

Richmond Community News

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Mid-winter celebration planned for older eastern residents.

Older folk living in Richmond, Avonside and eastern Inner City areas are invited to spend the day involved in a special mid-winter celebration offering a tour of six local venues with all venues providing their own programme of special activities.

From 10.00am to 3.00pm, on Tuesday 29 June 2004, participants (those over 60 years of age) can enjoy complimentary refreshments, friendship, entertainment, have a go activities and learning opportunities.

Here is a list of what's available:

Avebury House (9 Eveleyn Close)
A continuous Victorian tea party, within a beautiful house and garden setting.

Delta Community House (105 North Avon Road)
Tai Chi, gentle exercise and pilates demonstrations which visitors may participate in plus a performance from Shirley school children.

Avonside Holy Trinity Church (Lychgate Close)
Top-to-toe health information and checks by various organisations. The various topics include healthy eating, diabetes, arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, safety in the home, foot care, personal alarms and home help.

Richmond Methodist Church (315 Stanmore Road)
Have a go ringing the handbells at 1pm and enjoy a kapa haka performance by local school children at 2pm. Keep playing games

of today and yesteryear throughout the day – giant snakes and ladders, draughts, cards, chess, quoits and more.

Richmond Working Men's Club and MSA (75 London Street)

Open day for those on the mid-winter celebration tour. Have a look around - a game of pool, snooker or indoor bowls. Watch or join in with the line dancing! (Excludes free refreshments).

Te Whare Roimata - Linwood Community Arts Centre (388 Worcester St)

A medley of performance and activities – music, song, dance, movement and art.

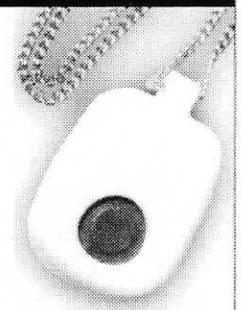
Participants may wish to sample what is on offer at all venues, or choose to visit just one or two. During the day, community vans will provide free transport between venues (which are all in close proximity) on a regular basis.

Detailed programmes are available from Christchurch City Council's Linwood Service Centre, Civic Offices, and all participating community venues, or from Diana Saxton, Community Recreation Adviser, 941 6628.

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DIVERSE YOUTH café CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY.

Diverse Youth café, a café by youth, for youth, celebrates its first birthday this month. Since the youth café opened its doors to East Christchurch a year ago it has seen an increase in clientele and, like any good café, now has a core group of regulars.

Over the last year the café has held Latin dance lessons, displayed photography and sculptures by local students, organized a touch rugby team and worked in with the Leisure Unit from the Linwood Service Centre to act as a host for surfing lessons. The combination of a youth based café committee, a variety of activities, great coffees, hot chocolates, tasty food and friendly young staff has been the key for ensuring that young people keep coming back.

Diverse Youth café is a project of the Youth Initiatives Trust – Ka Whakaaro o ka Rakatahi. "From the Trust's point of view the café has been very successful on many different levels. The most obvious is providing a safe, accessible venue for youth but the café has also been a great training ground. The café has been a leaping off point for some of our staff into other work and our volunteers have gained barista skills as well as knowledge of occupational health and safety regulations." said media liaison officer for the Trust, Erin Ebborn-Gillespie.

New manager of the café, Bryon Cope, has enjoyed seeing youth learn new skills. "People need to realize that Diverse is not just a café. It is a place where youth can access skills, supplies, course information and talk to an on-site youth worker." said Bryon Cope.

Tania Smith, youth worker employed by 198 Youth Health and based at Diverse Youth café, is full of ideas for the next year and happy to hear from any youth who want to be involved.

"The Trust is confident that over the next year Diverse Youth café will continue to grow and, like the name suggests, diversify." said Ms. Ebborn-Gillespie. "The Trust is very grateful for the continued support of local businesses and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board."

Diverse Youth café is located at 5 Buckleys Road, opposite Eastgate Mall. It is open Tuesday to Saturday evening. For information about the café, training opportunities and the birthday celebration please contact either Bryon or Tania at 381 8619.

"LIVE TO THE MAX!"



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Apply to join the "Live to the Max" Course in May by phoning Ciara on 389 0219

Avebury in June

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 recently refurbished has been open for 20 months and 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- 2p.m
(wear comfortable clothing)

Cost \$2.50

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 9th June 4 - 5pm
History Group meets to share resources and research items of Richmond's heritage. The Richmond Room, a resource room with displays, magazines and items of interest is in the process of being set up at Avebury. These resources will be available to the public at no charge.

