

# THE HUBBUB

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*From left, Keep Richmond Beautiful members Bill Strawbridge, Colin Andrews, Rex Strawbridge (in white), Barry Lineham and Larry Norriss shrug off the rain to plant grasses, flax and cabbage trees in the reserve behind Welsh Place in Richmond.*

## Putting the boot and shovel in

It's planting time for the members of Keep Richmond Beautiful, meaning they will be busy for the next few months, says chairman Colin Andrews.

The old Craft Habitat area at the start of the Richmond Deviation will be spruced up with grasses, flaxes and four flowering cherry trees to go in beside the path from Raewards towards the underpass.

At Dellside Reserve, above Lodestone Road, about 150 trees, mostly kanuka, will be planted, with 50 to go in the Picnic Gully area and some between there and Keith's Track.

More than 200 shrubs, grasses and kowhai trees have been earmarked for the Alexandra Walkway beside Salisbury Road, towards Templemore Drive.

The Bill Wilkes Reserve, beyond Washbourn Gardens, will benefit from 20 trees and 150 flaxes and grasses. The barbecue tables will be repainted and some tops replaced.

In June, parts of the Will's Track will be realigned and steps improved or handrails provided, plus 60 trees planted.

In conjunction with the Tasman District Council, more plantings will take place at Rabbit Island, including a spruce-up for the original shade sail barbecue area. Four new picnic tables will be provided.

The mostly retired members of Keep Richmond Beautiful, who do their planting during the week, are always on the lookout for an extra set of hands. If you can help, phone Colin on 03 544 6176.

# Is Richmond air quality improving?

Richmond still has a winter air quality problem. The Tasman District Council adopted a range of measures in 2007 to help meet new clean-air standards by 2013. New woodburners are prohibited from being installed in Richmond and old burners must be upgraded when houses change ownership.

The Council also has a comprehensive education campaign to encourage people to operate their woodburners with a minimum of smoke. (See [www.tasman.govt.nz/pdfs/2277-Practice%20Woodburners2.pdf](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/pdfs/2277-Practice%20Woodburners2.pdf)). All woodburner owners should also know about the support offered by the Good Wood Suppliers, who will make sure householders get well-seasoned, dry wood.

After this winter, Council will assess whether these measures have been successful. Air-quality monitoring has been carried out at two sites in Richmond and more detailed climate and weather information has been gathered over the last few years. Air-quality monitoring results are on Council's webpage ([www.tasman.govt.nz/index.php?Today'sAirQuality](http://www.tasman.govt.nz/index.php?Today'sAirQuality)). You can get instant information as well as the daily average for the last week. (The daily average must not exceed 50 ug/m<sup>3</sup> to meet the standard).

After assessing this monitoring data, plus a review of the various sources of particle emissions, Council will determine whether it is on target for 2013. If air quality is improving at a good rate, then

Council is likely to continue with the current measures. If air quality is worsening then a review of the measures will be needed.

## Woodburner rules

No new woodburners can be installed in Richmond. However, if you have an old non-compliant woodburner Council strongly encourages you to upgrade to a new clean-air model. This is especially important for open fires, because these are very inefficient and cause more smoke.

If a house has been sold, any non-compliant burners can no longer be used by the new owner. The burner can be replaced with a clean-heat system such as heat pumps, or a compliant clean-air woodburner. If you have just bought a house in Richmond and wish to talk about how to meet the requirements for upgrading, please contact the Council. A list of the compliant woodburners can also be viewed on the Ministry for the Environment's webpage.

## Don't forget, burning wet wood is:

- Illegal – you can get fined.
- Expensive – it does not burn hot so you need more.
- Bad for your burner – it clogs the flue.
- Bad for your health – it makes more smoke.

## Good Wood Suppliers

Several new suppliers have joined the Good Wood team. These suppliers will help to make sure you meet the Council requirements for burning dry wood. Wet-wood burning is prohibited under the District Plan, but it also wastes money as the wood burns very inefficiently, plus causes a great deal of smoke.

