



New Kids on the Block

By Joel Ineson

Children played cricket and softball on a freshly sown communal lawn as residents and neighbours came together to celebrate the official opening of 14 new homes in Eveleyn Couzins Ave.

Housing New Zealand officially opened the second and final part of the development on Tuesday.

A key goal of the new complex is continuing to enrich communities. Members of the Richmond Community Garden attended and mingled with tenants who were getting to know each other better.

“This is about building a community for our people, but it’s also about building a community for Richmond and Eveleyn Couzins as well,” said Area Manager Fraser Benson.

“With this space it’s about making sure there aren’t two separate communities. We want our people to interact with each other and I can already see that’s happening, so it’s fantastic.”

Each of the new two-bedroom units has its own parking space, and careful consideration has been taken with storm and wastewater storage systems. A 12,300-litre waste water storage tank, purpose-designed rain garden and storm water storage system has been installed to manage disposal from the complex.



Children play on the new communal lawn at Eveleyn Couzins.

Project Manager David James, who worked with builders Constructa on the second stage of the development, said the design emphasised that desired community spirit. Central community outdoor areas and a large common room encouraged people to come together.

Developers were also conscious of fitting in with the aesthetic of Eveleyn Couzins Ave.

“As you come into the street, the way we’ve designed it and the way we’ve kept the original trees means it doesn’t stand out too much,” he said.

“It nicely blends in with the existing environment.”

Joel Ineson is Housing New Zealand’s Communications Advisor for the South Island.



14 new two-bedroom units opened at Eveleyn Couzins.



RICHMOND MENS SHED



Want to get involved with the **Richmond Men’s Shed**? We are based at Avebury House on Tuesdays and Fridays, and other days by arrangement. For more info and donations of tools and materials **call Paul on 027 844 8954**. Or pop down and visit us at 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave. No experience required!

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Richmond School Honours Board

By David Hollander

Does anyone know anything about the Richmond School Honours Board? — particularly any of the people whose names are recorded? When Richmond School closed at the end of 2013, the board was removed from the school for safe-keeping and is now on display in the Gordon Prince Room at Avebury House.

The board records the names of pupils who won scholarships (1909–1929) and those who achieved Dux of the school (1910–1952). Until the 1940s, only primary schooling was compulsory in New Zealand. Secondary school was only available to those whose families could afford it. And so, a range of scholarships was available to help pupils who had the academic ability but lacked the means to attend secondary school. Particularly in the first part of the century, winning a scholarship would have been a major achievement that opened up many opportunities for the winner. In addition, their achievements obviously reflected credit on the school, and are proudly recorded on this board.

It seems odd that the scholarship winners are only recorded from 1909, because the 1925 Richmond School Jubilee booklet lists scholarship winners starting in 1886. This booklet is available for viewing on the Richmond History Group page of the Avebury House website: www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/richmond-history-group



...along with a range of other material about our suburb in days gone by.

It would be great to hear from anyone who has any memories or other information about the board or the people whose names are recorded on it. Please contact Avebury House: Phone: (03) 381-6615, Email: admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz

RICHMOND RESIDENTS' and BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

By David Duffy, RRBA Secretary

The Association was formed in May 2018, after the City Council submission process revealed residents had a number of concerns they felt had been ignored in the Richmond area. A committee was duly elected and the process of developing a working relationship with Council began.

One of the main areas of concern was the state of the road system after damage incurred by the earthquakes and the Dudley Creek flood scheme. The association initiated a series of meetings with CCC's roading division and a public meeting was held in October where residents made their concerns very clear. Further meetings and a detailed appraisal of the roading situation resulted in Council producing a repair time-frame for the roads bound by North Avon Rd, North Parade, Shirley Rd, and Hills Rd. Nearly one year on and we are enjoying the smooth ride along North Avon Rd, the completion of the Dudley Creek Scheme, and the landscaped land restoration along Dudley Creek in Stapletons Rd. Most of Randall St was scheduled to be finished by Easter and the programme will then move on to complete Randall St, then Stapletons Rd from Randall to Dudley Streets.

