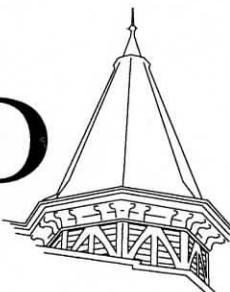


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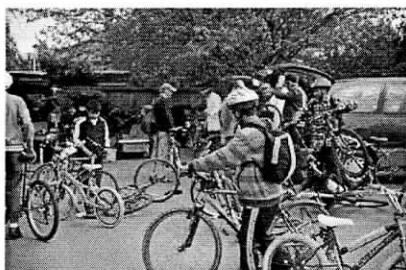
ICECycles Free Bike Maintenance Workshop 10/10/10

Hosted by: Te Whare Roimata & the Linwood Community Art Centre.

A group of enthusiastic volunteers ran its fourth free bike maintenance workshop from 1-4pm on Sunday 10/10/10 at the Linwood Community Art Centre (cnr Stanmore Rd and Worcester St, Christchurch) as part of the 1010global.org day of action on climate change. A wide variety of people came along to have their bikes fixed, get tips on fixing their own bikes or to receive a free restored bike. Five Nepali students all received a free bike, a grandmother who is looking after her grandchildren got a bike so she can keep up with the kids, a family returned a previously loaned bike and got a bigger one for growing children, brakes were adjusted, cables replaced, punctures fixed, bottom brackets regreased, chains oiled, bike trailers tried out, and drinks and biscuits enjoyed. On the day 15 bikes were given away and 28 repaired. The grand total over the four workshops so far is 81 repairs and 32 bikes given away.

The next workshop will be held on Saturday 12th Feb 2011 at the Linwood Community Art Centre, 1-4pm. Please contact us if you would like to join in, or have a bike you would like to donate.

Contact Jenny 3795134, or Jonathon 389 4227 or email steve@cycletrailers.co.nz, cell 021 0619296.



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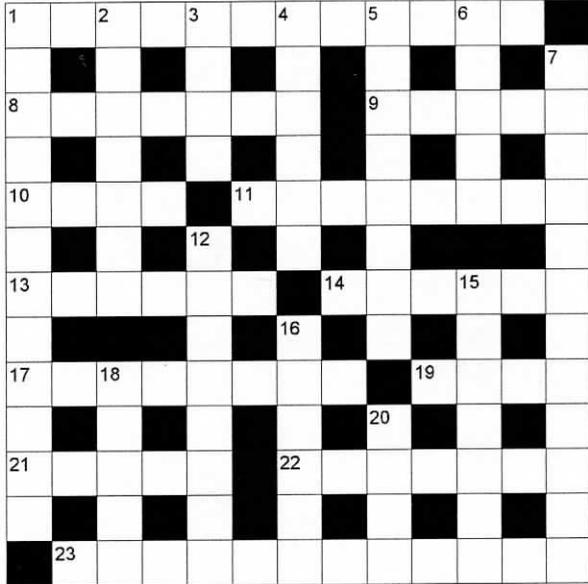
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- 1. Bestowal of a gift (12)
- 8. Bird (7)
- 9. Dullard (5)
- 10. Gem-stone (4)
- 11. Trackers (8)
- 13. Putrid (6)
- 14. Merchant (6)
- 17. Film's first screening (8)
- 19. Deep resonant sound (4)
- 21. Accustom (5)
- 22. Cavalryman (7)
- 23. Wastrels (12)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Exact (of memory) (12)
- 2. Pull out (7)
- 3. Departure (4)
- 4. One of Society Islands (6)
- 5. Young children (8)
- 6. Snow leopard (5)
- 7. Dimensions (12)
- 12. Give judgement (6,2)
- 15. Fall asleep (4,3)
- 16. Believe (6)
- 18. Furnish (5)
- 20. Den (4)

SOLUTION TO NO. 1360

ACROSS: 1 Combine. 5 Brave. 8 Nun. 9 Delicious. 10 Comma. 11 Insular. 12 Concur. 14 Indeed. 17 Propels. 19 Epoch. 21 Blessings. 22 Inn. Extol. 24 Talents.
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Did you hear about the guy with the photographic memory? It's a shame it was never developed.

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It is with a sad heart that the Sun Ning building has been pulled down. Tony, the owner of Sun Ning, is planning to rebuild and open in approximately a year's time. He thanks all his loyal customers and will see you all soon, Richmond Community News wish Tony all the best in the future and thank him for his years of support.





John Milbanke Masters,
the Inaugural ANZAC of the Year, died on 28 October 2010 after a long battle with Cancer.
Go in Peace ye who served us so well and proudly.

EVENTS CALENDAR AT AVEBURY HOUSE

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



For further information about the facilities and classes please contact:

Lesley McMillan.
Phone: 381-6615.

