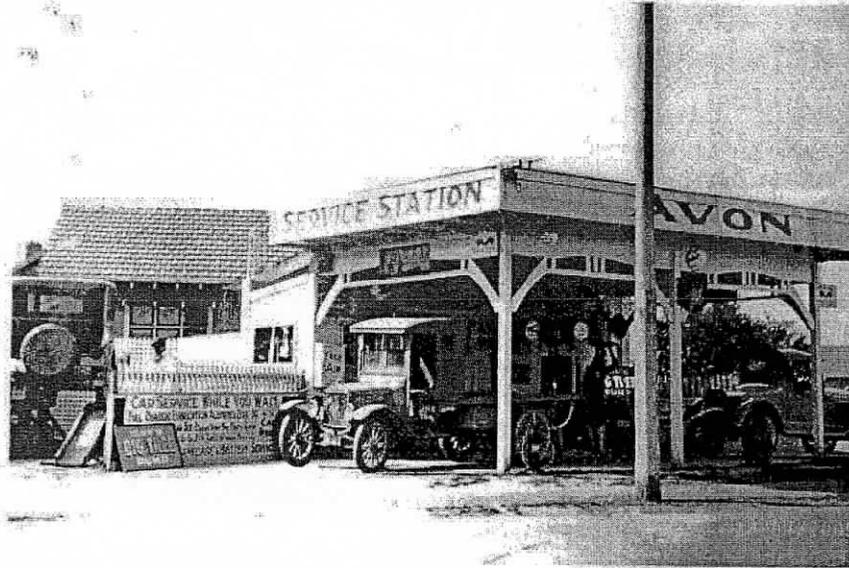


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Thirtyeighth in the Historical Homes of Richmond Series



71 North Avon Road

In the early 1920s Walter Caldwell, an accountant, lived at this address, when the property was sold to Norman Baggs, a builder. In 1927 the service station was built.

The truck shown is a Ford Model T with a Dodge Roadster behind it, both are about 1925 vintage, the car on the ramp is an American Sedan from the late 1920s. Typical of many stores at the time, petrol bowsers were often attached to a house.

This station sold Plume and Big Tree gasoline. Other brands at the time were Pratts, Texaco, Voco, E.S.S.0 and Bruin. Motor oils sold had names such as Gargoyle Veedol, Seano Motorex, Speedwell, Valvoline and Houghtons. It was a time when bowsers were strictly 8am to 5pm, with no weekend trading. Christchurch had one emergency bowser open on the weekends and most car owners stored petrol at home. In the early days you could buy a wooden case containing 2 x 4 gallon tins of gas pre-packaged by the petrol companies.

Between 1925 and 1967 there were 21 changes in number plates, up until you were issued with a new set every year - each new set had a change of colour - from 1941 to 1985 plates changed every five years.

I don't imagine many families in Richmond owned a car in the 1920s or 1930s, although Huia Beaumont owned a Ford T in the 1920s. During the war years petrol was rationed and you had to have an essential business to obtain any. Around 1950, Huia Beaumont had a Humber Super Snipe, a large and impressive car, and my father had bought an early Morris, it was the second car in our street.

Norman Baggs owned the Station until 1941 when it was sold to David McKenzie, it later changed hands to John Turner and then to Sydney Smith.

In 1952 the service station was bought by Alex Levy, when he retired from the Air Force, together with his son, Ross. They operated it for many years until Alex bought a Motor Camp in Akaroa. Ross was later to become widely known as a rocking horse maker.

For some time Barry Halliday ran an auto repair business alongside the garage in Stapletons Road, Wally Keighley bought the business from Alex Levy and later sold it to Sonyac Enterprises who, apart from the garage, had six taxi cabs in operation seven days a week, 24 hours a day, an enterprise not appreciated by the neighbours. It changed hands again and became Shirley Motors and when the last lube was done it became a drycleaners.