It is slow but steady progress. The Association has close ties with the Richmond Community Garden and Avebury House and is working alongside other community groups such as the Riverlution Project, the Sutton House Trust, Housing New Zealand, Casa Bambini early childhood centre, etc. to help further improve conditions in our area.

More recently we had some confrontations with Council about the District Plan and the housing developments springing up in the area. The Association has strong views about the quality of the building projects, the lack of consistency in the way consents are granted and policed, and the general effects on the aesthetic and health status of the area. Those feelings have been conveyed to Council. Another group, iCAN, is addressing these concerns on a wider city basis and the RRBA is working alongside them also.

Many residents have expressed concern about the state of Richmond Village. The Association has been working alongside property and business owners and Council to improve the general tidiness of the site. While efforts have often been frustrated, we have had some site clean-up events and installed several planters along Stanmore Rd. Council's recent offer to install a 'pump' track' at 10 Shirley Road, the old Community Centre site, has highlighted the need for an overall plan to restore and improve community amenities in the Richmond area. We are currently preparing a proposal encouraging Council to become part of a planning group which would involve stakeholders in the area and other organisations such as the Ministry of Education.



Randall St and Chrystal St are now open in both directions including from North Parade

We are always looking for ways to assist and improve our local community so please contact us if you have a concern or an idea. Even better - join our committee so we can share the workload more. Our first annual general meeting is not far away and **our monthly meetings are held at Avebury House on the fourth Tuesday of every month.** Come along and get involved!

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The Avebury Gala – Celebrating with Richmond!

By Tanya Didham

On March 31st Avebury House in cahoots with the incredible Richmond Community Garden team, pulled off a fun and relaxing day out for locals. We wanted to celebrate the harvest and gather together with music, food, stalls, crafts and fun things to do. With an estimated 800-1000 people coming through the gate, we were pretty happy with the result. Thanks for coming along!

We're already planning something special for our midwinter Matariki in the Zone...Watch this space!



The Gala kicked off in fine fashion with the fabulous Nor'west Brass Band welcoming people in.



Lisa Tui just needs a guitar and her gorgeous voice.



Kids weren't the only ones playing with mud! The Garden's roundhouse project, overseen by Kerry Mulligan, had a workshop running throughout the day.



Bellydancers Soul Star Tribe and their wonderful drummers put on a vibrant, crowd-pleasing show – twice!



At the Community Garden end there was a bouncy castle and flaxwork, and the mud kitchen; at the Avebury end we had the bands and Flip Out's big bouncy mat!



Trevor from the new housing complex is a regular face at Richmond Men's Shed. He's gone from having no experience, to making planters and bench seats! New members are welcome, drop in and say hi.



The cool mud kitchen created by Celia and Emma from Little Kiwis Nature Play was a hit with the kids!



Girl Guides are getting out of the biscuit game – so I hope you stocked up! Griffins ceased production of the iconic biscuits last year.



La French Tarte produce their delicious goodies in Avebury's kitchen and have just scored a weekly stall in Riccaton Market – well done guys!



This year the Gala was spread across a large area incorporating Avebury Park, Richmond Community Garden and the adjacent LINZ land which housed the carboot sale.



Chisnallwood School's Jazz Band blew the crowd away, and they were followed by the equally entertaining Sideline Swing.



The Riverlution team ran a word hunt quiz that sent people round the site hunting for letter clues. It's exciting to see the development getting underway.



Richmond Community Garden have their fabulous produce available every Wednesday and Saturday down at the Little Shop!

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Mind Yer Language: Portmanteau words

By Tanya Didham

A *portmanteau* is a two-sided travel case, chiefly associated now with the archaic, upright cases that swing open to reveal clothes hangers on one side and drawers on the other.



Lewis Carroll is thought to have first used it as a descriptor for blended words in his 1871 book, *Through the Looking Glass*. In it Alice asks Humpty Dumpty the meaning of some unusual words in Carroll's poem, *The Jabberwocky*. 'Slithy', Humpty says, is a combination of 'lithe' and 'slimy'. "You see it's like a portmanteau—there are two meanings packed up into one word."