Gentle Exercise Classes

Mondays 1 – 2 pm

This Sit and Be Fit Class is a fun and healthy way to retain mobility, independence and meet new people. Suggested donation \$5. Wear comfortable clothing.

Embroidery Group

Mondays 1 – 3 pm

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

For more information please ring Allison on 388-9377.

Shirley Brownie Group

Tuesdays 6 - 7:30 pm excluding School Holidays. Contact Rebecca 359 5248

Hugs All Round Quilt Project

Wednesdays 1 – 4 pm

Enquiries to Avebury House on 381-6615. We make quilts to give away to children in need.

Tai-Chi Class

Friday 12:15 to 1:15pm

Especially adapted for older adults. New members / Beginners welcome Suggested donation: \$5.

Flax Weaving with Ali Brown

Saturday 27th November, 10am – 3:30pm

Phone Ali Brown on 326-7834 for registrations or visit: www.alibrown.co.nz

Richmond History Group

Meets the 2nd Wednesday each month 10th November, 2010, 3 - 4 pm

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

Music Together of Christchurch

Tuesday 9:00 - 10:00am excluding School Holidays.

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Chit Chat Club

Meet every Tuesday between 1 - 3:30 pm at Avebury House. It is for people with time on their hands who would like to get together with others to play cards, listen to or play music, do arts and crafts in the company of others, or just sit and chat. Cuppa provided. **NO COST.** Any queries please contact Lesley on 381-6615 (Avebury House.)

Support meeting for sufferers of pain/tiredness

Come and have some fun on Friday, 26 November at Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave, Richmond. A chance to meet people coping with symptoms of fibromyalgia/chronic fatigue and share ideas towards feeling better. Contact Judy, Community Worker, Ph: 365 5887 and leave message, or email mecfs1@gmail.com.

FIRST FOR A WHILE - RICHMOND COMMUNITY GALA DAY

to be held on The RICHMOND GREEN on 12th March 2011 as Children's Day will be held on Sunday 6th March 2011. There will be: Activities, Food, Entertainment and more... Anyone interested in having a stall or volunteering to help please contact **Lesley McMillan** at Avebury House on **381 6615**

Civic funeral for 41 Ballantyne's fire victims

On 18 November 1947 Ballantyne's suffered the worst fire in New Zealand's history. It was Cup week and the city was buzzing with visitors and shoppers. In mid-afternoon, when the fire began, an estimated 250-300 people were shopping at Ballantyne's. They were served by a staff of 458.



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THE CLOSING DATE FOR RICHMOND COMMUNITY NEWS ADVERTISEMENTS AND COPY IS THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH

A Saint for all Australasia

Adapted from Brendan Schollum

Provided by Marian College

Thousands of people, many from Australia and New Zealand will gathered on Sunday October 17, in St Peter's Square Rome. It is here that Pope Benedict XVI canonized Mary MacKillop, the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph a saint of the Catholic Church, the first person from either Australia or New Zealand to be afforded this honour. It is richly deserved. Mary MacKillop, will now be known as Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop; she and the nuns who followed her have influenced thousands of students and adults in both Australia and New Zealand

So who is this extraordinary woman, who was once excommunicated from the Church? Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne in January 1842 to Scottish immigrant parents Alexander and Flora. Her father's faith was an inspiration to Mary, even as the family descended from relative affluence to poverty as a result of Alexander not being able to maintain useful employment. Mary took on the responsibility of financial and moral support for the family.

In 1865 the opportunity arose for her and her sister Annie to shift to Penola in inland South Australia to be a governess for her young relatives. Here she met Father Tenison Woods who recognized that Mary could be the person he was looking for set up a Catholic school and to found a new religious order.

At just twenty-four she took the bold step of adopting a simple black dress and committing herself completely to God as a religious sister on March 19 1866, the feast of St Joseph. This is considered the founding date of the Institute, now known as the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. There was little time for reflection, was an impressive teacher, well prepared, and with had had no schooling. Her aim was to teach them the basics of reading and arithmetic, so they could read, write and manage their finances; she also taught them about their faith. However there were further trials and tribulations that Mary faced and conquered. It took another twenty years for the structure of the 'Josephite Sisters' to be clarified, including relationships with each professional development of the sisters. The headquarters to Sydney, and led to the exodus expansion to other areas, including New Zealand, happened more smoothly.



Mary MacKillop and New Zealand The first Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart arrived in New Zealand at Temuka in 1883 to a warm welcome, and started schools soon after in places like Waimate, and Arrowtown. Within just twenty years, they had started fifteen schools in both islands, and were supporting needy communities of Māori and settler families. And so their work expanded, as did the numbers of women joining the religious order in both countries.

