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Richmond's Saturday Market has moved to Sundial Square.

## Sundial Square perfect location for Richmond's Saturday Market

The Richmond Market has taken on a whole new glow now that it has moved to Sundial Square.

The market was established two years ago and operated on Sunday mornings in the Cambridge Street carpark.

Co-organiser Jenny Bates said, when Sundial Square was completed they were keen to move the market there and to hold it on Saturdays instead.

After four weeks at Sundial Square she said the move had been a positive one with noticeably more people passing through the market.

The Richmond Market currently has 28 stalls and Jenny said the flavour they wanted the market to have was a farmers' market, with predominantly locally grown produce and locally made goods.

"We've got a good mix of products, including organic fruit and vegetables, flowers and cheeses," said Jenny.

She was quick to point out that the market isn't in competition with the Nelson market as many stallholders are unable to get into Nelson because of waiting lists. Some of the stallholders have been with the Richmond market since it started.

Jenny said having the market on Saturday was having a positive impact for other Richmond retailers as it was drawing more people into the area.

The market is held in all weather from 9.00 am - 12.30 pm. Stalls cost \$25.

For more information contact Jenny Bates, Ph 544 5200.

# Annual Market Day filling quickly

Final plans for Richmond's signature event of the summer season – the WHK Hintons Richmond Market Day – are under way.

Every year Queen Street is transformed into a bustling pedestrian market, filled with buskers, bands and thousands of happy holidaymakers, all eager to spend. This year the Market Day is on Tuesday 30 December 2008, when the main thoroughfare will be closed off to traffic between 7.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Organisers of the event say applications for stalls are coming in thick and fast.

Pam Williams from Richmond Unlimited and Tasman District Council Community Recreation Officer Paul McConachie say there are about 40 stall sites left, which won't take long to fill.

A 3 metre x 4 metre commercial site on Queen Street costs \$70. Retailers who are planning to have a table or trestle outside their shop are asked to let Pam know as it helps with traffic flow when planning the market's layout.

She said, as the event had grown substantially in size, Market Day could no longer rely on volunteers to run it.

"Over the last five years, it has become Richmond's signature event of the holiday season, and one of the largest market events held in the Nelson region. We now have professionals to put out the signs, and address safety issues.

"We also pay for advertising, insurance, entertainment and a team of workers on the day, which all add to the cost."

For an application form please phone Pam on 544 4898 or email [ru@tasman.net](mailto:ru@tasman.net).



Crowds flock to the annual Richmond Market Day.

## Rabbit Island beach art event

People of all ages and from all walks of life are invited to get their creative hats on for a free community art competition at Rabbit Island on Sunday 8 February 2009.

The beach-based event is aimed at families, community groups, businesses and individuals to come along and create a piece of art from natural materials found on the beach.

Organiser Lloyd Harwood, Community Arts Manager at Arts Council Nelson, said the emphasis was on participation and fun, rather than creative excellence, but that hopefully all three would be achieved. There will be several categories for entries, based on age and subject matter, and prizes awarded at the end of the day. Arts Council Nelson hopes people will come along and make a day of it, bringing picnics or having barbecues during the event.

"The concept is that creations must be made from only natural materials found on the beach and constructed within a set space parameter, and of course above the high tide line. Creations could take the form of 3D sculptures through to more textured or patterned works, and we would like there to be a 'sandcastle-type' section for those special younger artists," explained Lloyd.

Lloyd can be contacted on 03 548 4640 or email [artscouncilnelson@paradise.net.nz](mailto:artscouncilnelson@paradise.net.nz).

## Calling all parents

A Baby and Buggy group in Richmond, that supports parents to take exercise with their pre-school children, is on the hunt for more members.

The Monday morning group has been very popular in the past and the organiser would love to resurrect it and see more parents joining.

Mary-Ann McNatty, Centre Facility Manager at Tasman Recreational Resource Centre, said: "It would be really cool to see parents out walking and socialising together and get the group up and running again.

"Initially we would just ask anyone who's interested to give suggestions as to what kind of walking or socialising group they'd like – what they think would be a good idea for a regular get-together." Currently the time slot for the group is Mondays at 11.00 am.

For more information, contact Mary-Ann on 03 544 3955 or email [trrc@nel.sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:trrc@nel.sporttasman.org.nz).

## Richmond Pak'nSave Santa Parade

Join in the fun and celebrations of the festive season at the annual Richmond Santa Parade later this month.

The parade will wind its way around the town's streets on Saturday 29 November 2008 from 12.00 pm.

If you would like to participate, please contact Pam Williams at Richmond Unlimited on 544 4898.

# Getting fit in Richmond

If you want to get fitter, or start taking exercise and don't know where to start, head along to the Tasman Recreational Resource Centre.

