

Richmond Community News

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I had a wonderful time at the conference in Melbourne in the last week of school. Janet and I certainly felt inspired by the keynote speakers. We particularly enjoyed Michael Paremeter, who is a choreographer and dancer. He is the longest surviving Aids victim (21 years since he was diagnosed), he was very inspirational and although he didn't speak about education as such, he certainly ignited a fire about how important the Arts are as a curriculum subject. He himself was placed in a "special class" when he was at Intermediate and it took a teacher to discover that he was not only gifted with dance but also a gifted pupil who was simply bored at school. He went on to be an honours student at University - imagine what would have happened if this had not been picked up at all? The shopping was also wonderful!!! Staff all seemed to have had a relaxing holiday and we all worked very hard in week two to prepare for this term's work. We are focusing on the Arts and Technology this term, hence the hangi and myths and legends projects. Personally I had a lovely time reading and completing University assignments! A huge Thank You also to Shirley Intermediate for providing us with a wonderful performance from their children on the last week of term 2.

This term we are very busy with our school Hangi on Friday 6th August 12:30pm, tickets can be purchased from the school office for \$7.00 per adult and \$4.00 per child, we have limited ticket sales so first in first served!!! This fundraiser is to coincide with our Kaumatua Day, so will be a busy and exciting day.

A huge thank you to Dave Diggs motors for their donation towards our Soup and Milo days for this term. The children are loving having something warm to fill their tummies on these cold days. Leadership had a Garage Sale last Saturday, which was a huge success and will be holding another on 21st August. Please contact the school office with any donations as they are very much appreciated.

During the holiday we had our car park resealed and it is now lovely to drive on without potholes everywhere. Willing and able we will have a newly renovated library by term 4. We are now in the normal cycle of ERO (Education Review Office) and as such ERO will be reviewing our school sometime between now and the end of the year. This will be a great opportunity for the new Board to focus on the direction of our school in line with correct MOE (Ministry of Education) requirements and to ensure we are on track with all our obligations. We are also hoping to hold an open forum evening each term for parents and caregivers to discuss any concerns about the school in a friendly and informal environment.

Stay warm and healthy.

Annie Bowden

PRINCIPAL

Great pics of just some of our tamariki (children) during our Richmond Idol. All who participated enjoyed the night along with parents/caregivers and extended whanau.



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- Indoor Bowls - Meets on Wednesdays from 2 - 3pm weekly.
- Handbell Ringing - Practices each week on Thursdays from 1 - 2pm (when in session).
- Badminton - In the hall at 7:45pm on Tuesdays.
- Clive Cotton - 03 313-8410

Esme Barker - 385-1649

FULL MOON Meditation

AUGUST 30th

Monday 7pm - 8pm

Avebury House

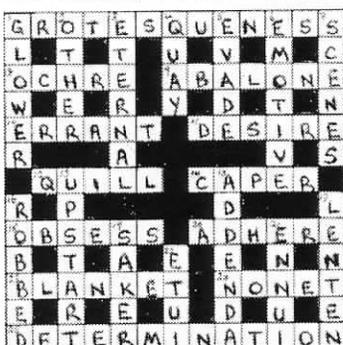
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Last month's solution

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The solution to this month's crossword will appear in next month's newsletter