It's a creative and logical way to describe something that is part one thing and part another. Though a popular revival of the practise by celebrity-chasers in the early 2000s did give us the regrettable 'Bennifer', 'Brangelina' and 'TomKat'! Or how about 'chiweenies', 'cockapoos' and 'puggles'? They might sound like non-alcoholic cocktails, but they are dog breeds!

Many we have forgotten the twin nature of such as 'smash' (smack and mash), 'Interpol' (International Police), 'velcro' (velvet and crochet) and 'vitamin' (vital amine). And 'gerrymander', a term now meaning to dodgily reconfigure



electoral boundaries in favour of the incumbent. In 1812 Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry (with a hard 'G'!), so crazily manoeuvred boundaries in his favour that he created a district said to look like a salamander. Journalists began calling it the 'Gerrymander'. And it just caught on.

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Puzzle

Cryptic Crossword

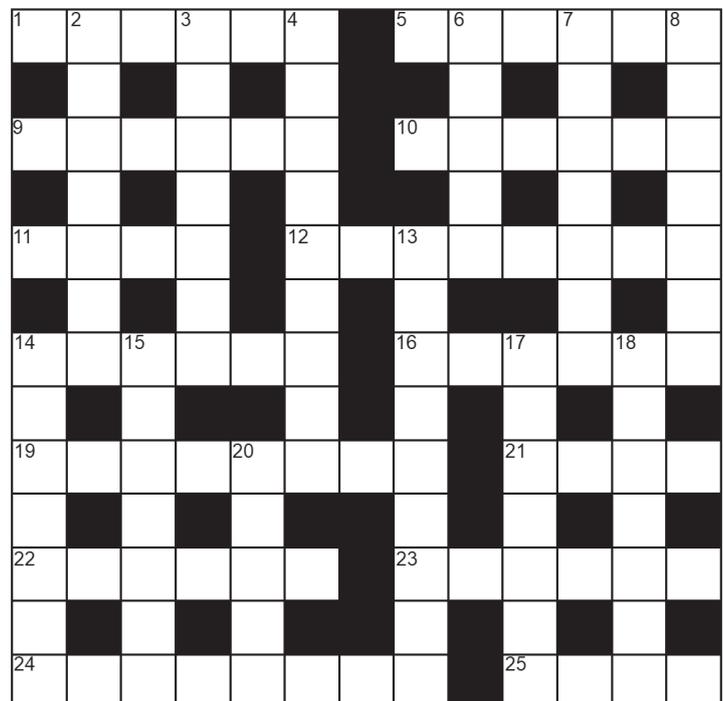
By Dirty Harry

Across

1. Leaves mark on sheet music. (6)
5. Religious official of a different stripe. (6)
9. Maps LA to find ionised gas. (6)
10. Lazos about the east in low squalor. (6)
11. This tree makes you long for the wood. (4)
12. Ties carp wrongly — do it repeatedly to get better. (8)
14. The speaker could be partly a Liberal or a Tory. (6)
16. Climbs the biggest hills. (6)
19. Quietly goes back beforehand. (8)
21. Type of jazz played backwards for a small missile. (4)
22. Turns out vice mixed up on the back street. (6)
23. Raid on confusion. (6)
24. Unperturbed about modern times?...sing and play in the dark. (8)
25. Large ruminant on the roll of English University. (4)

Down

2. Sheep dog goes right into the cargo ship. (7)
3. Show esteem for spectre, perhaps. (7)
4. Set up tent among the scattered reeds? No, ran away. (9)
6. Explore licence partly to find a memento of long ago. (5)
7. It's a great feeling when cousin loses her head! (7)
8. Stagger on the edge of East Street. (7)
13. I cite Mars to bring an end to hostilities. (9)
14. It's the work of the media to govern harshly. (7)
15. I relate to the artist's workshop. (7)
17. Be subjected to being ground up around the East. (7)
18. Wild storm causes a party to be ripped apart at first. (7)
20. A teen was consumed. (5)



Across 1. Frantic 5. Group 8. Acorn 9. Gouda 10. Let 11. Architect 13. Indeed 15. Bitter 18. Transient 19. Age 21. Night 23. Eager 24. Enter 25. Extends.