A series of programmes is under way in the Cambridge Street facility to promote and encourage people into a more active lifestyle.

Centre Manager Mary-Ann McNatty said: "We want to put on programmes that can be accessed by people who maybe don't like going to the gym, or can't afford to go, but who want to get fitter." The new classes include:

- **Shape-Up**, run by Jackie Hardy every Friday between 10.45 am and 12.15 pm, is a circuit of exercises and equipment to improve strength, flexibility and balance. You can go along any time in the session to do a workout of approximately 30 minutes. Cost \$2.
- **Sit and Be Fit**, run by Leigh Dalzell, where participants do gentle exercise from a chair, is also on Fridays, at 10.30 am and costs \$2.

A walking group meets every Monday at 10.30 am and heads out for a walk in the Richmond area. Led by Jackie Hardy, the group has three different levels to cover all abilities and participants will either walk for 20 to 30 minutes or an hour depending on their fitness.



Participants enjoying a Sit and Be Fit class.

For further details on any of the Centre's programmes contact Mary-Ann on 03 544 3955, or email [trrc@nel.sporttasman.org.nz](mailto:trrc@nel.sporttasman.org.nz).

## Begonia shed fixed with local support

A local company has stepped in to help repair the begonia shed in Washbourn Gardens, which was the target of vandals in October.

The shed was broken into and the lights used to help grow the seedlings were stolen.

ITM Builders in Tahunanui donated materials to repair the shed roof and a working bee was held on 15 November to fix the roof.

The shed is used by the Begonia Trust, a group of over 30 interested begonia growers, to raise seedlings which are then moved to the begonia house once they're mature enough.

Peter Robinson, one of the trustees, told Hubbub: "We use the artificial lighting in the shed from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm, which makes it like daylight. The people who broke into the shed took the light and transformers."

ITM has donated Laserlite Plus flexi-panels to replace the old roof sheets, letting in more light and reducing the need for artificial lighting.

Mayor Richard Kempthorne praised the goodwill of ITM, adding: "The Begonia Trust is a great organisation and works very hard. It is a great asset to our community, as are the begonias, and it's marvellous that ITM has contributed the materials to repair the roof." The Begonia Trust raises hundreds of begonia plants every year for the enjoyment of those who visit the gardens and the begonia house. It was formed when a local begonia grower Ian Thorn died. Peter Robinson came up with the idea of asking local businesses to sponsor a begonia for \$15, raising money for the Nelson Hospice Trust in the process.

The Begonia Trust will be selling plants in Washbourn Gardens on Nelson Anniversary Day, Monday 2 February, 2009. Anyone interested in the Trust can contact Peter on 544 5820.

## House buying tips

Buying a home is one of the biggest decisions you'll ever make, yet many of us enter into it unprepared or unsure of what to do.

If you're thinking of taking the leap into home ownership, a couple of free workshops coming to Richmond could be right up your street. The Home Ownership Education Programme looks at topics such as budgeting and goal-setting, the home buying process and securing a home loan.

It will also:

- Explain the benefits, risks, costs and obligations of home ownership,
- Give some tools and advice to help you plan, and
- Point out some of the pitfalls and dismiss some common myths about home ownership.

The workshops are being held in Richmond on two consecutive evenings - Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 November 2008. For more information, call 03 546 8404, or email [admin1@bdc.net.nz](mailto:admin1@bdc.net.nz). You can also register at [www.newhomeowners.org.nz](http://www.newhomeowners.org.nz).

If you are thinking about buying a house in Richmond there are special rules about woodburners. Visit [www.tasman.govt.nz](http://www.tasman.govt.nz) for more information.

## Book review evening at library

If you're interested in hearing about the latest books to be published, then head along to the Book Review Evening at the Richmond Library in Queen Street on Thursday 4 December 2008 at 7.30 pm. Friends of the Tasman District Libraries have organised the event, which is free and open to anyone.

Librarians will be on hand to talk about new books, and those attending can then take them out without charge.

Plans are also being made to hold a book event at a vineyard in February 2009, with a celebrated author. Watch out for full details nearer the time.

# Councillor Comment – Gordon Currie

What a marvellous asset to the community Sundial Square is. I have received positive comments from people who live outside the district saying they wish their town had such an attractive central gathering place. Congratulations to everyone involved with the design and construction of the square and I look forward to the community events that will no doubt be held there in the future.



Cr Gordon Currie.

Work has now begun on the ring route development for Richmond. This work is essential for the smooth flow of traffic as our population increases. I believe the ring route will bring added vitality to our business community and while there will no doubt be some minor disruption during road works, the end result will be a positive one.

I am also looking forward to the possibility of development in Richmond West. Richmond needs space for business to expand and this will allow for plenty of growth in the future.

