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Resident Artist – Trish Morant

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A West Coaster by birth, local artist Trish Morant has called Christchurch home since she was a teenager. A love of travelling saw her living in various parts of the

UK and New York City, and following her marriage to artist Keith Morant, his international exhibitions took them to many places. "Italy has always been a favourite destination, my late husband Keith exhibited his paintings there several times." And being married to an artist inspired her to begin creating art herself. Attracted to the earthiness of clay Trish began dabbling in pottery in the early '90s, though it wasn't until her retirement that she found the time to give it her full attention.

"I love being able to take a piece of clay and turn it into something beautiful and sometimes useful! I've honed my skills at the Canterbury Potters' Association; we have wonderful club rooms on Memorial Ave and I've made many 'potty' friends over the years!"

There are stages to making a piece of pottery and it can require a lot of patience. "However it is so satisfying

to take that lump of clay and transform it into a unique piece of work that you know is the only one like it in the world. You may make more than one piece the same, but there would always be a subtle difference, at least there is in my work!" Her distinctive 'crazy pots' are a playful case in point. Trish loves living in Richmond with its proximity to the river and easy shopping all within walking distance. A walk into town or to The Palms, takes in some wonderful

> old architecture and gives a sense of the history. Following her husband's passing in 2022, Trish began attending Gentle Exercise classes at Avebury House, and also discovered "the wonderful Richmond Community Garden with all the activity and eco-happenings!" Trish volunteers at the community garden once or twice

munity garden once or twice a week, taking responsibility for the recycling. "I empty the drop-off station of chip bags, bottle tops, Colgate tubes and used plastic razors. When the chip bags get to about 6-7 kgs I take them to the Detention Centre on Ensors Rd where they are turned into foil blankets for the homeless."

Trish is looking forward to having a stall at the Richmond Gala on March 23rd - come along and say hi! Currently she is exhibiting at the Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery, the Buddhist Temple in Riccarton Rd, along with seven other artists. The exhibition is called Resurgence.



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My girlfriend is leaving me after I broke her spectacles. She said she can't see me anymore.

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The adjective for metal is metallic but not so for iron... which is ironic.

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Ladies, if he can't appreciate your fruit jokes... you need to let that mango.

Illustration by Stephanee Terris



We Are Richmond (Richmond Residents' and Business' Association) meet every 4th Tuesday of the month and welcome visitors! Next meeting time is Tues 26 March, from 7pm @ Avebury House.

NEW Wednesday Morning Yoga with Timea and the Return of Dee!



Timea has been running her regular yoga class on Thursday mornings, and it has become so popular, we have added another class on Wednesday morning at 9am.

Timea has also been filling

in for Dee, doing Pilates, but from March, Dee is back in the saddle!

You can see the exercise schedule on the back page, or on our website here: <u>www.aveburyhouse.co.nz/classes-</u> <u>and-groups.html</u>

Vintage Market at Avebury - 17 March

We are back on the front lawn, amongst the shady trees of beautiful Avebury House, with a fantastic selection of stalls, with many quality items for you to search through! Set in the beautiful spacious garden, with plenty of room for families and friends to sit after shopping (why not bring



a rug to sit on?) and enjoy a bite to eat from one of our food stalls, a nice beverage, and soak up the relaxing atmosphere and sweet sounds of Jerry, our regular busker. There's a fabulous children's playground and paddling pool behind the house. Our market has something for everyone of every age to enjoy!

This is a rubbish-free, cash only event. The nearest ATM is on Stanmore Road.

Looking for a park? Additional parking on Swanns Road, Avonside Drive - use bridge. Dogs are welcome!

17 March, 10am - 2pm, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave.

Drawing with Nicky



Want to learn to sketch in a casual yet inspiring environment? Nicky May is hosting her sketch class at Avebury House on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am-12.30pm. Contact us on the admin email if you'd like to find out more: <u>admin@aveburyhouse.co.nz</u>

Do You Have A Red Zone Dog?

By Lena Tiebosch

We live locally and love walking our dog Benji in the river red zone, but we found he wasn't meeting too many doggy friends. So we created the 'Redzone Dogs' facebook group to bring people and their pooches together, in a place where we know dogs have a great time!

The group page is organised so that any member can create an event (dog walk) or join in with other people's

walks. Not only are we about socialisation and exercise for dogs (and people!); we also promote safe and responsible dog ownership.