Down 1. Frail 2. Aloft 3. Tinea 4. Chance 5. Gag 6. Opulent 7. Plaster 12. Idiot 13. Intense 14. Draught 16. Egg 17. Senate 19. Argon 20. Earns 22. Tar 23. Eat.

Food@Delta

By Robbie Thomson



Brent and Karen - food helps make the world go round.

As with most families, food plays a very important part in life at Delta Community Support Trust as part of weekly community meals, provisions in the food store, bread and veges in the lobby for anyone needing them and other events. Most of this food is donated.

Our donors are inspiring. Two of the main ones are Matt the recycle man (Charity for Christchurch), and Wendy from The Wool Ladies' Trust. Matt trades second-hand goods for canned food and provides 80% of the canned

goods in the food store. Wendy from the Wool Ladies' Trust comes into Delta with a variety of goodies – always welcome.

Other contributors are Janice and John from City Harvest. Affordable Fruit and Veges put together \$6 and \$12 veges packs for Delta to distribute. Des Robinson donates fruit and veges. Food bins in the Pak 'n' Save Moorhouse store and New World in Stanmore bring in more food. Every week, Paul comes to Delta bringing a can of food for the store. Random welcome donations from a range of people come in from time to time. And of course the Delta Community Garden team also chips in with as many goodies as they can.

The food store is open **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm**. Conditions apply, for example customers need to be living in the general vicinity. Brent is the volunteer running the store and he is always happy to help. Karen, our Community Services Manager would like to pass on a whopping big thank you to everyone who helps Delta supply food to those in need.

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The genre-blending ability of portmanteaus means the media is full of them, from the familiar 'sitcom' to 'zomcom'; 'rockumentaries', 'mockumentaries' and 'shockumentaries'! 'Bromance', dramedy, blaxploitation' and even 'Bruceploitation' - a spate of Bruce Lee look-alike films following his death!

But perhaps the fastest-moving word-blend factory is social media on the international network, or 'internet'... Pop culture churns out portmanteau or blend words nine to the dozen – mansplaining, hangry, vlog, emoticon, twitterverse, frenemy, screenager, sheeple, Brexit...

Lewis Carroll would be right in his element. Having a good old chortle (that's a chuckle and a snort).

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The office is open every day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., except Fridays (close at 1 p.m.)

Monday

Chit chat Club: 10–10:30 a.m. The Chit Chat Club is for the older adults (55+) in our community to get together and have tea and a catch up.

Gentle Exercise: 10:30–11:30 a.m. Gentle exercise class with a tutor who guides you through an exercise routine designed to keep those muscles moving! \$5/session

Loopy Tunes: 11:30a.m. A pre-school music and movement group.

Tuesday

Yoga: 9:00–10:00 a.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session.

Also Thursday evening.

Men's Shed: 12 noon–4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Richmond Community Garden: From 9:30 a.m. onwards.

We welcome volunteers, be they seasoned gardeners or newbies, to help create a beautiful veggie garden for our community to enjoy!

Hugs All Round Quilting Group: 1–3 p.m. We make quilts for children who need an extra hug. Join us to learn more about quilting; this includes machine and hand-sewing.

Shake and Relax: 6:30 p.m. 8-week course. Practice calming your body and mind in a supportive group. Check Facebook for details & dates.

Thursday

Yoga: 6–7 p.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session.

Also Tuesday morning.

Friday

Men's Shed:

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Stitch Group: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Bring a project and have a cuppa! Koha.

CHRYSTAL PALACE,

12 Chrystal Street

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Saturday

Gypsy Caravan Beginners, 10am

DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST,

105 North Avon Road.
Ph: (03) 389-0212

Free bread, Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., as available.

Monday

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free, some criteria apply.

Footprints Café: Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.

Addington Net: Computer & tech help for all. 10 a.m.–12 noon.

Tuesday

Budget Advice: 9 a.m.–3 p.m. by appointment.

Wednesday

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL): Starts term time. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 noon. \$2 at C3 Church, 269 Hills Rd. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free, some criteria apply.

Footprints Café: Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.

Fruit & Veggie Co-op: \$12/\$6 a bag. Pay weekly in advance each Wednesday, great value.

Friday

Delta Inn: 2-course community meal. Every Friday 12 noon, \$3.

