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YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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## Christmas Celebrations in Panmure

Christmas in Panmure kicked off in style this year with two fantastic community events!

The Twilight Tree Lighting was a heartwarming success, drawing nearly 300 people to celebrate the season together. Guests enjoyed Christmas tunes performed by the Ikuna Youth Brass Band, along with hot chocolate and juice to keep the night cozy. The highlight was the magical moment when the Panmure Christmas Tree lit up, marking the official start of the town's festive season.

Next came the Panmure Christmas Bash at Clifton Court and Panmure Library, attracting over 1,000 attendees. Families enjoyed balloon twisting, face painting, games, ice cream, and a sausage sizzle. The library featured the popular Christmas Tree Forest and photos with Santa.

The Christmas Tree Forest was a standout, with beautifully decorated trees from local businesses and groups. Congratulations to Active Institute for winning the community vote and a \$150 prize! Café with No Name and Peaches Hot Chicken took second

and third place. We appreciated all the community engagement with the Christmas Tree Forest. Our team was moved by the response from the families who received the beautiful trees. We are very thankful to the businesses and community groups that helped us to spread a little extra holiday cheer.

Thank you to everyone who participated, attended, and supported these events. Together, we made Christmas in Panmure a truly magical and memorable season!



## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



The Panmure Business Association will be taking a break from Friday, 20th December 2024, and reopening on Monday, 20th January 2025. During this time, our Security Liaison, Taniela Kaivelata, and two Summer Security Officers will continue to patrol the town centre, providing support to our business community.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Twilight Tree Lighting Event at the Stone Cottage Museum and the Panmure Christmas Bash! The Christmas Bash was a huge success, with nearly 700 sausages sizzling on the BBQ and plenty of ice creams from Mr. Whippy to keep everyone cool. It was fantastic to see so many

people enjoying the free activities and festive fun.

As we wrap up the year, we'd like to express our gratitude for your continued support of Panmure's businesses. Despite the challenges of 2024, your commitment to our local community has been invaluable.

We wish you all a happy, safe, and joyous festive season. See you in 2025 for another great year in Panmure!

*Elaine Soakai*  
Town Manager



Free Christmas hand-craft for kids

## SECURITY UPDATE



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We're thrilled to welcome our dedicated Summer Security Team to Panmure! Over the next few months, they'll be actively patrolling the town, visiting businesses, and engaging with the community. Their efforts to keep Panmure safe are already making a positive difference. Working alongside our security liaison, Taniella, the team is committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone. If you see them around, feel free to say hello and have a chat!

Let's work together to make this summer season a secure and welcoming one for all. In case of an emergency, always dial 111 and to report all incidents to Police via this number, or 105, before calling our office. This allows us to be more efficient in how we handle incident reports, as well as ensure that our Police are getting all the relevant information, to promptly respond to incidents that happen

within the town centre.

While our office is closed down, it is important that our business community ensure that they report any issues around the town centre to the necessary organizations so as to keep our town tidy, safe and respectable. Keep the numbers below handy over the summer break – and remember, most of these organisations offer online reporting via their website also:

Auckland Council: (09) 301 01 01

Illegal dumping: 0800 NO DUMP (663 867)

Roaming/aggressive dogs or dog attacks: 0800 462 685

Watercare: (09) 442 222 then press 1

Vector: 0508 832 867

Stay safe everyone and help us keep the town tidy over the summer holidays!

**Taniela Kaivelata**  
Security Liaison Officer



## Local Study Group Ends the Year Strong



The Panmure Business Association was proud to support the end-of-year party for the Sathya Sai Studycare program. This volunteer-led weekly education initiative assists children from Burmese (Myanmar) families who have resettled in Glen Innes.

Over the years, the program has helped hundreds of students catch up on and further their formal education. We

were delighted to contribute to such a meaningful cause and help bring some Christmas cheer to the celebration.

