

AMAZON TO EASTGATE

Christchurch Eastgate shopping centre manager Graeme Roberts says "Amazon is a fantastic result for Eastgate. We aim to provide stores that our shoppers want and our customer research shows there is a strong demand for stores of Amazon's calibre." Amazon currently has 20 stores New Zealand-wide and this will be their sixth store in Christchurch.



TOTEL BAGS IT

Total Ltd. has recently developed the 'grandtotal' reusable shopping bag. Designed and produced in New Zealand using the Plastics New Zealand Design for the environment Guidelines 2006, the grandtotal bag is 100% recyclable, and contains at least 10% recycled plastic. It can hold up to 10kg of produce and when past its best (totelled), total Ltd. is offering to collect the bags and return them to the manufacturer to be recycled again. With a recommended retail price of \$4.99, the bags are currently available at selected New World supermarkets, CommonSense Organics and Moore Wilson Fresh in the Wellington area. With New Zealanders using over 22 million plastic bags each week, this sounds like a great investment. For more information, contact Ali Middleton at: ali@total.co.nz.



BUSINESS ON-LINE

Busy New Zealand business people can now log onto a new website that seamlessly steers them to the right place for on-line information about running their business. Launched by Minister for Small Business Lianne Dalziel, it has been developed over the last two years with input from a range of Government and non-Government business experts, making it the ultimate New Zealand business resource. Check it out at: www.business.govt.nz.



LIVING NATURE

Living nature, one of New Zealand's pioneering natural skincare companies, is proud to announce an exciting partnership with Australian retail giant David Jones. Living Nature has been officially recognised as one of the world's purest natural skincare companies. "We are delighted to be involved with such an ethical and environmentally responsible line of products", said David Jones general manager of cosmetics, Brett Riddington. It is expected that all David Jones stores will have the full range in store by the end of October.



SIX BILLIONTH MAN

Kruckle Sandwich café in Takapuna recently made history by processing the six billionth payment transaction for New Zealand company Paymark. Simon Tong, chief executive officer at Paymark, says the milestone reflects the phenomenal volume of electronic payments taking place each day around the country. Paymark handles around three quarters of all eftpos payment transactions in New Zealand. "Nearly 90% of all Kiwis have a debit card and that puts us ahead of any other country in the world in terms of eftpos use," he said.



FLOORING FIRST

Glenn Richardson has been named the new general manager of Flooring First, the nationwide flooring division of the Auckland-based Composite Retail Group. Mr Richardson is an executive member of the national Flooring Association and has been involved in the flooring industry since 1981.