Mary MacKillop made four visits to this country for up to a year at a time. Her brother John is buried in the Barbados Street cemetery and Mary would have visited his grave. She impressed all she met, and her legacy carries on today with the outstanding pastoral, social, spiritual and education work carried out by the 'Josephite Sisters' and those lay people who follow in her spirit.

How can one summarise the character of such an important figure in the life of the church, particularly in this part of the world? Mary can be described as kind, strongly principled, faithful, loyal to the church, understanding of those weakest in society regardless of their faith tradition, calm in adversity, and very determined to bring Catholic education to those most in need. She was not perfect. At times she was criticized by some of her own sisters, and from outside the order. But one could never doubt her motives, her love for the needy, and those under her care.

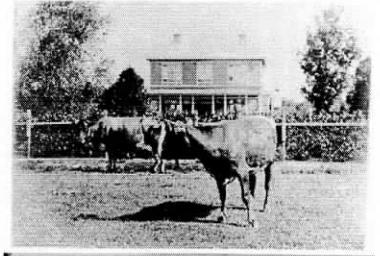
The official Vatican Decree for her canonization sums up the meaning of Mother Mary's life: *Mary's public achievement is a historical fact in Australia, but for those who knew her personally the most striking thing about her was her kindness. She was a great believer in encouragement, urging people to be kind and united. In everything she said or did, she showed respect and love for those around her, making no distinction between the rich, the high-born, and the influential on the one hand, and the lowly, the jailbirds, and the outcasts of society on the other.*

On her last visit to New Zealand in 1902 Mary suffered a stroke and stayed at the convent in Remuera, Auckland for six months. Mary, known in religious life as Mother Mary of the Cross, traveled back to Sydney and died on Sunday 8 August 1909. Cardinal Moran of Sydney had visited her just four days previously and left with the prophetic comment, "I consider this day I have assisted at the death bed of a saint." How right he was!

The Josephites had a training school for girls wanting to become sisters on North Parade in Shirley. This then became a day school, McKillop College. Later this school and St Mary's College from the city merged and today Marian College follows in the footsteps of two great women, Mary MacKillop and Catherine McAuley. Today Marian College is the largest school linked to Mary MacKillop in the South Island

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **New Zealand International Exhibition** (the biggest in the country to that time) opened 1 November 1906 in Hagley Park, Christchurch, New Zealand. Over 1 million people visited the exhibition during the next few months. A branch railway line was built across North Hagley Park to service the exhibition. The attractions included New Zealand's first professional symphony orchestra (conducted by Alfred Hill), and the first Dominion pipe band contest which was won by the Dunedin Highland Pipe Band. The exhibition closed on 15 April 1907 and the remaining buildings had been removed by the end of August 1907. Due to there being a kitset house with a turret - turrets became all the rage. James Glanville, who designed and built Avebury House for the Flesher family, added on a turret as is shown by these pictures of Avebury.



Yippee! At last our first car park sale happened on the 15th October.

The guys really enjoyed chatting [and selling] to people who stopped on the way past. It was interesting to note some people did not know we were in this building and were happy to come in and have a look around and chat about what we do.

Thank you to those who bought something; we had plants, sweets, cards, cleaning goods and various other bits for sale.

Don't forget to get your Christmas cards from us, always cards on sale. Also more plants and framed photos make great gifts.

Stay strong ...keep laughing,

The Team at Richmond Base.



Some of the Photos for sale at Idea, 277 Stanmore Road - beside the Richmond Green.



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1918 Armistice Day

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marks the moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front in 1918, with the signing of the Armistice. In 2004 an Unknown New Zealand Warrior from the First World War was laid to rest at the National War Memorial.

The signing of the Armistice between the Allies and Germany was celebrated in many cities and towns around New Zealand. Enthusiasm was dampened, though, by the ongoing impact of the influenza pandemic then ravaging the country. A premature report of the Armistice declaration published on 8 November added to the general sense of uncertainty about celebrating the official announcement.

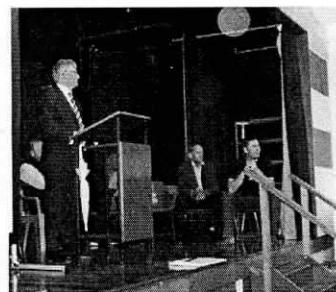
Despite the difficult circumstances, thousands of New Zealanders took part in or watched Armistice parades on 12 November, the day the official announcement was published here. Brass bands and elaborately decorated floats led the way as returned soldiers, schoolchildren and crazily costumed performers marched along main streets carrying banners and flags. Public officials gave earnest speeches and crowds gathered to celebrate the end of four long years of war.