Join our growing community - we have over 300 members, so there's always someone to go walkies with! www.facebook.com/groups/354573070600863 Any questions, you can contact me, Lena, via messenger on the group page.





Dear Reader

□ Tēnā koutou katoa □ warm greetings to one and all. This letter will leave you □ smiling □ gobsmacked □ pretty bored.

Happy CAB awareness week. If we had enough \Box nerve \Box voice \Box wine in us, we'd sing our praises loud and long. But you'll just have to make do with this \Box questionnaire \Box survey \Box needy plea for volunteers.

Of course, you're not alone in thinking CAB (www.cab.org.nz) is \Box a taxi service \Box a free and independent information service. Not to mention that CAB Christchurch has six locations across the city, staffed by 100+ tremendous people who \Box gain as much as they contribute \Box are rewarded by the smile on clients' faces \Box have fantastic... what's it called... listening skills. Volunteers who also happen to be \Box tall and short \Box young and ageless \Box mono and multilingual \Box very relatable \Box what a dream \Box yeah nah!

To us, this week is very \Box personal \Box annual \Box painful. Tell us, do you feel more \Box empathetic \Box patient \Box generous than you did before? Do you feel like grabbing \Box a chocolate bar \Box a chance to make a difference to people's lives \Box answers to questions about rental housing, employment issues, consumer law, immigration, neighbourhood disputes, relationships, cost of living, as well as complex, obvious and dumb things. (Please note: no question is too obvious or dumb).

Whatever you do, don't forget to hope. Last year, we hoped for \Box an end to poverty \Box world peace \Box a new set of friends \Box that people do not suffer through ignorance of their rights or responsibilities.

Until next year at this time, Happy CAB awareness week!

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata

Good will towards others is a precious treasure

P.S. To find out more about volunteering email manager.cabchch@gmail.com.

We need YOUR help, our Foodbank shelves are empty!

Thanks to our partners at Richmond Gala, Delta Community Support Trust is running a canned food drive at the event on Saturday, 23rd March.

Every week in our commitment to support whānau in our community of Richmond, Delta's Foodbank includes nearly 1,000 cans and jars in our food parcels, but our shelves are bare, and we desperately need YOUR help!

By donating just one can or jar you can help stand alongside your neighbours and support many whānau who are struggling. Here at Delta, we know all too well that food poverty is hugely stressful and negatively impacts every aspect of life, including a sense of hope for an alternative future, so please take action and help us sustain our mission.



Please bring your donation to Delta's stall on Gala Day! Alternatively, donated non-perishable foods can be dropped off at permanent donation points located outside the entrance to Riverlution's Eco Hub in Richmond Community Garden; under the foyer desk at Avebury House; or at Delta's Reception area at our Community Centre, 101 North Avon Road, opened Monday – Fridays 9-2pm.

Special thanks to the community partnerships behind the Richmond Gala for enabling this canned food drive. We are especially grateful to New World Stanmore who have agreed to kick start our drive with an incredibly generous offer to match public donations. See you on the 23rd!

Trapping Those Pesky Pests

As we embrace the arrival of Autumn and witness the plentiful spread of fruits & nuts in nature, it seems our furry little friends are indulging in Mother Nature's feast rather than falling for our lures. Don't be too disheartened if your traps are being ignored for now.



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Meanwhile we have made up some more of our



amazing peanut butter & wax baits. Swing by the Riverlution Eco Hub at 46A Vogel St to collect some, or to find out how you can be involved in the

neighbourhood trapping project.

You can also email Morgane on <u>admin@richmond-</u> <u>communitygarden.co.nz</u> or visit the Ōtākaro Urban Trapping Project facebook page.



Calling All Preservers & Picklers!

Richmond Community Garden invites you to showcase your culinary prowess in our ever-growing Gala Preserves Competition!

From now until March 22nd, bring your delightful preserves entries to the Riverlution Eco Hub, 46a Vogel Street. Categories are: Jams; Pickles & Chutneys; and Drinks & Vinegars

This year we've partnered with Canterbury Community Gardens Association (CCGA), extending the invitation to a wider community, and we're delighted to have them on the judges' panel too. Winners will be announced at the Gala!

Any queries, reach out to Morgane: admin@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz.

