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Future-proofing Richmond

One of the biggest engineering projects ever undertaken by Tasman District Council will future-proof Richmond's sewerage system. This massive sewerage infrastructure development is about to come on stream.

The newly upgraded trunk sewer, involving kilometres of new pipeline from Beach Road to Three Brothers Corner in Hope, has been developed to manage sewage overflows and to increase capacity for Richmond's future development.

The old sewerage network has reached capacity in Richmond and that had led to problems with overflows, especially in lower Hunt Street. New pipes up to 800mm in diameter have been added to the system, but the existing pipes will remain in service.

The project saw new pipes laid in lower Hunt Street and in Bateup Road. The next step was to link the new pipe in Hunt Street to those laid next to Jubilee Park. That involved crossing the state highway, so much of the work was done at off-peak times to minimise traffic hold-ups.

The focus of the project then moved down to the Beach Road pumping station. New pipes were laid from there back towards the town.

The majority of work is now finished, but the new system is not yet operational. It is now just a case of diverting the flow.

The total cost of the new gravity flow system was more than \$3 million. The project also includes installation of sophisticated electronic equipment to provide greater efficiencies in operating the system.



Meet the Ward Councillors

Richmond residents can meet their ward councillors on Tuesday 27 February, at 7.30pm in the Tasman District Council Chambers, Queen St, Richmond.

The regular Meet the Ward Councillors meeting is to be chaired by the Richmond Community Forum, and the three ward councillors, Elaine Henry, Richard Kempthorne and Gordon Currie will be present to answer any questions.



Richmond gears up for salute to summer

Richmond is gearing up for its annual goodbye to summer and this time, by popular demand, it's on a Friday evening.

The Tasman Brewing Company presents Last of the Summer Fare on Friday 2 March, 2007, from 5.30pm to 10.30pm. Richmond's own wine, beer and food festival in the town centre has grown in popularity over the years and has in the past attracted thousands wanting to sample the region's bounty while being entertained by live music.

This year's free event will feature wines from 12 vineyards and 10 food stalls, and of course the Tasman Brewing Company, which is the main sponsor. The entertainment line-up this year promises to have you dancing in the street.

The event is organised by Richmond Unlimited.

For stallholder information contact Pam Williams on 544 4898.



Sample the region's wine and food at Last of the Summer Fare, presented by the Tasman Brewing Company.

Steady progress on central Richmond redevelopment

Council is now in the detailed design and consultation phase of the Richmond Town Centre upgrade. In September last year Council agreed to go ahead with a significant redevelopment of Richmond's town centre after undertaking extensive public consultation and planning spanning several years.

The \$2.3 million streetscaping project is a step towards making Richmond's town centre more pedestrian-friendly and involves the creation of an area to be known as Croucher Square. This will become the focal point for Richmond's new civic identity.

Council is currently holding further discussions with those directly involved and aims to have a contract in place for work to begin in July this year, with a completion date set for November.

There has been enthusiastic support for the concept plans from Richmond businesses and residents and the new area will provide a venue for outdoor events in the town and a pleasant place for social interaction.



In brief...

Anna Richardson has been appointed as manager at the ASB Aquatic Centre in Richmond. She replaces Rosie Bartlett who has joined Marlborough District Council.

Richmond Town Hall has two meeting/function rooms available for hire. Contact Glenys at Way to Go on 544 3955 for details.

Get down to **Washbourn Gardens** to visit the Begonia House. These gorgeous flowers are in full bloom and are definitely worth a visit.

Work will begin shortly on three new tennis courts at the Tasman Tennis Centre in Gladstone. The courts will be ready in time for next season.

Summer Shakespeare '07 – Macbeth

Thursday 22 – Sunday 25 February 2007, 7.30pm and 7.00pm on Sunday

Come enjoy an evening of open-air theatre. A supernatural thriller about human ambition and frailty. A destiny made by the fates. No-one escapes their fate - magical, murderous, malcontent. Bought to you by Will Power Productions Ltd. Directed by Grae Burton. Listen to More FM for wet weather coverage

Location: Washbourn Gardens, Richmond

Cost: Prebook tickets \$6 adult / \$3 child

Tickets: From 16th January \$12 adult / \$6 child

Infophone: Bookings 03 547 0123

Richmond farewells Lex Marshall

Richmond has farewelled one of its fondest supporters with the passing of Lex Marshall. Lex, born James Alexander Marshall in September 1931, died in January this year.