For further information about facilities and classes etc. please contact:

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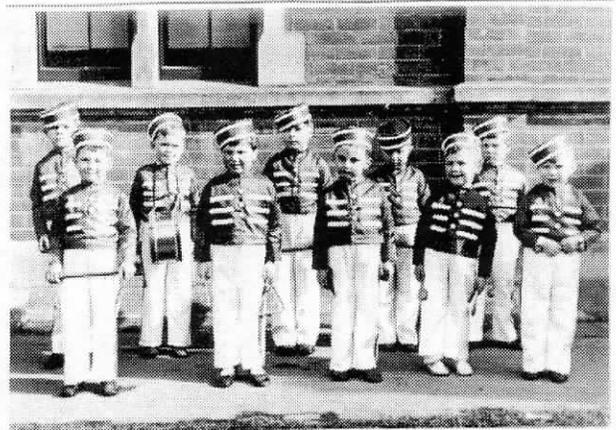
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Tongue in cheek

Although lost of core is taken with this newspaper, we do not except responsibility for any inaccuracies.

Great Asian diet for weight loss: eat only what you can pick up with one chopstick

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Richmond Kindergarten Band
1934

(Red & White Uniforms)

Outside Methodist Church Hall Stanmore Rd
Front Row L - R

Peter Muschamp, Keith Stamler, Ted Harrall,
Ken Sears, Desmond Cohen.

Back Row L - R

Jim Quickenden, Lindsay Ashoff, Noel Gibson,
? ?

(If anybody can identify the last two R/H back row we would love to hear from you)

Richmond kindergarten celebrated its 75th Jubilee in 1997 and is one of the oldest in Christchurch. In 1936 it was relocated to its present location at 41 North Avon Road.

The RWMC & MSA was formed in 1888. Many men worked hard and long in the early years and gave financial assistance to keep the club going through hard times. Just after the turn of the century it was not unusual for members to have a "tarpaulin muster" to raise the cash for the next round of refreshments.

These were the days of prohibition orders when people could legally be stopped drinking. The RWMC tabled a rule allowing any member against whom a prohibition order had been taken out to be re-admitted after the order had been expired for twelve months.

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Unemployment Down by 200 in 1 Year in Richmond

By Tim Barnett MP for Christchurch Central

It's great to have some tangible and some obviously good local news to report. Many will know that the current unemployment rate in New Zealand is low. It is 4.3%, the fourth lowest across the OECD. That is well below the average of 6.9% - our major trading partners have significantly higher unemployment, including the UK (4.8%), Japan (5.0%), the United States (5.6%) and Australia (5.9%).

The employment statistics have improved greatly, including the numbers of people into work - up 61,000 since April 2003 and up 17,000 since December 2003. Since the Labour-led Government was elected four years ago, the number of Kiwis in work has grown by 193,000. This Government is rightly committed to a long-term plan to ensure that every New Zealander makes a contribution to our nation.

In the Richmond area, the Work and Income figures show that success nationally has been translated locally. At the end of April 2003, Stanmore Work and Income office had 699 unemployed people

on their register and in May 2004 that figure had dropped to 517. Last year they had 112 people who had been unemployed for over 3-5 years and in May 2004 they only had 45 people in that category. My electorate office has a strong relationship with this office and they are to be congratulated on their wonderful successes.

Now the challenge is to help support people on Invalids Benefit into paid work. And the money saved - which exceeds \$150,000 per week in the last year, just from that office is now going to great new approaches.

A good example is an initiative designed to ensure young people are not at risk of developing poor employment attitudes, providing all 15 to 19 year olds with a kick start to their working lives. It is estimated that at any one point in time that between 10 to 17 per cent of those aged between 15 and 19 (or approximately 27,000 to 45,000 young people) do not enrol in tertiary study or get a job after leaving school. This new measure is designed to ensure that, by 2007, all 15-19 year olds will be engaged in appropriate education, training, work or other options which will lead to their long term economic independence and well-being.

Richmond booms when people are in paid work. This is one of those periods.

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Richmond School

Another month has swept past and it has been very busy. We have had our first Board of Trustees meeting with our new Board members and we would like to congratulate Mike Savage taking on the awesome task as our new Chairperson.

Annie has recently returned from Rarotonga, where she discovered from tamariki who value the simple things, like textbooks, pencils, paper etc. We truly take these tools of the trade for granted don't we!

Matua Ruawhitu attended the Maori Queens Coronation celebrations this month and was presented with a carved Tokotoko (walking stick) for all the unseen, unspoken work that he does for his Iwi (tribe) Tainui in the wider community. We too would like to

Ka mau te wehi

Ally joined the Hikoi as part of the South Island contingent and had an awesome experience that will be with her for the rest of her life.



On Thursday 20 May Kararaina, Brendan, Liam, Joshua and I went to the Zones held at the Winsor Pony Club. The course was 2km long. There were more than 200 children. We all had fun. It was hard when we had to jump over big logs, go up hills and jump down things. Janet took us in her van, it was lots of fun. I hope we get to go next year. Janet and Tristan encouraged us every step of the way.

(By Gloria)



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