The Riverlution Eco Hub is open for drop-off: Monday - Friday: 9am - 4pm Saturday: 10am - 1pm

Richmond Gala - March 23rd

Step into a world of local wonders at the 2024 Richmond Gala - a collaborative community fiesta brought to you by Richmond Community Garden, Avebury House, and We Are Richmond. From Vogel St to Eveleyn Couzins Ave, the entire riverside corner is buzzing with excitement!

At the Vogel St end, Car Booters will be sharing their pre-loved bargains! Winners of the Preserves Competition will be announced; and the Riverlution cafe will be serving up woodfired pizzas, ice cream and Prima coffees, near the Nature Play area. Groove to the mellow beats of DJ Cazza and don't miss the Scottish dancing demo at 11am and again at 12pm. Check out all the amazing local organisations that will stretch from the garden area, down into the Kids' Zone in the playground.

There you will find Envirokids bracelet-making; Meepleopolis board games; and the Shirley Library Van Storytime kicks off at 11am. Pareawa Banks Ave School is running a PTA Raffle; the Stormwater Trailer with Christchurch Envirohub will be there; plus games with Eastern Community Sports. Alpha Preschool are also representing; and we'll have Pop-Up Party soft play; the Richmond Club golf and/or fishing section; Lily Peas Blossom fairy stall and face-painting; Candy Floss; and By the Sugar Daddy paintable cookies! So much fun in one place - and the paddling pool will still be open too, so bring the kids' togs if it's warm!

And there's still more! Keep going, and up at the Avebury end of the event, the lawn will be host to loads of local crafters and makers, artists and artisans, alongside live music from..... The carpark will have lots of lovely food stalls to tempt the tastebuds and take care of lunch! Of course it wouldn't be Gala without Avebury's famous Devonshire Tea - served for koha in the house.

This community event is a great way to connect with the many positive people and actions in our neighbourhood - you may find an organisation you'd like to become involved with. Or you might just want a fun day out with the family. We've got you covered!

Come join the festivities on Saturday March 23rd, 10am - 2pm.





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Mind Yer Language: 'Tis the Seasoning

By Tanya Didham

Salt has been a precious commodity for humans since Neolithic times, changing how we ate, how we travelled, (its preserving qualities were a boon to long distance travel), and even where we lived. By the Bronze Age there were already many established 'salt roads', the most famous becoming known to the Romans as Via Salaria - the Salt Way. It's believed this road, bringing salt from the Aegean coast, may have been integral to the establishment of Rome itself. In England, some towns (not all) with the -wich suffix, refer to salt-producing regions like Northwich; and in Romania, the oldest town excavated in Europe - Solnitsata/The Saltworks - was founded on salt production, around 7,500 years ago.

The origins of the word 'salt' go back into our deep past, and inspired many other words and sayings that reveal its

high value. The word 'salary' comes from the Roman practice of paying legionnaires in salt (sal-). Hence we get the saying 'worth their salt', (or not!). Even the word 'soldier', comes the Roman 'sal dare', meaning to

from give salt'. If you are the 'salt of the earth', like

- that cherished speck, you are an unpretentious, yet worthy member of society. It's also why
- spilling salt is considered bad luck, and if you do spill some, you should immediately take a

pinch and throw it over your shoulder into any devil's waiting eye!

We get the word 'salad' from the Roman soldier's habit of seasoning their vegetables and greens with salt. Also 'salsa' and 'sauce' which originally meant adding salt or salty brine, later became more general condiments. Salami and sausages came by the same root, referring to salted meat.

Sailors become 'old salts', once they have been duly imbued by the briny sea. They might indulge in 'salty' language. But maybe you should take what they say with a 'pinch of salt'. This idiom appears to date back to Pliny the Elder (who met his fate with Pompeii at the foot of Mt Vesuvius). Among the Roman philosopher's writings is King Mithridates who, when taking an antidote to poison, Pliny advised he take it with a 'grain of salt' - to help him take something that was otherwise hard to swallow!

Sidebar: Mithridates ingested sub-lethal doses of various poisons every day, in an attempt to become immune to them. It backfired when, after after a military defeat, he tried to commit suicide...by poison. While it worked on all his family members, his immunity meant he had to ask his bodyguard to run him though. This prophylactic micro-dosing with poisons is known today as 'mithridatism'.