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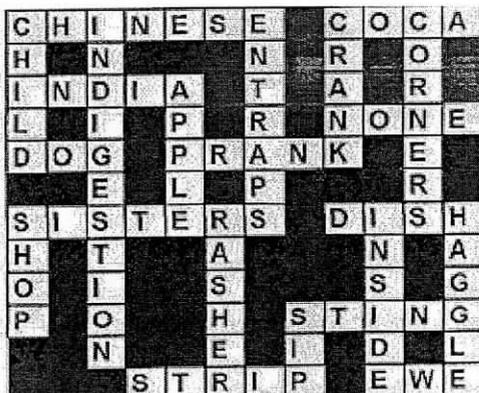
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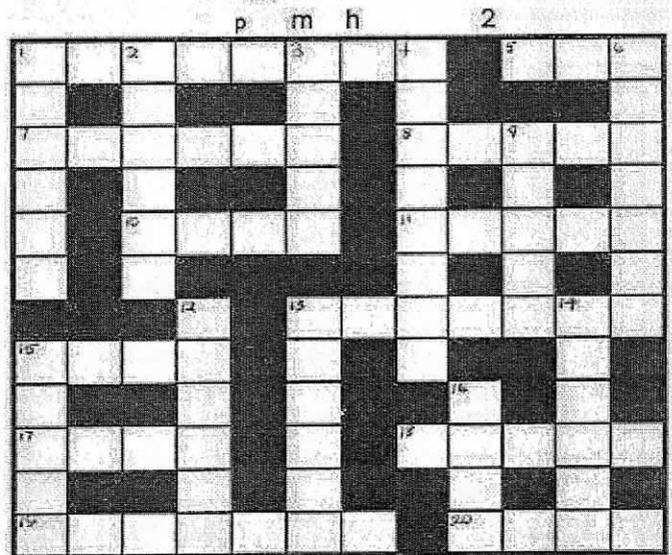
CLUES

ACROSS

1. Large army unit (8)
5. Wimple wearer (3)
7. Cope (6)
8. After day (5)
10. Stop (4)
11. Lord's estate (5)
13. Senior army officer (7)
15. Solo song (4)
17. Sicillian mountain (4)
18. Halts (5)
19. Naval officer (7)
20. Part of a fence (4)

DOWN

1. Stay (6)
2. India's PM 66-77 (6)
3. Construct (5)
4. Block of flats (8)
6. Unadorned (7)
9. Bought the farm (5)
12. Spicy pork & beef sausage (6)
13. swiss capital (6)
14. Graduate (6)
15. Sports venue (5)
16. Heavenly body (4)



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What's on in March

Avebury House, situated at 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave. Richmond, is a community-run, low cost facility which has rooms available for hire. Situated in the midst of Avebury Park, the house, which has been refurbished, has run several open days and social events. In addition to the amenities for hire, the following classes and activities are available:

Gentle Exercise Class - Mondays 1- 2pm
(Wear comfortable clothing). Cost \$3.00. This Sit and Be Fit class is a fun and healthy way to retain mobility, independence and meet new people. Designed especially for those with limited mobility, older adults and those with health or weight problems.

Enjoy these simple and gentle classes at your pace, and enjoy a cup of tea with us afterwards.

Richmond History Group

Held on 2nd Wednesday of each month. No cost.

Next meeting Wednesday 12 March 4 - 5pm.

The History Group meets to share resources and research on items of Richmond's heritage. The Richmond Room, a resource room with displays, magazines and items of interest has been set up at Avebury. These resources are available to the public at no charge.

Embroidery Group - Mondays 1 - 4pm.

Beginners to advanced. Tuition available from a patient, experienced tutor.

Please ring Allison on 388-9377 for more information.

Shirley Brownie group

Meets at 6pm every Tuesday at Avebury House, excluding school holidays. Contact Sue on 352-5551 for details.

