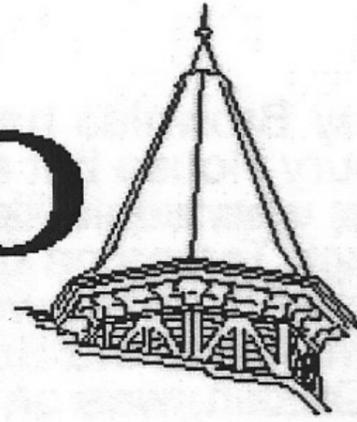


# RICHMOND

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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## "Avebury House Happenings"

### Good news story from Avebury:

Maud from Post Natal Depression came to Avebury House last week seeking a suitable room to run a group in the near future. During the tour of the lovely house which she found more than adequate (in fact quite delightful) to meet her groups needs, she came across the Hugs All Round Ladies who were very busy doing their usual Wednesday afternoon work creating gorgeous quilts to give to children in the community.

A conversation developed between the two parties and when Maud told the ladies about two young children she knew who were needing a bit of an extra cuddle the Hugs All round ladies decided to let Maud choose two of their gorgeous quilts to give to her new little friends.

This is surely what community houses like Avebury are all about. Opportunities to meet together, create together, and share with each other. Community Collaboration at its best!!



### Garden picnic at Avebury House

We went to the inaugural Canterbury Community Gardens Association garden picnic at Avebury House. To mark the special occasion CCGA has donated a wheelbarrow to local community gardens. This was possible due to the kind people at Telogis NZ making a donation to CCGA. Just to name a few of the gardens in attendance - New Brighton, Lincoln, Lyttelton, Opawa, Packe Street, Delta & Richmond Community Garden.

- Richmond Community Garden

### Editorial

Sending out a call to action to our local community!

As the new Editor of the RCN I would like to put out a "rally for help" in helping to transition our great local newsletter to the next evolutionary stage. Any ideas on format, design, content and the like are more than welcome. I am putting together an RCN team of passionate Richmond locals and if you would like to join us then please let me know.

- Dante Fyfe

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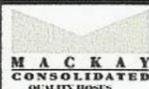
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## New facility for at risk youth opens

A nine-year-long project inspired by the tragic death of Glen Bo Duggan, who was killed by his stepfather when he was just 10 years old, has finally been realised.

Arahina ki Otautahi, formerly the site of Richmond School, on Pavvitt St, is a facility for at-risk youths to learn and grow before they step into the world.

Glen was beaten to death by his step-father in 1994, a death that shook the country.

Arahina is a multi-agency project combining the efforts of Kingslea School, Child, Youth and Family, the Ministry of Education, Ngai Tahu, the Police, and the Christchurch District Health Board.

Arahina is made up of several learning rooms, and expansive field and an administration building, and although there is still some areas still in construction, the finish line is in sight.

Ms Lomax says she hopes the facility will allow troubled young people to learn and develop.

Arahina will welcome its first young people on May 1st.

- Ashleigh Monk (Star Media)

## Facebook Group

Did you know Richmond Community has a Community Facebook Group?

“Richmond Shirley St Albans Locals” is a community page set up to promote the wonderful area we live in, it was set up to promote and encourage support and unity within the community and to promote local activities and events of interest, brilliant ideas, and support of the local businesses in the area.

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# Richmond: A Community Rich In History

## James Arthur Flesher, 1865 – 1930

James Arthur Flesher was a lawyer who was widely involved in local affairs and became Mayor of Christchurch from 1923 to 1925.

### Early years

James was the son of early colonists, William and Dorothy Flesher. He was born in Christchurch on 13 August, 1865. He entered the legal offices of Messrs Wilding and Lewis, having been educated at Christ's College, and after four years moved to the office of Messrs Joynt and Acton-Adams. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1898, and when he started his own legal firm the following year, he was admitted as a barrister.

### Local government career begins

In 1893, James' connections with municipal affairs began when he was elected to represent the Richmond Ward on the Christchurch City Council. From 1915 to 1917 he was Mayor of New Brighton Borough. He was also appointed borough solicitor in 1918, a position he held until his death. In 1918 he was again elected to the Christchurch City Council and he became Chairman of one of the most important committees, the By-laws and Finance Committee. He remained a councillor till 1920, and in 1923 he was elected Mayor of Christchurch, a position he held for two years. In 1928 he was yet again elected to council and remained a councillor until his death in 1930.



### Other community work

Other local bodies of which Mr Flesher was a member were the Christchurch Domains Board, the Waimakariri River Trust, Richmond Domain Board, and the Richmond School Committee. His obituary said: "it was not the length of his public service, long as that was, or the number of positions he occupied, many as they were, that gave him his conspicuous place among the public men of the city, but the force and capacity that he constantly exhibited. He had the command of fact and the clear view of his object which keeps discussion to the direct and useful line."



### Avebury House

Avebury House, his residence, was designed by architect James Glanville, and completed in 1885. William, James's father originally bought the 25 acres that extended through to Medway Street, and James inherited this property on his father's death. The substantial Victorian house included a large verandah, service wing at the rear, and a tower. Other embellishments were added just after the 1906 Great Exhibition. After James's death it passed to his son Herbert, who in 1945 sold Avebury and eight acres to the crown. In 1951 the house and land were transferred over to the Christchurch City Council and the Citizens of Christchurch for recreational use. The house became the Cora Wilding Youth Hostel, and the land a park. In 1997 the youth hostel closed and Avebury was threatened with demolition. Fortunately the Council decided to restore the grand old house and restoration work is being carried out.

After a long illness, James died in 1930 at the age of 65 years and was buried in the Avonside Anglican Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Margaret Lucy Flesher, son, Herbert de R Flesher, and daughter, Mrs F M L Sheppard.

A deserving honour was bestowed upon him for his involvement in the community and civic affairs - this took the form of naming a street after him, Flesher Avenue.

Please send in the details of any local area events, any ideas for community development, any stories you would like to share or advertising enquiries to the RCN Editor at [rcn.avebury@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rcn.avebury@xtra.co.nz)