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Introducing - Glenn Lloyd-Jones Richmond's new Community Constable

Glenn Lloyd-Jones is Richmond's new Community Constable, replacing Mal Drummond, who has taken up the position of Sergeant with the Nelson police. Glenn has been working at the Richmond Police Station for the last two years in front line policing.

Glenn lives in Richmond with his wife and three children, and sees Richmond as a great place to bring up his family. "There's a great atmosphere here, people look out for each other," said Glenn, who has also been involved with rugby coaching for many years and used to play for the Rangers club based at Upper Moutere.

In his new role, Glenn will be working behind the scenes in the community, building up good relationships with local community groups and working with both Tasman District Council and the public to develop policies and ideas that will make the community a better place to live.

"As community policeman I can deal with issues that the front line guys just don't have the time to look at, building up trust and minimising crime," said Glenn.

One current project is being run with local schools and Youth Aid, working to reduce truancy.

Glenn would like to encourage local residents to call him or come into the station to talk about any concerns they have in the community. "Don't be afraid to ask, that's what I am here for," said Glenn.



Meet the Ward Councillors

Richmond residents can meet their ward councillors on Tuesday 21 August, 2007, at 7.30pm in the Tasman District Council Chambers, Queen St, Richmond.

Meet the Richmond councillors is organised and chaired by the Richmond Community Forum. This meeting will also be an opportunity to meet your new Community Constable Glenn Lloyd-Jones. Take the time to come along and meet Glenn, and the Council team who are representing your interests.



Step your way to health Loan a pedometer from the Richmond Library for just \$2 and challenge yourself to increase your walking.

Visit the Richmond Library and sign up for **Step 2 Health**. You will need to bring your library card. If you are a Tasman District resident or a ratepayer, you can join the library for free.

Job Track makes a difference

For 17 years Richmond's Job Track has been helping young people make the transition from school to work. Job Track coordinator Pip Berkett has been the driving force behind the scheme since it started, and has been supported along the way by Tasman District Council, Waimea College and Work and Income New Zealand.

"Council has been there all the way through, helping us to grow and change to meet the needs of the young people that come through our doors," said Pip.

Job Track operates from a purpose built building on the Waimea College campus, but young people come from all over the country to work their way through its programme and hopefully out into a new job or training programme.

Young people are referred to Job Track by family, schools and youth organisations. The centre offers a five-day a week programme that involves three days on a work placement with an approved employer and two days at the centre. "We try and help them to up-skill, get their learner licence, write a CV and work on their confidence and social skills through role modelling, outdoor pursuits and challenges," said Pip.

She described Job Track as a "cushioning zone for young people while they prepare to take the next step".

"The centre offers an opportunity but the participants have to be prepared to make the effort, get over past mistakes and take responsibility for their own future. We are there to help them do that," said Pip.

Young people who have been helped include those who have lost their way at school, have had difficult family backgrounds, or were struggling with barriers to finding their place in the working world. Successful Job Track graduates are now running their own businesses, working as accountants, in engineering and the building trade, and



Pip Berkett and Shirley Jackson outside the Job Track centre.

many go on to trade apprenticeships. In part this is made possible by the local employers who are prepared to take young people on work placements and to give them their first real job experience. The Car Company, Westland Meats, Farmers and Denise's Hair Design are on Pip's list of local businesses that are always prepared to give a young person an opportunity to find their feet.

The time spent at Job Track varies. Some are with the programme for a few weeks, others take a little longer. Pip and her team, Steph Kristoffski and Shirley Jackson, are working hard, with the help of the Richmond community, to make sure that all the young people who come through their doors leave with a new set of skills and the confidence to approach the next stage of their lives.



Free buses during Ecofest weekend

To help people get into the spirit of Ecofest there will be free buses from Richmond and around Nelson on Ecofest weekend, 18 and 19 August 2007.

Buses will leave Richmond from the bus stop outside Retravision on Queen Street, and will be stopping at all bus stops on the way to the Trafalgar Centre and back, alternating via Tahunanui and Bishopdale.

Buses will leave Richmond every hour between 9.30am and 3.30pm. On return, buses will also run on the hour with the first leaving Ecofest at 10am. Bus timetables are available from the Council and libraries, and were delivered to homes with Newsline the Mag.

For more information please contact: Jo Reilly, Ecofest Event Manager 03 544 5056 Email, ecofest@xtra.co.nz

IN BRIEF:

District Health Board (DHB) nominations are due soon. Nominations of candidates for the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board Elections are due in before 12 noon on Friday 24 August 2007. Voting closes at noon on Saturday 13 October 2007. Seven Board member positions are available in the October election. The elected members will be supported by members appointed by the Minister of Health, to represent the whole of the district.

