

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2006!



City Mission Donations

This year, instead of sending corporate Christmas gifts, Quicksilver has donated to the Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch City Missions on behalf of our customers.

Thank you for your business in 2005.

Host your Domain Name and Win!

Register a new domain name and host it on any of our plans (excluding the freeparking plan) during January, and you'll go in the draw to win your domain registration FREE for 2 years, worth \$99.

Registering your own domain name gives you a personalised website address and email addresses eg. www.mybusiness.co.nz and bob@mybusiness.co.nz

It costs \$49.50 per year to register a domain name, plus your monthly hosting fees. Think of it like renting a car, and paying for the monthly parking space.

Our hosting plans start from just \$10 per month if you have Broadband or less if you have Neon dialup internet. A basic hosting plan comes with 10MB of webspace for you to put up a website, and 20 mailboxes, with unlimited email addresses assigned to those mailboxes.

Having your own registered domain name gives your business a professional touch.

If your business has a NZ focus, we recommend getting a domain name that ends in .co.nz, as your customers can then easily identify you as a NZ company.

If your customers are mainly international, then a domain name ending in .com may be more appropriate. Talk to our friendly hostmaster if you need advice.

To check if your choice of domain name is available, visit our website at www.quicksilver.co.nz, and use the 'domain name checker tool' on the right hand side.

Once you've found a domain that you'd like to register, simply follow the link to register it with us.

www.quicksilver.co.nz/products/standard-hosting.php

Digital Photos - How-to

With the festive season over, and school holidays stretching out ahead, it's a good time to start doing something with all those digital photos you've been taking.

The first thing you'll probably want to do with the digital snaps is email them to friends and family.

You'll need to upload them to your PC, follow the instructions on your camera to do so.

To attach a photo to an email in Outlook Express:

- create a new email as per normal, addressed to the person you're sending to
- type your message
- Click on the 'paperclip' button, and browse to where you saved the photo. Select the photo and click on "Attach".
- Once you've finished typing the message, click on send.



Hints:

- Email may be nice and fast for you if you have broadband, but spare a thought for others who may be on slower connections. A good guideline is that you shouldn't send anything larger than 500k in size without asking the person first. To check the size of a file, browse to the folder, find the file, right-click on it and click on 'Properties'. This should give you information on the file size.

- 800x600 at 72 dpi is a good resolution for sending by email. If the person at the other end might want to print the photo, then send at 300dpi. This will make the file size larger though.

An EASY way to resize, if you're using Windows XP, is to get the "Image Resizer" Powertoy (<http://tinyurl.com/2meyw>). Once installed, simply right-click on an image and select 'resize'. Your original will be left intact, and a new, smaller version will be created, ready for emailing or posting on your website.

Alternately, get a bit creative, and download the free Microsoft Photo Story 3 software, and create slideshows which can be emailed to friends & family, or burned to CD. <http://tinyurl.com/4f869>

There are 3 options for printing digital photos:

- email or upload them to a company such as www.tickle.co.nz, who will print them at a very reasonable cost and post them out to you.

- print them out on your home printer. This is best if you want a single image in a hurry, and you're not too concerned about high quality or durability, for example if you want to show someone at work a photo that was sent to you, or you want to pin up a copy on your pinboard.

- take them to somewhere that has a digital printing kiosk, such as Kodak shops. Here you can put your digital camera's memory card in the machine, select your size and either print, or enter your delivery details.

Useful websites

www.tickle.co.nz
www.frogprints.co.nz
www.fotopost.co.nz
HP Creative Projects:
<http://tinyurl.com/5wgct>
www.shadowilluminator.org
Free web album software
www.jalbum.de

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Auckland Tennis

In 1920 when Auckland Tennis was looking for a permanent base, the only available site was a tip in Stanley Street. Undeterred, the local clubs raised the then enormous sum of £1,800 to prepare the site and build new courts.

In 1956 Auckland hosted its first international tournament and has never looked back.

The ASB Bank Tennis Centre plays host this summer to the 10th Anniversary ASB Classic from Jan 2-7, and the Heineken Open from Jan 9th-14th. These events put Auckland City on the map as a tourist destination and serious participant in international sporting tournaments.

ASB Classic, 2-7 January 2006

Five top-50 ranked Russian players are confirmed for the 2006 ASB Classic. It is one of the best fields ever, with all 8 seeds inside the top 40 WTA rankings. Top seed for the ASB Classic will be Nadia Petrova at No 9 followed by Russian Elena Likhovtseva at No 17. Glamour girl Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia will be the third seed with a ranking of 19.

This is only the second time in the tournaments 21 year history that there have been 3 players in the top 20 and is a very appropriate way to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the ASB Classic.

Website: www.asbclassic.co.nz

Heineken Open, 9-14 January 2006

Five top-20 players are the names confirmed so far for January's Heineken Open featuring the Sovereign singles and doubles.

Defending champion Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, currently ranked at a career high No.13 in the world, David Ferrer, Robby Ginepri, Juan Carlos Ferrero, Dominik Hrbaty, Mark Philippoussis and Andy Murray are among the other confirmed players.

Website: www.heinekenopen.co.nz

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www.aucklandtennis.co.nz

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

YMCA Children's Programs & Camps

www.ymca.org.nz

Nelson City Council School Holiday Program

<http://tinyurl.com/46ysn>

Te Papa for Kids

<http://tinyurl.com/43rhh>

Wellington Activities

<http://tinyurl.com/6v9oo>

Auckland StarDome

<http://tinyurl.com/59jbz>

Auckland Zoo

www.aucklandzoo.co.nz

Motat

www.motat.org.nz

Auckland Museum Summer Season Program

www.aucklandmuseum.com/?t=769

Otago Museum Discovery World

<http://tinyurl.com/4ntgm>

Kelly Tarltons Holiday Program

<http://tinyurl.com/5yrja>

BBC Parenting Ideas - School Holidays

<http://tinyurl.com/4mwdn>

NZ Adventure Camp

<http://tinyurl.com/67kr2>

Science Alive Christchurch Program

<http://tinyurl.com/6dzdc>

Paradise Skating Holiday Program (Auckland)

<http://tinyurl.com/3uvbj>

Auckland Art Gallery Children's Activities

<http://tinyurl.com/5m5ge>