Although Lex was born in Southland, his connection with Richmond evolved when he lived here as a teenager before moving to Golden Bay and then back to Richmond 38 years ago. It was then that he and his wife Shirley became involved in community matters. Both were part of the inaugural committee that started the ball rolling for a swimming pool in Richmond.

Lex chaired the former Richmond and Waimea Community Association and was instrumental in helping to bring about change with the evolution of the Richmond Community Forum.

"Our group, having passed our collective use-by dates and run out of puff to be a truly representative force, have called it a day and taken the requisite decisions to wind up the affairs of the association," he said at the time.

"The good news is that a much younger and enthusiastic group has stepped into the gap in the form of the Richmond Community Forum. I would recommend that anyone and everyone consider taking part in promoting our town and making it more the way we would want it to be."

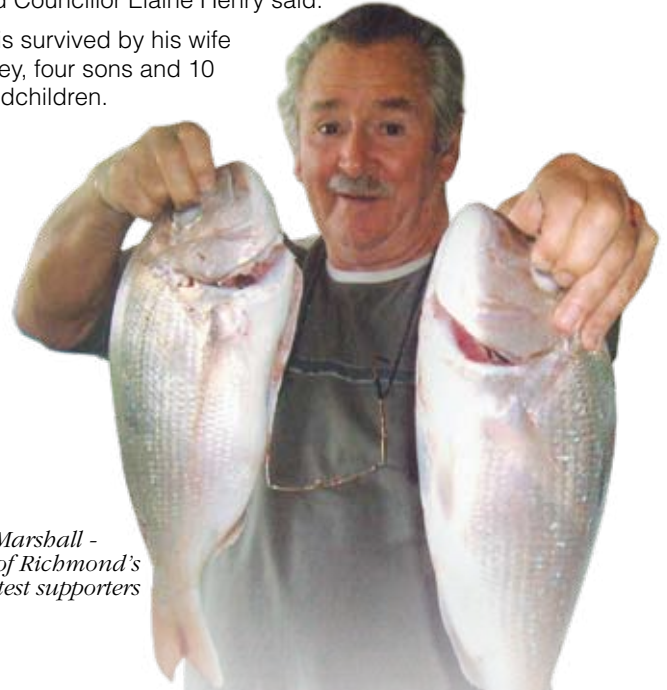
Lex was an avid supporter of the Keep Richmond Beautiful group and regularly attended Council meetings and forums such as Meet the Richmond Ward Councillors.

A devoted family man, Lex juggled his home and family commitments around the demands of a land agency business. A favourite pastime was fishing the waters around Tasman Bay and retreating to a bach in the Marlborough Sounds.

Those who knew him well remember him for his firm commitment to environmental matters and his concerns over increasingly polluted waterways.

"He was a great advocate for cleaning up Reservoir Creek – he was a person quite concerned for the environment," Richmond Ward Councillor Elaine Henry said.

Lex is survived by his wife Shirley, four sons and 10 grandchildren.



Lex Marshall - one of Richmond's greatest supporters

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Councillor's Comment

Richmond has undergone significant growth and change over the last few years in both the residential and retail sectors. The signals are certainly there that this growth will continue, even if not at the frantic rate experienced between 2002 and 2005.

Tasman District Council is involved in three projects that aim to cater for this growth. Planning is proceeding to allow residential growth in Richmond South and I look forward to a conclusion to the planning process this year.

Secondly, there is a serious shortage of commercially zoned land in Richmond and many of you will be aware that Council has considered allowing this to occur west of Gladstone Rd. Some landowners in this area would like to see residential development. There is much discussion to come on this unresolved issue.

Thirdly, Council has, after five years of planning, consultation and deliberation, agreed to redevelop Croucher Street in the central business area of Richmond from Queen Street to McGlashen Avenue. There will be further discussions with those directly involved and it is hoped this can be completed before the end 2007.

There is plenty on the go and many different points of view to take into account. Let's hope the planning and delivery of these projects will ensure that Richmond continues to be the enjoyable place in which we can all live and work.

Cr Richard Kempthorne.

Richmond & Districts Information Centre

Volunteers are required to work three or four hour shifts on a weekly or fortnightly basis at the Information Centre in Gladstone Rd. New volunteers would work with more experienced volunteers initially before being asked to work on their own. Applicants should have a good knowledge of the local community, be well presented and enjoy meeting and conversing with visitors from all over New Zealand and the world. The Centre is well appointed. If you are interested in this type of work, call in to the Centre or phone (03) 543-9521 for further details.

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