A big thank you to the volunteers and the team at Panmure Library, who work tirelessly to make these study sessions possible. It was heartwarming to support an event that brings joy and makes a real difference in the community.

## Christmas Competitions in Panmure

As part of our Christmas celebrations, we ran several fun competitions for kids and families to enjoy: the Panmure Scavenger Hunt, the Panmure Mascot Naming Contest, and the Panmure Festive Colouring Challenge. A huge thank you to everyone who participated! We loved seeing your creativity, hard work, and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all the winners!

### Panmure Mascot Naming Contest 2024

Congratulations to Reign Timewell for the winning entry: "Pie", short for Pied Shag, which perfectly suits our mascot. The name was a hit and is now the official mascot name! Reign wins a \$50 voucher to spend in town.

### Panmure Scavenger Hunt 2024

Each winner receives a \$20 voucher to spend in town:

- Nathan Pet Lester
- Thea Bardsley
- Russell Lester
- Aadi Sharma
- Patcharin Chaibao

### Panmure Festive Colouring Challenge 2024

- 1st Place: Rayne – wins a \$50 voucher to spend in town.
- 2nd Place: Cooper – wins a \$30 voucher to spend in town.
- 3rd Place: Marii – wins a \$20 voucher to spend in town.

Thank you again to everyone who joined the fun and helped make our Christmas competitions a success!



Rayne - 9 years old



Cooper - 8 years old



Marii - 11 years old



## Panmure's Basin Fun Day Postponed to 2026



**P**anmure's Basin Fun Day will take a break in 2025 and return in 2026. Due to disruptions from planned upgrades by Watercare and Eke Panuku Development Auckland, the event cannot be held in 2025. While this year's event did proceed, despite weather-related postponement, the closure of the Jubilee Bridge certainly impacted its delivery.

As the umbrella funder of the event, the PBA is disappointed that we won't be able to hold the event in 2025. However, our priority is to deliver a safe and enjoyable experience that fully celebrates the Basin's natural environment, free from disruptions and health and safety concerns.

## The Panmure Historic Hotel Has New Owners!

**N**ew owners have been found for the Panmure Historic Hotel, the second property recently offered for sale by the Mount Wellington Licensing Trust group.

Troy Elliott, President of Mount Wellington Licensing Trust says: "We are extremely pleased to have secured an agreement with LZ Holding that will see them continue to operate The Corner Bar for the foreseeable future, including maintaining the gaming operations which will enable the net gaming machine proceeds to continue to be donated to our community," says Mr Elliott.

Mount Wellington Trust Hotels has now found buyers for both of its properties

– The Waipuna Hotel & Conference Centre, and The Panmure Historic Hotel - with both achieving competitive sale prices. By selling and investing the proceeds, Mount Wellington Licensing Trust will be able to fulfil its purpose of community giving. For many years Mount Wellington Licensing Trust has struggled to return profits from its hospitality and accommodation operations to the community, with more than 92 per cent of community donations coming from gaming machine proceeds.

LZ Holding intends to bring in an independent hospitality operator to continue management of The Corner Bar. For further information visit [www.mwltfuture.nz](http://www.mwltfuture.nz)



## Auckland Alcohol Laws Are Changing



**F**rom 9th December, the maximum trading hours for new and existing alcohol licensed businesses will change. From this date:

- bottle shops and supermarkets across Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland will not be able to sell alcohol after 9pm;
- bars, restaurants and other on-licences permitted by the District Licensing Committee will be able to sell alcohol until no later than 3am outside of the central city, and 4am in the central city;

- sports clubs and RSAs permitted by the District Licensing Committee will be able to sell alcohol until 1am.

**T**he policy will not impact special licences for festivals and events. These will continue to be assessed by the District Licensing Committee.

This change has been nearly a decade in the making as a move to increase health, safety and wellbeing across the region by reducing alcohol harm, and the costs associated with them. You can find more information about this change on the Auckland Council website.