

Richmond Community News

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Fifteenth in the Historical Homes of Richmond Series



58 Slater Street

This villa, set on almost ¼ acre of land has had only six owners since it was built.

Current owners, Lindsay and Sally Strathdee, have lived in the house for the past 18 years and have found it not only ideal for bringing up a family in, but it also has an extraordinary sense of peace and tranquility - often commented on by visitors.

It is uncertain when the house was actually built, however the first record on the title is of the land being subdivided in 1927 and being transferred to Louisa McFarlane, - wife of Duncan McFarlane a retired farmer, in November. One month later in December 1927, it was purchased by Beartrice Lordy (Ch.Ch.widow), where she lived until 1951 and sold to Hamish Keith, photographer. Twentytwo years later in 1973, Mayone McCulloch, widow, bought the house and three years later, sold to Laurence and Jeanette McIsaac, who lived there with their family until the current owners moved in in 1987.

It was thought, by an elderly street resident (now deceased), that it was originally a builders show home with the formal lounge specifically being his "showroom" with very ornate ceiling plasterwork, ceiling roses and a floor -to-ceiling intricately carved mantle piece. The entrance hall is unique and unlike a typical villa style, being hexagonal and framed by two large wooden archways.

It was the fact that the house was in original condition that attracted Lindsay and Sally with all the woodwork unchanged, unpainted and in some rooms, original

wallpaper. Over the years they have restored the beautiful "character" part of the house, stripping dark stain off the Rimu, polishing floors, replacing broken leadlights, but modernising the functional part of the house such as putting a new kitchen and living areas on the north-east sunny side, modernising the bathroom and replacing 80% of the wiring. It has also been reroofed, the garden has been developed and is now mature. During the Summer, while watering, the back lawn is black with starlings which have come down from Dudley Street trees, looking for worms.

Specially crafted gates were made at the blacksmith shop at Ferrymead to maintain the historic standard.

Unfortunately, with children leaving home, the house is now too large and is regrettably for sale.

It has been a great family home and holds many memories.

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

Crossword

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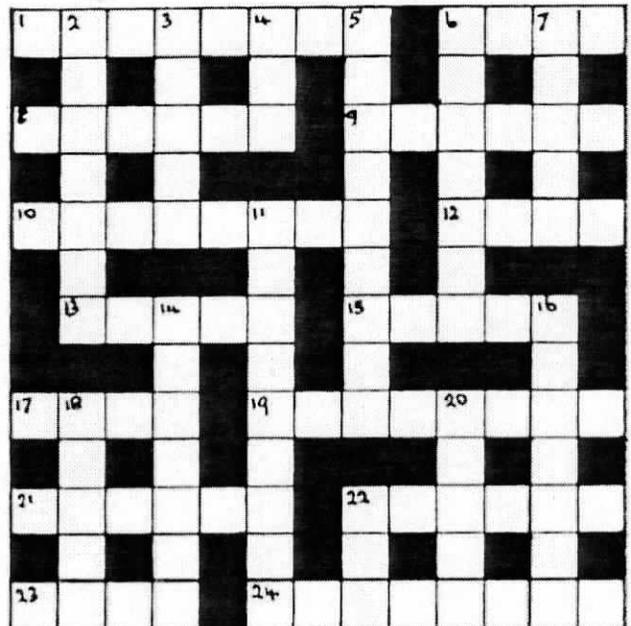
ACROSS

1. Series of operations (mil) (8)
6. Headstrong (4)
8. Stress (6)
9. Dale (6)
10. Adherent (8)
12. Ventilated (4)
13. Steam bath (5)
15. Aquatic mammal (5)
17. Dread (4)
19. Uniformed (8)
21. Vegetable (6)
22. Haphazard (6)
23. Muddle (4)
24. Revealing (8)

DOWN

2. Deeds (7)
3. Gem (5)
4. Tavern (3)
5. New (of clothes) (5,4)
6. Dependent (7)
7. Perpendicular (5)
11. Boring (9)
14. Commotions (7)
16. Dilapidated (3,4)
18. Wear away (5)
20. Circles (5)
22. Sharp knock (3)

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What's on in Dec/Jan

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 14th December 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 has been set up at Avebury. These resources are available to the public at no charge.