The mission of the board is to "work with the people of our community to promote, encourage and enable their health, well being and independence". The board is instrumental in provision of health services in the district and planning and funding of these services.

Candidate information packs are available from libraries throughout the district, at Council offices and through:

DHB Board Office, Braemar Campus, Waimea Rd, Nelson. Phone 03 546 1233

For more information visit the DHB website www.nmdhb.govt.nz/elections

Salisbury School - *making a difference in young lives*

At 3.30pm Salisbury Road is busy with students leaving school, parents picking up children and the general melee of life in a busy town. Turn down the driveway to Salisbury School and the pace slows. You feel you are entering a calm sanctuary from everyday life. Director Ritchie Telfer agrees that this is how it should be, that the 80 residential students at the school feel that Salisbury is their "special place".

Salisbury students, all girls, come from all over New Zealand. They are referred through the education system and entry criteria are focused on the child's age and level of learning disability and safety issues, making it unique in the country. It offers a safe, nurturing environment where students can learn through their individual education programme and work to enhance their personal, behavioural and social skills. The aim is to re-integrate students back into a school in their home community within two years, which is the maximum stay at the school. Entry is between Years Seven and Ten, and the school's students range in age from 11 to 18 years.

Life skills development is a strong focus within the school curriculum, and community involvement is a critical part of this programme.

The involvement of local netball and softball coaches and teams is critical in boosting the girls' confidence and participation, said Mr Telfer. Blue Chip Nelson Giants player Mika Vukona recently spent five weeks coaching the girls at the school with great results.

The school has a strong environmental stance, and has sent parties of students to help at the Blumine Island Restoration Project in the Marlborough Sounds, and the Mangarakau Swamp in Golden Bay.

Students visit Mangarakau twice a year to help with planting, weeding and seed collection, and have been growing their own plants from seed to help restore the swamp. Teacher aide Carolyn Shirtliff has encouraged the school's involvement at Magarakau after seeing a notice calling for volunteers. Jo-Ann Vaughan of the Friends of the Mangarakau Swamp said the students and their teachers had been doing a wonderful job at the swamp. She said she was looking forward to their next visit in October for spring planting.

Salisbury School has a unique place in Richmond and in the lives of the students who go through its door. Mr Telfer said the support of local groups was a cornerstone of the learning experience offered by the school. He said he looked forward to further opportunities to develop links between the school and the wider community.

Pictured from left: Chiricna Fa'aalitia, Ngahina Hancy and Selera Wiggins collecting mahoe seeds at the Mangarakau Swamp. The seeds are taken back to Salisbury school and propagated, with the next lot of seedlings due to be planted out in spring.



Richmond Library is starting a book group, to be held on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 3pm in the Activity Room. The group will be an opportunity to talk about books you have read and to hear what other people have been reading. You will also have a chance to see a selection of new titles the library has purchased. Contact Debbie at the library for more information. The planned meeting days are: 19 September, 17 October, 21 November, 19 December 2007.

Richmond Library has a new customer services officer. Glennis Coote spent 10 years as the Golden Bay Librarian, before moving to the Marlborough Sounds in 2001 for a lifestyle change. Glennis has been called in to help out at Richmond Library a number of times in the last few years, and recently moved back to Nelson to work as Customer Services Librarian on a permanent basis.



Richmond's air quality

Tasman District Council is still working to increase awareness of the air quality situation in Richmond.

Warmer temperatures early in the winter, plus rainfall and wind conditions, have contributed to some improvement in pollution levels but Council is committed to further improvements by introducing new regulations regarding the installation and use of solid fuel burners.

No new solid fuel burners, except pellet fires, and except where an existing burner has been replaced, will be permitted to be installed in Richmond. Use of burners that don't meet the clean air standards will be prohibited once a house has been sold.

Offensive or objectionable smoke emissions will not be permitted. Many firewood merchants have joined Council's Good Wood Scheme and these people have committed to providing customers with dry, seasoned firewood.

Council will have air quality information on display at Ecofest, which will be a great opportunity to find out how the regulation changes will affect you, and what you can do to reduce air pollution in Richmond.



Toy Library has many fans

Playing is crucial for young children, and for the recent National Toy Library Awareness Week, the aim was to encourage parents to borrow toys instead of buying them new. This way, children can try out a range of different toys each week without lots of money being spent.