Music & Movement for Babies and Pre-schoolers

This popular group meets on Fridays 11am - 12 noon, excluding school holidays. Cost \$3 first child, \$1.50 for each subsequent child. For enrolment/enquiries ring Ursula on 332-0633 or just come along.

Flax Weaving Courses with Ali Brown

March 15, April 12 10am - 4pm.

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Hugs All Round Quilt Project

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For further information about facilities and classes etc. please contact: Lesley McMillan, Community Development Worker: Ph 381-6615.

Making Our Hospitals Safer

If you have been listening to the news lately you will know that there are real problems in our health system. Two weeks ago, the Health and Disability Commissioner, Ron Paterson, declared that our public hospitals are unacceptably unsafe. Last week, it was revealed that Wellington's new \$300 million hospital will not have enough beds for future needs. And on Wednesday, a report on medical mishaps in our health system found that there were 182 'sentinel' or fatal/serious events last year. The numbers from the sentinel report are the tip of the iceberg. The Health Minister's own advisers admit the report does not include many fatal or life threatening cases and some District Health Boards can't locate records on serious medical mishaps. Nobody actually knows how many patients are dying needlessly in our hospitals.

I am concerned that the Labour-led Government still wants the reporting of mishaps to remain voluntary, even though the Ministry of Health recommended in 2001 the development of a standard nationwide reporting regime. That's seven years ago and still Labour has done nothing. Our hospitals need more than money. And that's why National is proposing several new strategies to get real improvement in performance and quality. These include: **A new partnership with health professionals:** doctors, nurses and other health professionals should be set free from the bureaucracy that has taken over our hospitals. They should have more say in the planning and operation of our hospitals. **Better information for the public:** the introduction of star ratings should be considered, to improve performance reporting in areas such as safety, staffing, productivity and patient satisfaction. **Clinical networks:** doctors and nurses should work with community organisations, administrators and patients to help plan, deliver and evaluate services. Clinical networks would help foster a culture of learning and teaching, as well as develop and improve standards and practices across the country. I believe that we need to confront the problems in our health system. National will put patients first and focus on improving performance and safety. And we will provide better, prompt, more effective healthcare for all New Zealanders.

Nicky Wagner- National MP

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The New Zealand Historic Places Trust

Built and natural heritage are vehicles for rich storytelling. As tangible markers of the history of our ancestors, they represent to us 'our place to stand', our turangawaewae. These places allow us a sense of identity and ownership over our history. As an advocacy organisation the role of the *New Zealand Historic Places Trust Pouhere Taonga* is one of education and information dissemination. We advocate for the retention and sympathetic conservation of heritage buildings, archaeological sites and sites of cultural significance to Maori through statutory means, registration and through public education. The vision statement of NZHPT is 'To promote the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of the historical and cultural heritage of NZ.' Over the coming year the staff from the Southern Office of the NZHPT will produce a series of five short articles on our work and how we can be of assistance to the Richmond community. The series will cover our registration process and heritage protection, heritage conservation and funding, planning and statutory advocacy, archaeology and Maori heritage. We hope you find the articles informative and inspiring. (www.historic.org.nz)



RICHMOND BASE

This month a plug for the **Camera Club** and the cards that are produced from the photos they take. These men were given a feature in *The Mail* just before Christmas and we are keen to sell lots of cards as we hope to make enough money to support a charity, which is yet to be decided. At the moment we have 63 different cards, with more being produced. We would love to have your support in this venture and you get some quality inexpensive cards at the same time. Come and see them at 277 Stanmore Road, open 8am - 4pm, phone 389-1213 or view at Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave. These great cards are for sale at only \$1.00 each. More next month, Janice and the team.