Embroidery Group

Thursdays 10am - 12 noon

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. Contact Kim on 366-5434 for details

Music & Movement for Babies & Preschoolers

This popular group meets on Wednesdays 10.15 - 10.45 from the 19th October 7th December 2005 Cost \$3 per family

For enrollment/enquiries ring Ursula on 332-0633

Flax Weaving Courses with Ali Brown

January 4th 10am - 4p m Ali Brown

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

Lesley McMillan

Community Development Worker

Ph 381-6615

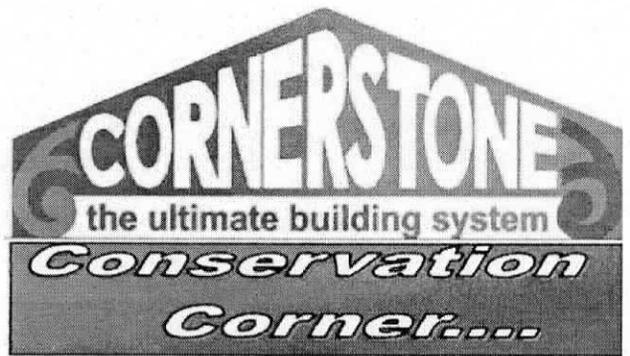
Music and Movement for Babies and Preschoolers

Will be changing to Fridays 11 - 11.30 am

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The World health standard is 16 degrees, which would explain why our international visitors find our homes so cold when they arrive from Russia, Europe and the Asian countries. No wonder some of our old people are suffering, in buildings that are far from the standard to try and heat with a limited income

We are reminded about rising electricity bills, and low lake levels regularly, yet it has been slow progress to change the mindset.

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Delta House Community Trust

Yet another year is rapidly drawing to a close and I'm sure most of us are tiring and looking forward to Christmas and annual holidays.

While much of New Zealand is doing very well economically and in this I rejoice, the sad fact remains that the bottom end is increasingly struggling.

Beneficiaries and people on low incomes struggle financially primarily because while their power and rental costs continually increase their benefits and wages stay relatively static. This means that increased costs can only come out of the very small food budgets that our struggling disadvantaged families try to survive on.

It is not uncommon for a family of up to 6 to be living weekly on a food and clothing budget of only \$80. This means that any unexpected bill causes a crisis and that there is no discretionary money to go out for a meal or an evening at the movies from time to time, or of course, to enjoy a nice Christmas meal and to buy their children Christmas presents.

While at Delta Trust we work hard advocating for these families to ensure that they are getting all their benefit entitlements, at the end of the day, living on a benefit will always be a struggle. The answer I'm sure you are thinking is to get people off the benefit and into paid employment. This is indeed our aim and our hope.

But the solution is not as easy as many people claim. A current refrain is "why don't these lazy people pull themselves up by their bootlaces and make it like I did!"

While I believe there are certainly some people who do have this capacity to overcome amazing odds, there are many others who are severely crushed by high disadvantages such as depression and other health issues, various addictions, low education, low self esteem, isolation from strong support structures and of course, poverty.

To counter these disadvantages we offer a Foodbank, budget advice, counselling, advocacy, a weekly community meal and various groups at our Footprints Café all aimed to help restore a sense of belonging, acceptance and trust. Further, for those disadvantaged people ready for change and hopefully employment (volunteer or paid) we offer empowerment courses such as 'Explore' and 'Live to the Max' which helps participants set and achieve goals.

While this long-term work is very important for us the fact remains that at this time of the year our client's struggle with poverty is most accentuated. Christmas time is often a very traumatic experience for the 1,800 families and individuals on our foodbank database. It often rekindles unhappy childhood memories, along with the lack of money to buy presents for children and the fact they cannot choose to take a holiday. To help offset this a little, try to provide Christmas food parcels for up to 80 disadvantaged families. As you might imagine it is quite heartbreaking for us having to choose which families will receive one.

The donations to provide these parcels come from generous individuals. We would be grateful if you would consider a donation so that more families may benefit. It may be helpful to know that \$40 buys a special Christmas food parcel (at discounted prices). However anything you may be able to give is always appreciated. It would help us to have received all donations by 5th December, for planning purposes. Please post them as follows:

Christmas Food Parcels
Attention Tony McCahon
Delta Community Support Trust
P.O. Box 26-091
Christchurch

Or drop them in to us at 105 North Avon Road. We wish you all a safe and joyful Christmas and New Year.