I am on the Saxton Field working group and am pleased to be able to report on good progress on the cricket pitch. This is regarded by the cricket community to be of international standard and if we can progress plans for a pavilion and player facilities there is every indication it will enable our region to hold top level games.

The various facilities at Saxton Field continue to attract national events and a bid is currently in to host the national Masters Hockey Tournament in 2010. If successful the event would bring 60 teams and about 2000 people to the district.

The international recession is no doubt putting a hold on some projects but we will be reviewing all projects in the Long Term Council Community Plan. I encourage everyone to let Council know what they want included in the 10 year plan. We need input from a wide range of people to make this process truly representative.

## Motorbike skills course

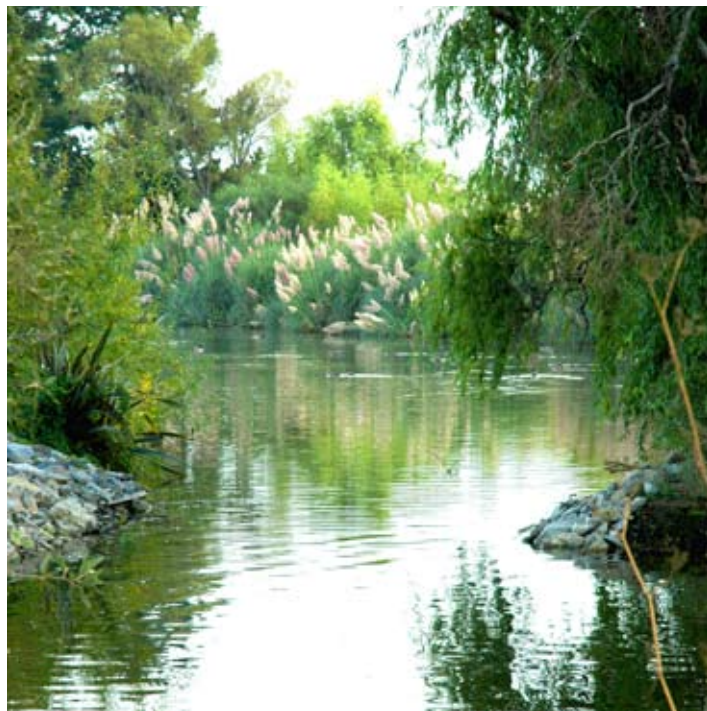
A couple of one-day courses to help motorbike riders either gain new skills, or brush up on old ones, are on this month.

The courses, on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 November 2008, are being held at ENZA on Nayland Road, where participants will be able to work on skills such as emergency braking, avoiding hazards and cornering. The tutors will be highly experienced and qualified bike instructors from Wellington.

The courses are open to anyone from 15-year-old scooter riders to bike enthusiasts with years of experience, and will be tailored to the needs of those who take part.

The only requirements are that you have your own bike and an appropriate licence for that bike. The course does not give you a licence at the end of it, organiser Krista Hobday stressed.

The course cost is \$50, or \$25 if you have student ID or a Community Services Card. To find out more, you can call Krista Hobday on 03 543 8551, or email [krista.hobday@tdc.govt.nz](mailto:krista.hobday@tdc.govt.nz).



Reservoir Creek.

## Keeping Richmond Beautiful

A programme of planting and upkeep during the winter months by dedicated volunteers and Council staff means Richmond's parks and reserves should be in good health for all to enjoy during the summer months.

Keep Richmond Beautiful volunteers have been working hard on a number of local projects that not only beautify Richmond's green spaces, but contribute to improving the environment.

KRB Chairman Colin Andrews said the extensive planting of trees, shrubs and grasses helped absorb carbon and combat global warming.

They are now on the hunt for more volunteers to join in with the work they carry out. "If you have a little time to spare and care for the appearance of our community (and to help with our carbon footprint), come and join us," said Mr Andrews.

KRB is a part of the nationwide Keep New Zealand Beautiful network, and works very closely with Council's Parks and Reserves team in looking after Richmond's green areas.

Some of the work they've carried out in 2008 includes:

- Alexandra Walkway – extensive weed killing, planting over 600 plants and shrubs, and barking at the College end.
- Dellside Reserve – planting more native species, weeding noxious plants and putting up "No Bikes" signs.
- Bill Wilkes Reserve – replanting on the new banks, repairing a damaged culvert and further mixed planting.
- Assisting the Council's Parks and Reserves team with their Rabbit Island beach erosion control scheme in the replanting of the beach front with grasses, as well as helping with the planning of two new sets of shade sails with picnic tables.

You can contact Mr Andrews on 544 6176 or Secretary, Jenny Daniels, on 544 6884.