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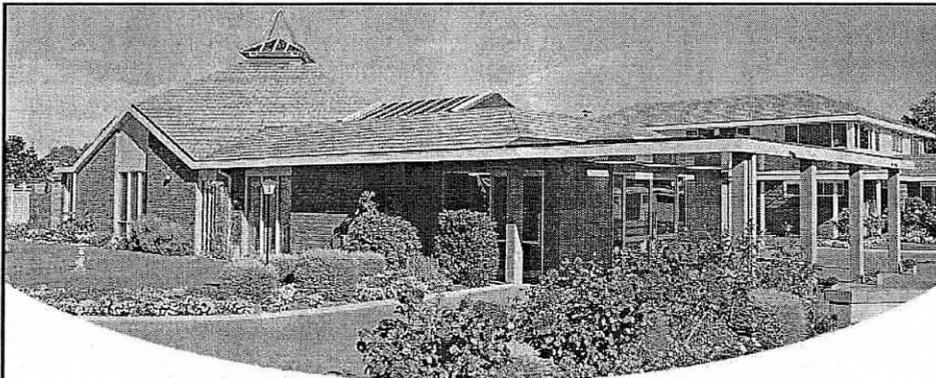


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'River Bank' Owen and the Boulevard

Colin Amodeo

If you have ever wondered why River Road and the Avon bank broadens out on the curve near Lois Place, the answer is to be found in a ceremony in 1929. English-born Robert Bedward Owen arrived from South Africa and set up a tailor's shop in Cathedral Square in 1903. He felt the Avon needed improvement and as an active member of the Christchurch Beautifying Association, he was subsequently able to use labour supplied by the Citizens Unemployment Committee. The objective was to create boulevards and ribbon parks from the city centre to the sea in echo of England's Henley-on Thames.

Owen soon earned the nickname 'River Bank' but lack of finance frustrated the grand design so that only a small part of this could be achieved.

Property owners between the Swanns Road bridge and Medway Street agreed to sell a portion of their river bank frontages. Part of these became River Road, the rest was grassed as a reserve. In September 1929, in a well-publicised civic ceremony, 53 lime trees were planted between Eveleyn Couzins Avenue and Medway Street to form the boulevard. Many still survive today. Would it be appropriate for the City Council to acknowledge the efforts of Owen and his workmen in the area with a commemorative plaque? What do readers think?



R. B. Owen persuaded the City Council to clean and deepen the Avon with a purpose-built suction dredger. This view, taken in 1994 of the 'River Warrior', shows something of Owen's boulevard on the north bank.

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New Year rate-solution for Christchurch City

13 February 2008

Over 9,600 Christchurch City families are better off under the enhanced rates rebate scheme.

So says Christchurch Central MP Tim Barnett, announcing the latest figures on Rates Rebates uptake locally. 'Some \$4,321,494 has been paid out in rates rebates to 9,637 households in Christchurch City' said Tim Barnett. 'Local households are now getting, on average, a rates rebate of \$448 —that's a massive increase on the \$165 they would have received before changes to the scheme came into effect on 1 July 2006.' Tim Barnett said the improved rates rebates scheme had been very successful and was making a real difference for many Christchurch City households. Nationwide, around \$40 million has been paid out in rates rebates to 88,900 households so far this financial year, compared with nearly \$50 million for the whole of 2006-2007.

The key changes made to the rates rebate scheme in July 2006 include:

An increase in the maximum rebate from \$200 to \$500

Higher income threshold, allowing more people to be eligible for a full rebate

Higher additional income allowance for each dependent, from \$156 to \$500.

'I would encourage all those who think they may be eligible for a rates rebate but haven't yet applied to check with their local council.'

said Tim Barnett. Application forms are available from local councils and on the rates rebates website: www.ratesrebates.govt.nz.

Contact Tim Barnett: 0274 570 809

EDs: Figures, current at 11 January 2008, relate to the areas covered by Christchurch City Council.

Christchurch Star March 21 1888

Richmond Football Club - A well attended meeting of those interested in the formation of the above Club was held last Monday evening in the Foresters' Hall, Richmond; Mr James Stapleton in the chair.