### The approved Good Wood suppliers for Nelson/Tasman are:

- Richmond Wood and Coal, Richmond  
– 03 544 6473

- Russ Firewood, Appleby – 03 544 5151
- Bay Firewood, Takaka  
– 03 525 6036 or 027 244 9019
- Riwaka Valley Firewood, Motueka  
– 03 528 9878
- Kevs Firewood, Wakefield – 03 541 9236
- A Miller and Sons, Nelson – 03 547 6850
- Mickey Rat Firewood, Brightwater  
– 03 542 3922 or 027 334 4291
- Coastal Firewood, Mapua  
– 03 548 1220 or 027 452 6300

- Motueka Firewood, Motueka  
– 03 528 0414
- The wRight Firewood Company  
– 03 544 4350 or 027 443 4909.



# Cycleways on a roll

Cyclists are set to benefit from good prices achieved by the Tasman District Council on roading contracts.

The end of the financial year has also meant smaller jobs can be squeezed into budgets, says Council Roading Engineer Gary Clark.

With more money in the kitty, the cycle-walk path along the Railway Reserve south from Lower Queen Street could be sealed and extended beyond Jubilee Park to the Appleby Highway, says Steve Elkington, Roading Asset Engineer. The Council has earmarked funds in the 10-year plan to push the path towards Brightwater and Wakefield, which would dovetail into regional

proposals for a cycleway loop to Tapawera and Motueka, plus the Government's proposal for a national network.

Going west, more Council money could be channelled to the Waimea Estuary path, which is slowly stretching in both directions, says Reserves Officer Glenn Thorn.

At the Richmond end the path now skirts the transfer station, and a drain has been bridged at Beach Road. From there a link is planned to the ASB Aquatic Centre. The NZ Transport Agency has earmarked funds for this, later this year, for a path along the foreshore to the Whakatu Drive cycleway.

At the western end, Glenn says successful negotiations with private landowners mean

the path now extends from behind the A&P Showgrounds, past Headingly Lane to Sandeman Road, with the MDF plant in sight.

"We will then start looking at options to get to Rabbit Island."

The long-term plan is to extend the path to Mapua, making for a spectacular weekend ride.

Glenn says three bridges are needed in the short-term, and they eat into the budget.

Meanwhile in the roading department, Gary says both the Queen Street - Gladstone Road intersection work and the Salisbury Road - Talbot Street job should be finished by the end of June 2009.

# Youth cite boredom and safety as key concerns

Richmond youth want more facilities such as a movie theatre or a skid pad for car enthusiasts, and report concerns about their personal safety.

A recent study has given teenagers a chance to put their side of the story forward. The survey involved staff from the group HYPE-GS (Helping Young People at Events – Gathering Spaces) going out into Richmond, Wakefield and Waimea West streets between 10.00 pm and 2.00 am over three nights in March 2009 and talking to young people.

They asked young people congregating in public places late at night, what they thought the reasons were for anti-social behaviour and did they have any suggestions about how to avoid these issues. Youth were also asked what services they needed available to them.

## Key Issues highlighted were:

- 1) The presence in Richmond of an anti-social and aggressive group of young people. The perception among those spoken to was that a small group was raising the level of violence across the board by their aggressive stance, plus contributing to increasing vandalism.
- 2) A lack of understanding of the role of, and negative attitude towards, the Richmond Night Watch team.
- 3) A positive attitude towards community police in Wakefield.
- 4) That most youth thought Richmond and Wakefield are good places to live but that the lack of night-time activities for youth, combined with the presence of an aggressive minority contributed to problems at night.
- 5) That Tasman District Council could increase their level of engagement with youth.

Solutions offered by youth included facilities for sports and outdoor pursuits, cars and movies, a designated youth meeting spot or café, plus a car skid pad. The report noted that the cost of petrol is a barrier to parents transporting youth to activities further afield, and that in the vacuum of things to do, alcohol is a cheap and readily available alternative.

The survey staff spoke to 55 young people, most of whom were aged between 14 and 18. The staff targeted known gathering areas such as Burger King in Richmond and Wakefield School and Square. About half of the youth spoken to were intoxicated, and the survey staff had to work out informal and non-threatening ways to talk to some of these people.



Based on the survey findings, HYPE-GS recommends more consultation with youth and a focus on the strengths of teenagers in the community rather than problems and issues, giving them avenues through which they can contribute positively to society.