From all the staff and volunteers at Delta Community Support Trust..

Delta Trust has served the disadvantaged people in Richmond and the surrounding areas since 1995.

1930's Street Kids

In the 1930's 20 primary and secondary school children lived in Tweed Street and 5 others nearby in Vogel Street.

Only two families had a car, strictly for use on Sundays and the only traffic for hours would be the occasional bike.

After school the kids used the street as their playground, we played ball games, hide and seek (hiding in each others gardens) and learned to ride bicycles on the gravel roadway. We scattered when the cry went up, "Here comes Mr Gibson" - he was the local 'bobbie' who slowly patrolled the neighbourhood on his bicycle. Five of the boys were in the same class at Richmond School and in the summer evenings we played French Cricket on the manhole cover under the street light at the intersection of Tweed and Forth Streets until our parents called us home.

In Summer school holidays we often biked to Horseshoe Lake to play Cowboys and Indians among the trees and scrub and sometimes cycle or walk to St Albans park because it had swings and a slide.

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Delta Community Support Trusts

10th Anniversary Celebrations

On Monday 31st October we enjoyed a fantastic day of celebration and inspiration as we reflected together on our first decade of service to disadvantaged families in Richmond and surrounding areas.

Delta had a humble beginning in the white house on the corner of North Avon Road and Petrie Street before purchasing the present large building on the Chrystal Street corner two years ago. This move has enabled us to run larger community events and to offer more variety in our services and groups.

On the 31st, our guest speakers, Carole Evans, Tim Barnett M.P., Yvonne Palmer and Nicki Wagner, gave gracious speeches about the contribution to the community.

The 100 plus people present then enjoyed a huge lunch together followed by Board, staff and volunteer speeches. It was very gratifying to hear sincere stories of many people whose lives have been changed positively by their involvement in different ways in the life of the Delta Trust.

Overall, this was a very convivial event full of grateful reminiscences, lessons learned (and applied) and much gratitude for our supporters, funders and volunteers over the years.

We finished the day feeling full of hope for the next decade, having caught the infectious enthusiasm and energy present. We want to go on together deepening our community involvement and empowering people to live their lives to the full.

Please feel free to drop into Delta Community House anytime between 10am - 2pm Monday to Friday.

Thank you for your support

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CHANGING TIMES

Increasing numbers of women were joining many other clubs and were wanting to come to Richmond - which remained solidly male -- as members of teams or simply as visitors. The Richmond executive responded by ruling that female members of affiliated clubs were only to be admitted on "ladies nights" when accompanied by a male member of an affiliated club.

The number of women coming into the club was questioned again in 1984 but the executive was warned that the Human Rights Act prevented discrimination -- even if the club was right.

In February 1985, it was decided women members from other clubs would be allowed into Richmond's unrestricted areas as long as they obeyed club rules. In July, women achieved equality in this little corner of the world --- all affiliated women members were given the right to use all club facilities.

The same year, a special general meeting of members agreed that a referendum on mixed membership should be held. This was done in conjunction with the 1986 election of officers; the proposal for mixed membership was defeated by 14 votes.

On hearing of a petition during 1986 to get 50 signatures to call a special general meeting, the club's executive committee sought legal opinion, then decided to hold another referendum with the 1987 election of officers. This time, the vote favoured mixed membership by 104.

Changing social mores were also reflected in what the traditionalists viewed as declining standards of dress in the club during the early 1970's. Again the executive ruled -- singlets were not permissible and shoes must be worn; no overalls in the billiards room and stewards were not to serve anybody in a singlet. Further discussion led to an acceptance of tank tops in March 1975

(Excerpt from R.W.M.C. Centennial Booklet)

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WHAT IS A STROKE?

Strokes are brain attacks caused by bleeding in the brain (haemorrhagic stroke) or reduction of blood flow to the brain (ischaemic stroke). Both these types of stroke kill brain cells. A stroke is not a heart attack but a direct attack on the brain.