It was resolved 'that the colours of the old Club, red, black and yellow, be adopted.' The election of officers was then proceeded with and the result was eminently satisfactory. The opening match will take place on Saturday next, in the Richmond Domain, teams to be picked on the ground. The promoters have every reason to be congratulated on the success attending their first efforts and we trust that all lovers of the sport will assist in making the Club's career a prosperous one.



Do you want to 'Live to the Max?' Do you want to make changes to your life?

Delta Community Support Trust runs a course to enable you to live life to the max! This course is for people who want to be honest about how their life is going now, and who want a better life in the future. This is something you do for yourself but participants are linked to a small support group, meeting weekly to help each other work towards their own individual goals. Participants enjoy meeting new people in a friendly, supportive environment.

Find out more about joining Live to the Max by phoning Margy on 389- 0219 or Tony on 389-0212.
Delta Community House, 105 North Avon Road, Richmond.

NEW COURSE STARTS THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 10am – 12pm

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The Richmond Community News requires stories and items of local interest. If you have an item for publication please send it to: Avebury@xtra.co.nz or Avebury House Community Trust, P.O.Box 26097, attention RCN.

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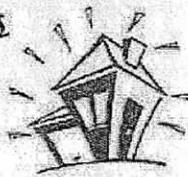
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Eureka for Horses, not Schools

I was privileged recently to accompany current MP Tim Barnett to the opening of the new adventure playground at Richmond School. The school is a decile one, meaning it draws its pupils from the lowest socio-economic base.

You'd be hard pressed to pick that as a visitor. The facilities are in good repair; staff and parents showed a real sense of pride about the school and the children were all polite and well-behaved. They patiently waited through the short powhiri and spirited haka (it's a Maori immersion school) before the ribbon was cut and they were able to scramble onto the new play equipment.

The Labour government provides more funding to a low decile school, on the basis that parents are less able to provide support than those at a decile 9 or 10 school. To me, if there is something that is fundamentally important to the New Zealand we are building tomorrow, it is equality of opportunity today. Kids at a decile one school like Richmond deserve the same opportunities to achieve as those at a decile 10 state school or private school. So, the state provided some of the funds for the new adventure playground.

Parents came along and did the preparation work. And there were approaches made for support from various community organisations and trusts.

Of course, there is no shortage of good causes, whatever decile school or organisation you are involved in supporting. Our Prime Minister Helen Clark recently announced nearly a half billion dollar expansion of funding to the voluntary sector. Community-based organisations make a vital contribution to our society, helping vulnerable families, children, and young people get on top of their problems and get ahead in life. I applaud the extra support that will be going to organisations like Women's Refuge, Barnardos and the Salvation Army, especially as it will be multi-year funding for major providers, reducing the bureaucratic requirements on smaller organisations.

There is never enough funding to support those doing such good work. That's why community trusts, funded in a variety of ways, are so important.

One of these is the Eureka Trust, which is funded from pub and club pokies.

I find it appalling that it is funding the horse racing industry so much and our schools so little. Last year, Eureka Trust did distribute nearly \$6m but the biggest beneficiaries were racing and trotting clubs, to the tune of up to \$70,000 each. Meanwhile, Richmond School was among community organisations in Christchurch that were declined on applications for small amounts of

funding towards genuine community projects such as the adventure playground. Another pub charity CEO says he shares the concerns about what the Eureka Trust is doing but that it is not breaking the rules. The Salvation Army is among organisations calling for horse racing (gambling) to be removed from organisations that can benefit from pokie (gambling) funds. I will take that up as your MP. Equality of opportunity for every New Zealand child is too important to be gambled away.

