028 or visit www.chansmartialarts.com.

Christchurch Fishing and Casting Club 7:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of month at Cotswold Preschool Hall, 37 Colesbury Street. Visit www.sporty.co.nz/cfcc for more information.

Delta Rhythmic Gymnastic Club: Beginners, recreational for 5 to 10 yr old girls. Visit www.delta.org.nz or www.facebook.com/deltarhythmicgymnastics

Eclipse Marching Teams: For girls aged 4+. Check our Facebook page or email eclipsemarchingteams@gmail.com.

Elevate Fitness at Bishopdale Recreation Centre, Older Adults Programmes (\$7 per class) and Sit & Be Fit (\$5.50 per class). Contact 03 359 8320.

GKR Karate Bishopdale A traditional style of karate. Call Jessica on 021 030 8376 or visit www.gkrkarate.com.

Harewood Table Tennis Club Mondays at 7:15 pm at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Community Centre. Call David on 027 272 3132.

Indoor Bowls Group Come and join us for a friendly game every Monday 12:45pm - 2:45pm at Ōrauwhata: Community Centre. Open to all ages. Everyone is welcome.

Merlins Netball Club social club range of graded teams. Call 03 352 2400 or visit www.sporty.co.nz/merlinsnetball

North West Hikers: Join a group of adults on a variety of Wednesday day walks, including a café visit. Contact Maureen on 021 141 6260.

Papanui Club: A variety of sports teams and leagues including bowls, darts, golf, fishing and more. Contact 03 359 9586.

Papanui Walking Group: A gentle 40min walk and talk. Wednesdays, 10am. Leave from Papanui Library. Phone 03 941 8999.

Sakura Kan Jiu Jitsu Classes for people aged 7+. Phone 021 024 05515 or visit www.jiujitsu.org.nz.

Tai Chi Classes and QiGong classes suitable for beginners at North City, 95A Sawyers Arms Road on Mondays and Wednesdays. Contact via website at www.taichiwell.co.nz.

Vicky Line Dancing Beginners line dance class. Mondays 10:30am to 11:30am at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Community Centre. No experience or partner needed. Phone Vicky on 027 388 8929.

Women's Social Walking Group meet at Bishopdale Community Trust, 94 Farrington Avenue, Tuesdays 9:30am (summer) or 10:00am (winter). Share a cuppa afterwards. Phone 03 359 1741.

COMMUNITY and SOCIAL

Bishop's Box Community Food Pantry: A community pantry where excess food can be shared. Located at 62 Cotswold Avenue, outside Kidsfirst Kindergartens Cotswold.

Christchurch Widow and Widowers Social Group Monthly group welcomes new members aged late 50s to early 70s for outings, friendship, movies, walks and dinners. Phone Claire on 021 131 6646 or Carol on 027 448 6973.

Coffee and Friendship at Bishopdale Community Trust, 94 Farrington Ave. Come along and enjoy morning tea and a chat. Mondays 10:30am -11:30 am. \$2 donation.

Community Lunch at Bishopdale Community Trust. Delicious food and good company! All welcome, Thursdays from 11:30 am at 94 Farrington Avenue. \$2 donation.

Justice of the Peace Clinic: Wednesdays 10am – 1pm. At Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library. A JP will be available to assist you with any requirements. No charge for this service.

Papanui Club: A range of groups available for members, including gardening club, leisure time, senior net NW, Wine & Food Lovers. Phone 03 359 9586.

Papanui Rebus Club Meetings on the first Tuesday at 10am at Morrison Avenue Bowling Club, 30 Morrison Ave, Papanui. Phone Gillian on 03 352 6697 or Sian on

03 359 0057.

Rotary Club of Bishopdale Burnside Monday nights, 5:30pm - 7:30pm for networking, guest speakers and for planning community projects. Visit bishopdale-burnside-rotary.com for more information.

United Afghan Association of Canterbury based at 3 Leacroft Street. Visit www.facebook.com/HACONZ

SEATED GAMES

500 Card Playing Group: Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm. \$2 donation per session. Bishopdale Community Trust, 94 Farrington Avenue. Phone 03 359 1741.

Bishopdale Bridge Club: Wednesday Bridge, 11:00am - 2:30pm at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Community Centre. Table fees \$5.00. Enquiries Janet Stokes on 03 352 1440.

Bolivia Card Game Club: Thursday 1pm - 3pm at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library. Come along and try it out. Tuition, cards and holders provided. Contact Chris on 027 549 3828 or Genny on 021 607 821 for more information.

Jigsaw Puzzle Library: Saturdays 10:30am - 12pm. Reese Room, Papanui Methodist Church, Chapel Street. New members welcome.

Mahjong: Mondays 12:30pm - 2:30pm at Bishopdale Community Trust at The Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue. Friendly and sociable. Learners welcome.

Rummikub Group: at Bishopdale Community Trust, 94 Farrington Avenue. Wednesdays 10am - 12pm. Gold coin donation. Phone 03 359 1741.

Rummikub Club: in the library. Mondays 1pm - 3pm. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

Scrabble Club: in the library. Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm. Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

Scrabble: at Bishopdale Community Trust. Tuesdays 9:45am in summer, 10:00am in winter. Gold coin donation. 94 Farrington Avenue. Phone 03 359 1741.

Social Cards: Papanui Club Cards Section hold weekly games of 500, Euchre and Crib. Contact John on 027 581 1147.