Puzzle

Crossword

Down

Across

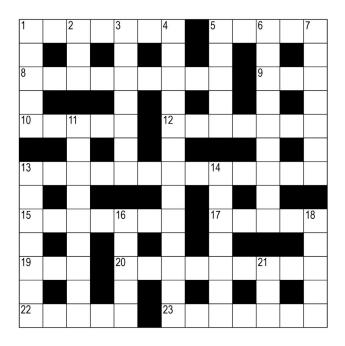
- 1. Go before (7)
- 5. Precipitous (5)
- 8. Woodworking craftsman (9) 3. Voter (7)
- 9. Billiards accessory (3)
- 10. Period of darkness (5)
- 12. Drive back (7)
- 13. Sales announcement (13)
- 15. Garden construction (7)
- 17. Father [Latin] (5)

- 22. Item of value (5)

- 1. Type of edible nut (5)
- 2. Go wrong (3)
- - 4. Annihilation (13)
- 5. Fragment (5)
- 6. Extremely good (9)
 - 7. Stop from happening (7)
- 11. Private tutor (9)

14. Grows larger (7)

- 13. Ancient large pottery item (7)
- 19. Mineral aggregate (3)
- 20. 3-sided figures (9)
- 18. Undertake exam again (5)
- 23. Incipient (7)
- 16. Group of eight (5) 21. Untruth (3)



Solution to Feb Crossword

Across: 1. India 4. Lock 7. Extra 8. Verdict 11. Argue 12. Restart 14. Parity 16. Supple 20. Timpani 23. Cargo 25. Nil 26. Hurried 27. Exile 28. Rely 29. Rural.

Down 1. Integer 2. Dearest 3. Adverb 4. Lords 5. China 6. Beta 9. Tithe 13. Tap 14. Patch 15. Imp 17. Unclear 18. Partial 19. Hinder 21. Merge 22. Amity 24. Open.

Richmond Community Garden Welcomes New Team Member



Kia ora, my name is Rachel, I'm the new Garden Coordinator at Richmond Community Garden. After years of collaborating with the RCG, I am extremely excited to be part of such a dynamic team. I am looking forward to helping grow delicious food for the community, teaching, assisting with awesome projects and generally looking after the land. You'll find me every Monday and Wednesday at our volunteer sessions in

the garden, probably up to my armpits in green waste in the compost area, poking around in the vegetable beds or up a fruit tree in the food forest! I'm always happy to natter, especially over a well-deserved cup of tea and one of Julie's delicious cakes. I am excited to meet you around the grounds!

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." - Benjamin Franklin гh

RCG March Events

Garden Working Bee:

Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday 10am - 1pm

Bottling Workshop: Avebury House Wed, 7 March 5:30-7:00 Booking required.

Thursday Evening Gardening Sessions: Thursdays, 6pm - 8pm

Repair Riverlution: Tuesday, 19 March, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Wānanga Ikura: 19 March, 5:45pm, Riverlution Eco Hub

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What's on in Richmond



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9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue. Phone (03) 381-6615 The office is open Mon to Fri from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday Men's Shed: Contact Ian at 027 555

8368.

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 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.

Yoga: 5:30pm with Robyn Tuesday

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

Tai Chi: 10:30 a.m. \$10/session Small White Teapot Group: Haiku group meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 12pm. Contact Barbara at 21 171 8622. Pilates: 6:00 pm \$10/session. Wednesday Yoga: 9am with Timea Pilates: 11am and 6pm. \$10/session. Write Your Own History: Every 2nd and 4th Wed of the month. 10 a.m. -12 noon. Please email to confirm at

johnlois@posteo.net.

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. Stress Release: 7:30pm, guided relaxation & tension release. Contact Kathy 022 6507896.

Thursday

Yoga: 9:00 a.m. Beginners welcome! Pilates: 11:00a.m. \$10/session. Yoga: 6-7 p.m. \$10. Evening yoga. Join us for a good stretch! With Dakota.



RICHMOND COMMUNITY GARDEN Riverlution EcoHub, 46A Vogel St

Garden Days: Monday - Wednesday & Saturday from 10am. to 1pm. We welcome volunteers to help create a beautiful veggie garden for our community to enjoy!