Auckland was the exception. Here the acting Chief Health Officer, Dr Frengley, postponed all official Armistice celebrations in a bid to stop the further spread of influenza. Frengley had been alarmed at the large crowds which had gathered after the premature declaration of 8 November. Despite these precautions, 1128 Aucklanders died from the influenza pandemic. Auckland eventually celebrated the Armistice in mid-1919.

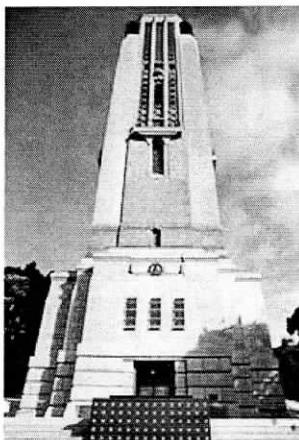
Those who served in Europe did not get back to New Zealand until 1919.



Local MP Brendon Burns put his straw hat on and joined River Rd residents at the Labour Day picnic at Avebury House organised by the Riverside Community Group



Representatives of EQC, Fletchers and AMI were on the panel chaired by Brendon Burns MP.



Some of the 100 Richmond residents who turned out at the meeting with EQC and insurance industry

Brendon Burns
Member of Parliament
for Christchurch Central

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Richmond's response shows the way

The community initiative in Richmond as a response to the September 4 earthquake is an example to the rest of Christchurch, says our local MP Brendon Burns. Working with the Riverside Community Group, the MP called a public meeting last Wednesday to update residents on the geotech report's findings and other quake issues. More than 100 people, mostly from Richmond, turned out at Banks Ave School. Chairing the meeting, Brendon Burns said two months on from September, there remain many unanswered questions, some glitches and instances of conflicting advice. He introduced representatives of the EQC, AMI, and Fletcher Construction but told the audience they would not be able to answer everything. "Recovering from the quake is like peeling an onion; there are many layers. And sometimes as with onions, there are tears and frustration. Last week's geotech report was probably a bit overcooked by some powers that be – but it was only a layer."

Brendon then introduced, Lance Dixon, Chief Operating Officer, Mike Jacka, a geo-tech engineer from Tonkin Taylor, contracted to EQC, Richard Hutton, Chief Customer Officer of AMI, the biggest NZ-based insurance company and based here in Christchurch, and Malcolm Hope from Fletcher Construction which is overseeing all repairs between \$10,000 and \$100,000. Lance Dixon outlined the processes EQC was following. He said several hundred temporary staff had been taken on and this meant there were glitches at times. Mr Dixon made clear to questions from a group of River Rd residents that people are entitled to get copies of assessments about their properties EQC. Mike Jacka said he had been doing geo-tech analysis of Richmond and talked about the riverbank 'bunds' that are proposed to stop future lateral spreading. Both Mr Dixon and Mr Jacka were reluctant to say how long remediation work would start but were hopeful it would be underway by mid-year. Given that this work needs to be done before other badly damaged properties are remediated, people at the meeting took from this that their own sections may not be repaired until after this time. People with lesser damage could expect to have work start before this time frame. Tom McBrearty said the likely timeframes reinforced the need for Richmond to bind together as a community and work to ensure the best possible outcomes for everyone. Brendon said he had organized the meeting with input and help from a group that's sprung up in the last month – the Riverside Community Group.

– Brendon
Let's get through this together

BRENDON BURNS
MP for Christchurch Central
Mobile 0274 305501

Phone 377 8840 Note: My electorate office has relocated since quake from Level 3, 103 Worcester St to: Upstairs, 232 Armagh St, (opposite Centennial Pool)

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Greening the Rubble

The earthquake has left many of our city building sites vacant and cleared of rubble. So what do we want to do with these sites?

Do we want native plant 'islands,' rose gardens or vegetable plots, for example?

I would like to see our communities involved in the greening of local spaces; maintaining and building the collaborative spirit shown in the weeks after the quake. The earthquake has got neighbours talking together, developing a community green space would keep them talking.

A month after the quake, a group of landscape planners, architects, university lecturers, beautification societies, MPs and city councillors met to discuss the future of sites left vacant by the recent earthquake. The meeting was organised by Regional Biodiversity Coordinator, Wayne McCallum.

A clear message from the meeting was the wish to move away from the 'car-park' default for vacant city lots, to people-inclusive open spaces, emphasising native and exotic plants and community involvement in the nurturing of these places.

The meeting identified two locations for pilot projects. The old Para Rubber site, on Manchester Street, is City Council owned, and the other was the privately owned Asko site in Victoria St.

I fully support the group's decision to work together to refine ideas and existing proposals into a plan to take to the Earthquake Recovery Group. It was clear from the meeting that there were already some proposals being worked on but the earthquake has provided an opportunity to re-shape and broaden the involvement of the community in these initiatives. Let's work together to make Christchurch even better!

Nicky Wagner
National MP

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