Richmond Waimea Toy Library has been running since 1986, and from its current site next to the tennis courts on Gladstone Road, since 2000. Run by a committee of 10, the library currently has nearly 200 families on its books and is open three times a week. Library staff Rachel Phillips and Sue Beaton are regulars at the issuing desk, helped by other committee members and by duty members who help out two to three times a year.



Five month old Alfie Angelo has great fun at the Richmond Waimea Toy Library

For those who are not able to assist with duties, a non-duty membership is also available. "Our families come from all over the district," said Rachel Phillips, who usually staffs the library on a Saturday morning.

The library stocks a range of more than 1800 toys, including CDs and DVDs, bikes, climbing frames, slides, books, puzzles, and dress ups. The biggest users are families with preschool children. Local

woman Sarah Angelo has been using the library since her daughter Harriet was six months old, and now five-month old Alfie makes good use of the library as well.

"It's a great service, especially in winter when its too cold to be out doors," said Mrs Angelo.

Every year the Library holds its annual fundraising raffle just before Christmas, to provide money to maintain the toys and buy new ones, with other funding coming from grants and memberships. New members are always welcome, and the selection of toys on offer makes it a fantastic resource for young families and grandparents.

The Library is open Tuesday and Saturday 9.30 to 11am and Thursday evenings 6.30 to 8pm, behind the Badminton Hall on Gladstone Road.

The Friends of Tasman District Libraries are holding their AGM on Thursday 20 September 2007 at 6.30pm, at the District Library in Richmond. There will be a Pot Luck Tea. As it is New Zealand Book Month there will be a display of books by New Zealand authors.

Local Body Elections nominations close soon

If you would like to take up the challenge of representing your community by becoming a Tasman District Councillor, Mayor or Community Board Member (Golden Bay and Motueka only) it's time to get your nomination in. To stand for Council you must be registered on the electoral roll and be a New Zealand Citizen, either by birth or naturalisation.

You must be nominated by two people who live in the ward you wish to stand in, but you do not have to live in that ward yourself.

Candidate information packs are available from Council offices and can also be downloaded from the Council website: www.tasman.govt.nz.

Nominations will not be accepted after noon on Friday 24 August 2007.

Creativity unleashed



"Unleashed" creative art and design expo will be a chance to see and buy work by self-taught creative artists at the Richmond Town Hall, on Sunday the 26 August from 10am to 4pm.

Organiser Mary-Ann McNatty said this was the first time she had exhibited her work and that she wanted to give other self-

taught artists the chance to have their work on display. "I'm amazed at the response," said Mary-Ann, who now has 28 artists wanting to display their work. The event will also be supporting Dyslexia Foundation, which will have an information stand at the show.

As well as Mary-Ann's own digital art and drawings, a range of media will be on display, including paintings, designer clothing, cards, wall hangings, stained glass, mosaic, metalwork, cartoons, jewellery, sculpture, collage and photography.

Entry on the day will be free. For further information please call Mary-Ann on 027 415 4709.

Keep Richmond Beautiful held its AGM on Wednesday 8 August 2007 and officers elected were:

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| Chairman - Ray Henman | Vice Chairman - Colin Andrews |
| Secretary - Jenny Daniels | Treasurer - Cara Morel |
| Committee - David Burt | Mike Rodwell - Bill Strawbridge |

Councillor's Comment

The three-yearly elections for Council are upon us once more. Nominations for councillors and Mayor close on Friday 24 August 2007 at 12 noon sharp; postal voting papers will be sent out between 21 and 26 September 2007 and must be back in the Returning Officer's hand by Saturday 13 October 2007 at 12 noon sharp.

After 24 years service as an elected councillor in Richmond I have decided not to stand this year. When I first stood for the Richmond Borough Council (one of five predecessors to the Tasman District Council), Richmond township had a population of about 7000. Today the population is 12,000 and expands to 14,500 when you take in the total area of the Richmond Ward. Back then the Village Mall (now part of the Richmond Mall) was just being built (prior to that there was a large glasshouse and a few sheep grazing there), the already too small library was in Salisbury Road and the community was agitating for a swimming pool. Just like the cheese advert on TV, good things take time. Today we have a Mall, library and pool that we can be proud of.

There are other good things planned for our town such as the development of the town centre, improved traffic routes into the central business district and the upgrading of Paton Road. No doubt the new council will plan further good things.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a councillor and count it a privilege to represent the people of Richmond and Tasman. Thank you for your support and encouragement over the years.

Elaine Henry