Stroke can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime, at any age and is the third biggest killer and the leading cause of long-term disability in New Zealand. 25% of first strokes occur in people under 60 years of age.

Right now there are about 32,000 people in New Zealand who have had a stroke in the past and this year about 7600 people will suffer a first stroke.

WARNING SIGNS OF STROKE

The warning signs of stroke include: Slurred speech, blurred vision, and numbness on one side of the body. These signs are sometimes difficult for bystanders to identify. However results of a recent American study have shown that bystanders can recognise a stroke by asking three simple questions.

Ask the person to smile (is one side droopy?); ask the person to close their eyes and then raise both arms together (are the arms at the same height, does the person have difficulty with one side?); ask the person to speak a simple sentence (like name and address, is the speech slurred, is there obvious confusion?)

If the person has trouble with any of these tasks call 111 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher and tell them that you think the person has had a stroke.

Stroke is a medical emergency and people are encouraged to get to Hospital **FAST** as time lost is brain lost.

STROKE SERVICES

Cantabrians are lucky to live in an area with the most up to date stroke services in New Zealand and the opening of the acute stroke unit at Christchurch hospital earlier this year and its integration with the already well established rehabilitation unit at PMH are having a positive effect in saving lives and reducing the disabling effects of stroke.

The immediate impact of Stroke can be an overwhelming personal catastrophe for both the person and their family/whanau. People with stroke and their family/

whanau often have to cope with the negative physical, psychological, emotional, social and financial consequences of stroke.

The South Island regional Office of the Stroke Foundation of New Zealand in Richmond provides a free information and support service to stroke survivors and their family/whanau. Call 381 8500 to contact Stroke Foundation field officers whose job is to provide information, support and referral on to appropriate services once the person has returned home.

STROKE PREVENTION

Now the good news: Making lifestyle changes will reduce the risk of stroke.

The following simple steps can help you to reduce your risk of stroke which affects about 1 in 8 people:

1. **Get your blood pressure checked and if necessary treated.** Nowadays it is realised that there is no such thing as a 'normal' blood pressure. The lower the better, provided that you are not getting symptoms from pressures that are too low, for example faints or dizzy spells. Even if you are told that your blood pressure is 'normal' you too will benefit from reducing your risk factors.
2. **Get your cholesterol checked and if necessary treated.**
3. **Reduce your salt intake.** Excess salt in the diet is the worst risk factor of all. To get information on reduction of salt intake ring the Stroke Foundation free phone **0800 78 76 53**.
4. **Stop smoking.** The smoking quit line 0800 77 87 78 may be of assistance here.
5. **Exercise regularly:** at least three 20-minute sessions of gentle exercise each week.
6. **Limit amount of alcohol you drink.**
7. **Eat a healthy diet high in fibre, low in salt and saturated fats and control your weight.**
8. **Have treatment if you have atrial fibrillation (irregular contraction of the Heart)**

The Stroke Foundation has self-assessment scorecards available so that you can work out your risk of stroke. Call **0800- 78 76 53** to get a free sample or use the scorecard at www.stroke.org.nz.

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My Christchurch Central Electorate Office
 By Tim Barnett, M. P. Christchurch Central

Parliament officially opened again on Monday 7th November 2005; a marked occasion for me as I officially commenced my new role of Senior Government Whip. All joking aside, and yes I think I have heard them all now, I am honoured to hold such an important position in the new Government. The impacts of this role will be varied but primarily mean that there will be more demands on my time while I am in Wellington and from time to time it will require me to be in Wellington more, when Parliament is in session. The position inherits a larger office and staff of four to run the Whip's day to day business. However, I will still rely heavily on my Parliamentary Executive Secretary, Tony Milne to ensure that things run smoothly on a day to day basis in Wellington.