Riverlution Eco Hub: Mon-Fri, 9:30am-4pm & Sat, 10am-1pm. Repair Revolution: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST. 101 North Avon Road (En-

trance off Chrystal St) Ph: (03) 389-0212, Free phone 0800233582. Check our Face-

book page or website www.deltatrust.org.nz

Foodbank: Please phone first. Monday, Wednesday, Friday (except public holidays) 10am-2pm. Monday Café: Every Monday except public holidays. 10am-12.30pm \$2 Hot Toasties, Tea & Coffee 20cents Friday Drop-Inn café: Every Friday except public holidays. 10am-12.30pm. Choice of 2 mains only \$2, Dessert \$1, tea & Coffee 20cents.

Free Budgeting Advice and Advocacy: Please ring for an appointment.

North Avon Community Centre Filipino Playgroup: Every Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm (Except Public & School holidays) For more information contact Jo jo@odt.org.nz or 021-1151657

CROSSWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH North Avon Community Centre. 105 North Avon Road (entry off Chystal St) Sunday Services: Every Sunday at 10am

Family friendly with children's programmes. For more information you can find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/crosswaych/

SHIRLEY COMMUNITY TRUST, Ph: (03) 981 5521, 77c Briggs Rod. **MacFarlane Park Neighbourhood** Centre: 17 Acheson Ave Park Centre: 19 Acheson Ave. **Community Hub & Barista Training:** Mon & Wed at Neighbourhood Centre. 10am - 2pm during term time. Training is \$5 per person. Sparkling Stars: Mondays, 9:30am Park Centre. For 0-5yo. Music & movement. \$3/family. Te Reo Maori Class: 5pm Mondays, Park Centre Nurse-led Foot Care Clinic: Tues, 10am, Park Centre. Appointments essential. Call 022 6218269. \$10. Knit & Knatter Group: Fortnightly Wed, 10am. Yellow bin weeks. Park Centre Kidzone: Wed, 3:30pm, Park Centre. For primary-aged kids. Gardening: Thurs, 1:30pm, Comm. garden (off Jebson St)

MacFarlanes on the Park Cafe: Fri, 9:30am, Neighbourhood Centre.

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36 Marshland Road (by the Palms Mall). Phone (03) 941-7923 Monday

Fiero Code Club: 3.45–5.15pm Suitable for ages 8–16. Free. Bookings required.

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JP Clinic: 10am–1pm Free. No bookings required. Wā Kōrero: Storytimes: 10.30–11am Suitable for ages 2–5. Free. No bookings required.

Wednesday

Knit 'n' Yarn at Shirley: 10.30-12pm. Come along and knit and natter in a relaxed and friendly environment. Also Sat at 1pm. Scrabble Club: 1:30pm-3:30pm All materials are supplied. Free, no bookings required. Sensory Craft for Pepi:

11–11.30am. Suitable for ages 0–2 Free. No bookings required. Thursday

Wā Pepi: Babytimes

10.30–11am. Suitable for ages 0–2 Free. No bookings required.

Me Korero Tatou (Te Reo Language Group): 1.30–2.30pm. Suitable for all ages. Free. No bookings required. All skill levels welcome.

Friday Card Club: 1.00–3.30pm. Free. No bookings

required. Saturdav

Family History Help: 10.00am–Midday 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month Ran by the Canterbury Genealogy Society. Free. No bookings required. Mahjong Club: 1.00-3.30pm Free. No bookings required.

EASTERN COMMUNITY SPORT & RECRE-ATION,

Email: Kate@easterncommunity.co.nz Ph: 027 728 3005

Avon Hub has community meeting space available for small groups to hire for a very low fee, please email Kate with your details and dates

Free Football Dropin for Children: 3-4:30pm at Avon Hub Tuesdays https://fb.me/e/bFsJDEmYe Pickleball session: Tuesdays 9-10:30am \$5 https://fb.me/e/1Mt0Q7GvW **Pickleball session Sunday mornings:** 9-10:30am \$5

https://fb.me/e/1Mt0Q7GvW TruMotion: Saturdays 10-11am

SOUL STAR TRIBE: beginner belly dance classes 6:30pm Tuesdays (CWEA, 59 Gloucester Street, City Centre), and 10am Saturdays (The Chrystal Palace, 12 Chrystal Street, Richmond).

\$10 casual, concession cards available. For more information, please phone Samantha on 027 6525 993.