SPEAKERS, BOOKS and INFO

Bishopdale Book Clubs: No set book to read, just come along and join our relaxed and friendly social book chat.

- Monday Book Club - 2nd Monday of the month, 10am at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.
- Thursday Book Club - 4th Thursday of the month, 1pm-2:30pm at Ōrauwhata: Bishopdale Library.

Bishopdale Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists 4th Thursday of the month at 94 Farrington Avenue, Bishopdale at 7:30 pm. \$3 door charge. Phone Graeme on 021 0232 5989 or Fran on 03 352 5605.

Bishopdale Ladies Friendship Group Monthly outings and speakers for ladies 55+. Papanui Club, Sawyers Arms Road, 2nd Monday of the month, Feb to Dec at 10am. Contact Colleen on 021 207 3850 or Lyn on 021 1582 704.

Bishopdale Toastmasters Club - Thursday 7:25pm - 9:00pm at Papanui Baptist Church, 144 Sawyers Arms Road. Phone Joanna on 0210 260 3842.

Northwest Branch WEA Fridays at St Margaret's Church, 94 Farrington Ave. 10:00am - 11:30am. Cost \$5. Phone Barbara Miller on 03 355 2040.

[THE KEBAB KONNECTION: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1]

Both have given a lot of thought into how to make the shop stand out from their competitors. They offer kebabs, souvlaki, and burgers and produce six of their own homemade sauces, which now outsell the ordinary sauces found at most kebab shops. They are one of the few places in the city with haloumi on the menu.

They have also introduced ways to make eating at the shop more fun. For example, Mondays feature 'Hit the Bullseye' offers, where with every purchase customers get a chance to throw a dart at a dartboard and win prizes! If you hit the bulleye, you get 50% off your purchase; hitting the outer ring wins you a 40% discount. You can also win a drink, a side dish, baklava and other prizes by hitting any white area of the dartboard. If you can't get to the shop on Mondays you can always take advantage of the day specials, signature dishes that only cost \$9.99 each.

Gurjeet and Mandeep have said that local Bishopdale people have been a great support to the business, for which they are very grateful. Regular customers appeared from the very start and were a great help in establishing the business in its early days. Next time you're at the mall pop in and find out why customers keep coming back.

The Kebab Konnection, 17B Bishopdale Court

Phone: 03 261 9456

Website: thekebabkconnection.co.nz

Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary supports the Champion Centre

During a recent campaign to boost urgently needed funds for running costs for the Champion Centre, a Bishopdale-Burnside Rotary club member made contact with them to identify their needs.

The Champion Centre provides multi-disciplinary early intervention services to infants and young children with significant disabilities and their families in Canterbury.



Staff indicated that most of the technology equipment at the centre was way overdue for replacement and in urgent need of an upgrade, including their Wi-Fi

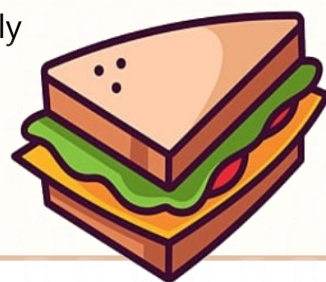
system, laptops, ipads and Technology Assisted Learning Equipment.

Thanks to the public support for the 2024 Bookarama sale, which was held at the Bishopdale Recreation Centre, the Rotary Club of Bishopdale-Burnside, was able to respond and presented them with a cheque for \$22,200.

The Champion Centre Manager Deb Nind said "the centre is thrilled to receive such a generous donation which will make a big improvement to the efficiency of our operation."

Enjoy a bite to eat and some good company at the **Community Lunch** every Thursday, 11:30am at The Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue.

Our sandwiches are freshly made and you choose what fillings you want. We'll even cut the crusts off for you if you like!



THANK YOU!

The Bishopdale Community Trust would like to thank:

- ★ Harcourts Bishopdale
- ★ New World Bishopdale
- ★ Our wonderful volunteers
- ★ Local community members

for their support of the trust at Celebrate Bishopdale, and

- ★ Holdson
- ★ Arnotts
- ★ Sanitarium
- ★ Local community members

for their very generous support of our Christmas Hampers.

Bishopdale Saturday markets

Saturday markets have been running at the south east end of Bishopdale Mall since the end of November. The stalls sell a wide variety of goods, from plants to jewelry, from baking supplies to painted egg shells!



The markets were due to stop at the end of February but, at the time of publication, there are plans to run the markets all year round. Watch this space!

Cotswold Preschool & Nursery

Let your children experience our community-based not for profit Preschool. We have spaces available in both our Nursery and Preschool. Come and visit us - our opening hours are weekdays 8.00am-4.00pm (including school holidays).

Now offering 24 FREE HOURS to our 3-4-year old children.

You will find us at 37 Colesbury St, Bishopdale (plenty of safe off-street parking). Find us on Facebook/view our website at www.cotswoldpreschool.co.nz.
Phone: 03 359 7675

Dove Bookshop

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Thousands of quality, preloved books on sale now Bishopdale Mall, next door to the Furniture Warehouse. Phone 03 359 9869

Mon-Friday 10am - 4.30pm, Sat 10am - 4pm

Donations of books are appreciated. Pick ups can be arranged.

Arty Facts

Collectables, memorabilia, art deco and objects of yesteryear.

Bishopdale Mall, next door to Dove Bookshop.
Phone 03 359 9869

Mon-Friday 10am - 4.30pm, Sat 10am - 4pm

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