Equally so, I rely on my dedicated team in my Electorate Office. I have one of the busiest electorate offices in New Zealand and over my time as an Electorate MP we have dealt with over 7,500 constituent issues. Sue Stewart as my Electorate Office Co-ordinator, ensures the smooth operation of the office. If you are trying to locate me Sue would normally be your first contact, as she controls my appointment diary. Sue also manages our many permanent and part time volunteers. I feel very privileged to have such capable and willing people able to assist on such a regular basis. There are too many to name but my particular thanks go to Rafea, Leigh and Glenys, their contribution to the running of

such a busy office is invaluable. They each add a special insight to dealing with the many tasks they tackle. No doubt if you have had an immigration, housing, WINZ, CYF or tax issue (to name but a few) you will have spoken to Ingrid Stonhill, my Constituent and Media Liaison. Ingrid has usually not less than 60 constituents' issues on the go at the same time. All these people contribute to the successes of being able to assist and represent you as your local Member of Parliament. My staff are usually so busy with the phone going non stop that often they don't feel appreciated. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for the incredible work they do, for you, the people of Christchurch Central.

Tim Barnett M.P. for
 Christchurch Central

TIM BARNETT

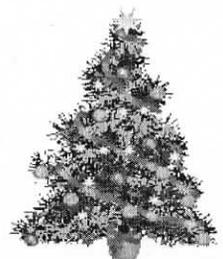
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Kia Ora,

Well it is week eight already - less than a month of school to go. The time just seems to fly! The next two weeks are extremely busy. Last week, on Thursday 24 November, Room 6 presented their speeches to parents as part of their literacy unit. All the tamariki did well.

Some of the children went to the Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire movie as a final fundraiser for Leadership. Staff have their Noho Marae at Rehua Marae, this weekend as part of the school wide staff development. Six children are being presented with new bikes and helmets on Wednesday 4 November, kindly donated by Variety Club and Leadership children are presenting a workshop on their trip to Wellington next Tuesday night. The Board of Trustees have their final meeting for the year next week and wish to thank all staff, support staff and Annie Bowden Principal for their hard work over the year.

School finishes up on Wednesday December 21 and the final assemblies are being held on Tuesday December 20 from 9.30am onwards.

We start the new school year on Tuesday 7 February 2006 and will be taking new enrolments from Wednesday 1 February. Please contact the school on 3897 168 if you would like a school prospectus posted in the near future. Many thanks to all the sponsors and supporters who have supported our school this year especially Avebury House Newsletter, Tim Barnett (MP), The Mayor's Welfare Fund, The Daily Bagel Shop, John Rhind, Southern Trust, John Evans, April Dillan, Judith Matthews, Te Arai Gray, Nannie Heeni Phillips, Taua Hukarere Te Karu, Taua Te Whe Weepu and Poua Eli Weepu, Te Matauranga Maori, just to name a few and many more.

We wish the Richmond Community all the best for Christmas and the up and coming new year.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Seeking year 6 students for a television series in 2006. Touchdown television is producing a new television series which will feature well-known New Zealanders going "back to school". Each will be matched with, and helped by, a 10-11 year old child of a similar PAT level to the well-known New Zealander. Touchdown is seeking applications from students with vibrant personalities who will be in Year 6 in 2006. The application must be filled out by a parent or guardian. Auditions will be held throughout the country in November/December and the series will be shot during January 2006. Apply on line at www.touchdowntv.com.

RUA (CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT)

Harbour Light Lyttelton, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 December 2006.

Door sales and table reservations \$20.00pp

Doors open 7.30pm concert starts 8.00pm

Table reservations at www.harbourlight.co.nz or phone 328 8615. We would like to wish Denny, Jimmy and Grace Young all the best for this up and coming concert.

DENTAL CLINIC

Brooke and Maryanne have moved to Redwood Primary School. If your child requires urgent treatment please call 389 7633 and you will be diverted to the Redwood School Clinic. We wish to thank Brooke and Maryanne for all their support they have given the tamariki throughout their stay here at school. They will return again next year.

FOR SALE

We have had a wonderful response and still have a few tables and chair available for sale before school ends for the term. Please call in and speak with Tania in the office or phone 3897 168.

Price negotiable and very reasonable.

PAMPER DAY FOR ALL GRANDPARENTS

An invitation to all Grandparent young and old at heart to come to 687 Worcester Street, Linwood on Saturday 3 December 2006 to be pampered. Phone 3818472 to confirm your attendance. Please bring a plate of kai to share. We would like to thank Te Rapana Trust, Te Puna Oranga Roopu and Nannie Heeni Phillips for organising this wonderful event.

Best wishes
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