Suggested initiatives include extending out to Richmond the HYPE-GS street ambassador service now running in Nelson, for which the group has since sought funding, and Council seeking funding from the Crime Prevention Unit for a regional project to address vandalism. HYPE-GS also made recommendations about improving late-night services for young people and improving the interaction between Richmond Nightwatch and Police.

Council's Community Recreation Officer, Paul McConachie, said the results should be considered alongside other community consultation findings.

"The survey does give a snapshot of issues and solutions from a youth perspective, which opens the door to doing something to solve these problems," he said. "The survey was a result of all the negative publicity about youth vandalism and behaviour," said Paul. "The only way you can start to solve these problems is to get out there and talk to the people involved."

## Richmond Library – planning for all the community

When you are still knee high to a grasshopper a trip to the library can be a journey to another land, with stories to read and listen to, activities to take part in and friendly people to talk to and to provide help when you need to find something. Sitting with a fascinating storybook in a comfy chair in a warm, cosy space that feels just like home, but with lots of interesting things to do, can be the first steps in a lifelong journey towards reading, understanding and learning about the world.

Plans for Richmond's District Library redevelopment will make sure that the children's space in the main library will be everything it should be, and is

tailored to the needs of its young users. Warm, friendly and safe, it will be close to the help desk and toilets and within sight of the parents' lounge area, with internet access for youngsters to see what is going on in the big wide world.

Children and Young Adult Librarian Lucy Brunwin said the new development would make a huge contribution towards making the library a dynamic and interactive place for children.

"It will be very visual, stimulating and exciting as well as being a welcoming place. The library is no longer a place where you have to be silent. It's about knowledge, learning and finding out about the world."

The library will be the perfect place to stop off on the way home from school or kindy, or for pre-schoolers to visit for storytime. A designated community room will be available for holiday programme activities and for school visits.

Building on the premise that children are our future, Richmond's youngsters will be able to enjoy an environment that ensures a visit to the library is a firm favourite, and continues to meet their needs as they grow up.

# Councillor Comment

It is proposed that this is the last edition of Hubbub. At the Corporate Services meeting on 11 June 2009, the committee will be voting on a recommendation from the Communications sub-committee to discontinue publication of Hubbub. The primary reasons behind this recommendation are that Richmond is now adequately covered for community news through the Waimea Weekly and Leader; and for Council news through Newsline. Further, since Hubbub first started, Newsline has now increased to fortnightly and flexibility has been introduced to enable Newsline to be increased to 12 pages when and if necessary.

In making this decision, some concerns were raised about the ability of Richmond residents to link in with, and hear from their Councillors. On behalf of the Richmond Councillors, I would like to assure you that we are, as ever, happy to be contacted via telephone, email or letter, to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

All of the Richmond Ward Councillors sit on the four standing committees of Council – Environment and Planning; Engineering; Community Services; and Corporate Services. We also sit on a number of subcommittees, regional committees, community organisations and have specific portfolios, which may guide you when choosing who to contact.

*Councillor Judene Edgar.*

## Cr Judene Edgar:

- Creative Communities subcommittee
- Grants and Community Facilities subcommittee
- Communications subcommittee
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## Richmond Community Forum

Meet the Ward Councillors, Tuesday 16 June 2009, 7.30 pm, Tasman District Council, Queen Street, Richmond.

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# Life in the fast bowling lane

Nelson - Tasman is back in the ten-pin bowling business, with a six-lane alley in Action Indoor Sports, Richmond.

The \$450,000 facility from China has been installed over the last few months.

Centre manager Vicky Collis hopes to attract bowlers from age 5 up to 95. (Automatic bumpers can be raised to spare younger patrons the annoyance of gutter-balls.) Schools, youth groups and business teams are expected to don their bowling shoes in competitive and social leagues. The alley caters for people with disabilities.

It is open seven days a week from 10.00 am until late, and the centre has applied for a licence for an adjacent bar and café.

The alley has room for two more lanes if demand is high.

Action Indoor Sports, in McPherson Street, is ending a six-year drought in ten-pin bowling since a chain of alleys in Nelson, Motueka and Blenheim closed.