Food Bank: 10 a.m.–12 noon, & 1–2 p.m.

Free, some criteria apply.

Second Hand Goods/Clothes store: 1 p.m. Goods as priced.

Shirley International Playgroup: During term time, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. at the Shirley Hub, 69B Briggs Road. For mums & under 5's from refugee & migrant backgrounds – playgroup & English class. \$2/session or \$10/term.

Gardening: 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Mary welcomes interested volunteers to help her in the Delta vegetable garden.

Impact Young Adults Programme:

Ages 18–36 with disabilities. 6–8 p.m. Contact Natalie:

Natalie@deltatrust.org.nz

NORTH AVON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services: Every Sunday at 9.30 a.m., Delta Community Trust building (cnr of North Avon Rd & Chrystal St).

All are welcome.

SHIRLEY RECREATIONAL WALKERS

Mondays & Thursdays:

Meet at Shirley Community Centre site, cnr Shirley Rd & Chancellor St, 9:30 a.m. Walks around Christchurch. All ages welcome. For more information and a copy of the programme, contact Sue **(03) 981-7071** or **027 775-4635.**

HOLY TRINITY AVONSIDE,

168 Stanmore Road,
Ph 389-6948

Services:

Parish Eucharist - 9.30 a.m.

Each Sunday - A contemporary sung Service from A New Zealand Prayer Book featuring a wide range of hymns.

Holy Communion - 10 a.m.

Each Thursday

Morning Praise - 11 a.m.

3rd Sunday of each month
A time of prayer interlaced with songs of praise.

Activities Group is held every Thursday at 1 p.m.. Come along and knit, cross-stitch, do some form of craft, play a board game or just chat.

Everyone is welcome.

Association of Anglican Women (AAW)

meets every fourth Saturday of the month at 10.30 a.m. We start with a hot drink before listening to an interesting speaker or undertaking some activity together.

Exercise Class is held every Thursday at 11 a.m. All abilities are catered for, sitting and standing. The class focus's on flexibility and fun. Cost is \$6 and a light refreshment follows.

Foot Clinic every six weeks. You start with a foot spa and cup of tea/coffee. Our registered nurse will clip nails and give any advice on the care of your feet. Then you have a foot massage. \$10.

Wednesday Cafe meets every second Wednesday of the month from 11.30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy friendly company, listen to a speaker or take part in a fun activity and join us for lunch. There is a small cost for lunch and raffle tickets are available.

Everyone is welcome to any or all of the sessions!! For any further information phone the office on **389 6948** or email **office@holyltrinityavonside.nz**

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Monday

Activity Zone: 3:45–4:45 p.m. After school club for 6–10-year olds. No charge.

Tuesday

J.P. Clinic: 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Weekly. No charge.

Storytimes/Wā Korero: For over two-year-olds. 10:30–11 a.m. Weekly during term time. No charge.

Reading to Dogs: 3:30–4:30 p.m. For age five plus. No charge, but book in advance.

Wednesday

Scrabble Club: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. No obligation, just come along when you can and join our friendly group. All materials are supplied. Free.

Thursday

Babytimes/Wā Pepi: for under two-year olds. 10:30–11 a.m. Weekly during term time.

Technology help drop in sessions: 3:30–4:30 p.m. Come along to our drop-in sessions for help with email, searching the internet, and general computer queries. No bookings required. Free.

Friday

Card Club 1.30–3.30 p.m. No charge.

Shirley Library's Culture Exchange:

3:30–4:30 p.m. A friendly group where you can make new friends, practice English and learn about New Zealand. Free.

Youth Week at the library

From Saturday 18 May to Sunday 26 May 2019. Celebrate Youth Week and join us in activities around the theme "We are more than you see!" Check out library website for the complete schedule.

Saturday

Super Saturday Storytimes: 2–7-year olds. Weekly during term time. 11–11:45 a.m. No charge.

Magic: The Gathering: First Saturday of the month. For 8–18-year olds. From 1 p.m. No charge.

Mahjong Group: 2–4 p.m. Learn to play Mahjong at Shirley library! For beginners and advanced players alike. Registrations required.