Crossword

CLUES

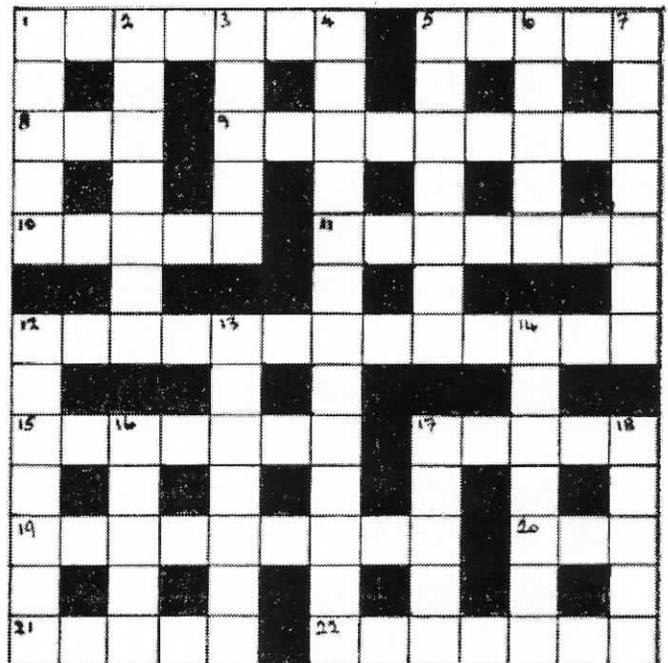
ACROSS

1. Italian rice (7)
5. Quagmire (5)
8. Literary gossip (3)
9. Retort (9)
10. Booth (5)
11. Mapped (7)
12. Formation (13)
15. Belly (7)
17. Horse dealer (5)
19. Reasonable (9)
20. Arrest (3)
21. Large antelope (5)
22. Speedy (7)

DOWN

1. Accumulate (5)
2. Flagrant (7)
3. Rustic (5)
4. Abhorrent (13)
5. Vegetable (7)
6. Examination (5)
7. Green gemstone (7)
12. Instance (7)
13. Mystified (7)
14. Obliterate (7)
16. Theatrical work (5)
17. Crawl (5)
18. Garments (5)

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SUN NING TAKEAWAYS

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CHINESE MEALS ~ FISH & CHIPS
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HOURS

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Thurs - Sat: 11.30am - 2pm/4.30pm - 10pm
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DO YOU WANT TO "LIVE TO THE MAX?" DO YOU WANT YOUR LIFE TO CHANGE?

Delta Community Support Trust runs a course to enable you to Live Life to the Max! Meet with a support worker to discuss your life as it is now, then using a self-profile, we brainstorm new directions and set new goals. Participants are linked to a support group of four or five others, meeting weekly for 1 1/2 hours, to help each other work towards individual goals. These groups gather for four months. But it's not all hard work; participants enjoy meeting new friends and have fun as well.

Apply to join the "Live to the Max" Course in September by phoning Ciara on 389 0219 Do you want to "Explore" your world? Discover new places? Have new experiences? Discover more about yourself and make new friends? Delta Community Support Trust would like to invite you to join us once a week for 11 weeks to broaden your life experiences through fun filled mystery adventures! To find out more, please phone Ciara or Tony on 03 389 0219/0212

DELTA CAFE now "FOOTPRINTS CAFE"

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BrightFuture for Richmond

Property Values

As a local resident I have always taken a keen interest in property values in our area. For the last two years or so there has been strong demand for inner city housing, the number of new townhouses erected is a reflection of this demand. Richmond is now enjoying the trickle down effect from this inner city demand, purchasers unable to purchase what they want within the four avenues are now looking to purchase just outside the four avenues. Richmond is well placed to capitalise on this demand, it has a wonderful range of businesses and an excellent range of community facilities and amenities. For property owners in Richmond this is good news, we can look forward to much regeneration within our neighbourhood and increasing property values as a result. The increasing value of properties in Richmond is clearly illustrated when we look at sales statistics for May 2003 then compare them to statistics for May 2004. Taking 28 sales from each set of statistics, we see that the average sale price for a property in Richmond in May 2003 was \$120,642, the same number of sales in May

2004 and the average sale price has increased to \$174,941. That is a whopping 45% increase in property values over a 12 month period. Even after taking this increase into consideration we believe there is further opportunity for growth in value in Richmond. This is because of the unsatisfied demand within the four avenues and the high prices being asked - the within the avenues average sale price for May 2004 was \$253,000, clearly Richmond at \$174,941 still has plenty of likely upward movement as it enjoys spillover effect from central city housing demand! Richmond can expect to see much infill housing development over the next few years as developers look for new opportunities to capitalise on demand for close to city living. High petrol prices, lifestyle, the desire to be close to the cafes, bars, entertainment centres, increasing working hours and irregular work patterns, recreational pursuits meaning less time for mowing lawns and household chores, all mean the demand for close to city living will be sustained. BILL CORNELIUS

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What's on in August

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- 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 11th August 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.

Postural Mat Pilates Class

Tuesdays till Sept 14th 10 - 11am

All enquiries to Janet Ph 381-4414

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

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Think about it

Why is it that people who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one.

Why is it that computers do what you tell them to do but never what you want them to do.