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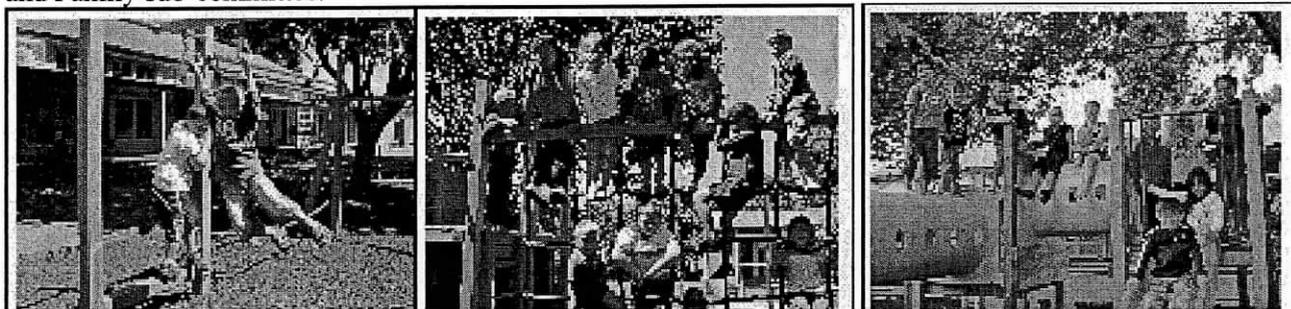
KIA ORA

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been so lovely having all the tamariki back safe and sound. The teachers have had such a settled and relaxed start to the year as children have all been so excited about being back at the kura. The junior tamariki had an extra surprise with the new playground having been completed over the school break. We had a special blessing on the first day of school. Room 1 had a 'make over' in the holidays, with new wall coverings in blue and cherry red! We also finished staining the back fence and are ready to paint the kura over the next school holidays. We have had the Duffy Theatre perform for the children and they were outstanding. It's amazing how a trio can captivate children for two hours through their ability to capture children's imagination. Well done.

We would like to congratulate Adele and Phil Tikao (Te Mana Mahi) upon the arrival of their new baby girl Mila, in late January. Whanau are well and happy and adjusting to a new baby. I had the most precious Christmas present any one can wish for ... I was told I'm going to be a Nannie! Jim and Anna Lisa are having a baby in July and we are all really excited and thrilled.

NEW JUNIOR PLAYGROUND

We had a marvellous opening of our new Junior Playground. We had Tim Barnett, our local MP and Brendon Burns who helped the tamariki unveil the playground. Matua Ruawhitu blessed the playground as part of the opening and it was wonderful to see the children explore their new area. A huge thank you to the major financial sponsors: The Scottwood Trust, The Lions Foundation, Richmond Primary School Board of Trustees, John Rhind Senior and Friends and Family sub-committee.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUB-COMMITTEE

Friends and Family is a sub-committee made up of parents, teachers and community volunteers which helps the school with fundraising activities. At the moment the committee is very small, so we need your help. If you have ideas for fundraisers or want to join the committee, let us know. Last year, Friends and Family raised \$20,000.00 towards school activities and resources. A huge thank you to our school community for supporting all our past ventures and we look forward to future fundraising efforts this year. If you are unable to offer support with fundraisers, you may like to think about giving a donation (tax deductible). Just come into the school and fill out a form and we will do the rest. We are also looking for adults that could donate half an hour a day to read with our children. We have several community helpers that come and hear a child read each day. You could make a difference - so if you have time to donate and could help our children learn to read then please contact the school and make an interview time with the Principal. Thank you.

TE MANA MAHI AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Enrolments are now being taken for our after school programme based in our school hall. If you wish to book your child/ren or have any queries regarding this programme please contact Tui on 389 6610 or 027 3138241. We have both full-time permanent placements and part-time care available. Hours are 3pm - 5.30pm weekdays, at a cost of \$10.00 per child per afternoon, with a one-off enrolment fee of \$10.00 per whanau. A WINZ subsidy is available for qualifying families.

EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are on sale from the school office at only \$1.00 each. We will have three draws and the raffles will be drawn on Thursday 24 March. Winners will be notified by phone and all proceeds will go towards classroom resources.

Annie Bowden PRINCIPAL

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