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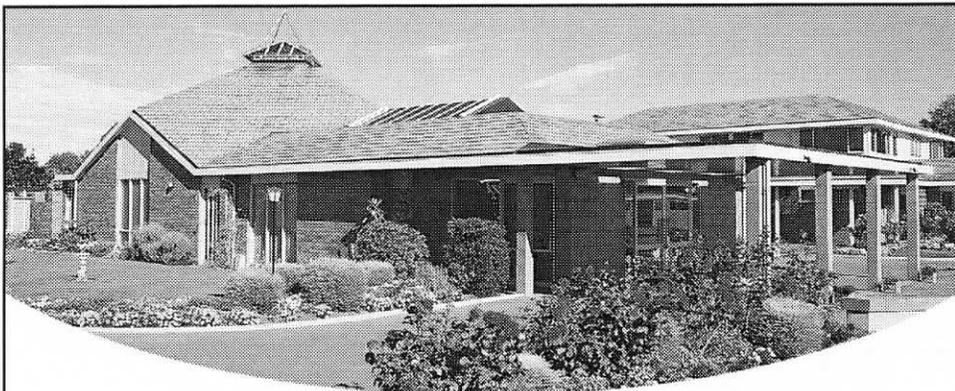
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The Good News Story continues....

I recently went on a last minute whistle-stop trip to represent New Zealand at the 2nd Ministerial meeting for HIV/AIDS (Asia/Pacific) and at the World AIDS Conference that started immediately after that.

Travelling away is a chance for reflection. Attending a truly international event makes one think about what is happening back home which is worth talking about. It is often easy to be negative but I would love the residents of Richmond to consider and reflect what has happened in the area and in New Zealand over the last five years. The clear message from the electorate including Richmond in 1999 was that political change was to be gradual, with a more inclusive style and fewer surprises for voters. I think that has happened. Lets get those Remembering hats on:

- **Poverty** has been acted on with State housing rents reinstated as income-related, leading to more stable communities and better educational outcomes for children. Local schools tell me that is happening. Following on from that, Budget 2004 started a process which will slice child poverty in half over the next 3 years.
- **Families** have been rewarded with substantial help, especially those working and on lower incomes. A major new Commission has just been launched to investigate the needs of families in the future.
- **Unemployment** numbers have been slashed, by up to 60% over the past year, meaning more money going to people who need it and more security for families. Reduced unemployment means more time for Work and Income staff to find work for long term unemployed.

- **National Pride** boosted by great new investments in the arts, a buoyant film industry and an independent foreign policy.
- **Superannuation** restored to its historic real level (2/3 of average single wage for a married couple) and guaranteed for the future through the Superannuation Fund. It means that people of my age (40-something) can rest assured that there will be an income from the state for them after we reach 65.
- **Public Health Organisations** or PHO's of which there are a number in Richmond are at last giving real incentives for patients and doctors to focus on preventative health services. For those aged over 65 and enrolled in a PHO, it now costs less to see your doctor and the standard prescription charge will be only \$3.00 an item.

Feedback is very important for me – I have always believed that a pair of ears is a more important asset for a politician than a pair of lungs! I wait to hear from you..

Tim Barnett

MP for Christchurch Central

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First in the series of historic Richmond homes Where did this house go? 16 Warwick Street Richmond



Front



Back

Built in 1901 by a Mr Redmond and sold at auction for £1650 in 1957 to a Mr & Mrs Yagodenski. The house was in original condition at this time and they lived here for 32 years until it was sold in 1988 for \$87,000 to an Auckland businessman and then rented and sold on for the next 16 years until suddenly in 2004 it just disappeared. This house was later found to have been demolished.

The square house was constructed of 10 inch weatherboards, tin roof and fence, sash hung windows with a wide verandah to the north with iron fretwork embellishment. The front door opened to a four foot six inch wide passage running the length of the house with an ornate archway, ten foot six inch studs throughout, kauri floorboards, tongue and groove walls, ceiling roses and back-to-back fireplaces with iron grates in most rooms. When renovations were carried out in the early 1960's, a coal range was found to have a fossilised pear wrapped up in brown paper bricked in behind it. It had 1901 written on it, the year the house was built. The rooms were all fourteen foot square, three bedrooms to the East of the front door and a bedroom, dining room and kitchen to the West. The passage divided at the south end into a bathroom with a claw-foot tin bath and a water closet with a cistern high up on the wall and a pull chain to one side and an eleven foot walk-in pantry to the other. The kitchen contained a back door, twin kauri tubs, kauri bench and chipped enamel sink.

Avebury House Community Trust

Annual General Meeting

Thursday August 12th 7:30pm

at Flesher Room

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