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YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Mokoia Art Gallery 25 Queens Road 021 022 16141 lornarikihana@gmail.com
Showing until Sunday 25 April 2022, Monday - Friday 10am-4pm

Mokoia Art Gallery Opens in Panmure

Panmure is so fortunate to have an incredible art exhibition on display for the next few weeks. Curated by Lorna Rikihana, this incredible collection is named Mokoia-Mauinaina Pā Exhibition.

Showcasing Ngāti Paoa international, national and emerging artists, there is a beautiful selection of pieces that Lorna describes as “commemorating our past whilst also celebrating our future”. Originally set to open in November to

coincide with the Mokoia-Mauinaina Pā site 200-year commemoration, COVID had other plans. But inspired by the archaeological relics discovered from the excavation of grounds during the construction of the AMETI Eastern Busway, Lorna realised there was a truly important need to showcase the finds. “I felt it was my duty and my honour to tell the stories from the past” she explained. “By mixing with new artists, with a comprehensive selection of

art forms, it’s an inspiring tale that honours our ancestors but also recognises today’s story tellers”.

All the artwork is beautifully displayed at the Mokoia Art Gallery with the opening night being 25th March 2022 at 6pm. Open until 25 April, Mon to Fri, 10am until 4pm. Whilst the gallery is open, please note that only vaccinated visitors will be permitted entry, with social distancing and mask wearing a must.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

You'll see from our cover story that there is an exciting new art exhibition arriving in our Town Centre. Panmure has had a long, colourful, and vibrant history as one of Tamaki Makaurau/Auckland's important locations for over 200 years, so I was delighted to be approached by Lorna Rikihana, of Ngati Paoa decent, with her idea of hosting an exhibition to commemorate Panmure's history. With support from Eke Panuku Development Auckland, a space has been created in a vacant premise at 25 Queens Road. Have a look, I am sure you'll enjoy it.

We have received such positive feedback about our Roller Door Mural Project that we recently put a 'call out' to local artists so we can continue with enlivening the many roller doors along Queens Road. I received ideas and designs from five local artists who are keen to be part of our ongoing project. It's very exciting to have some fresh ideas to work with, so my job over the next month or so is to apply for funding for our 'Art in Panmure' project.

It's pleasing to see the establishment of new businesses in our Town Centre at such a difficult and uncertain time with Omicron in our community. We are aware that there are some new businesses on the horizon and believe that our continued



promotion of Panmure's diverse food outlets to a wider public is paying off.

I'm sure by now you've had chance to visit the Whale Tail Sculpture in the centre of Town. If you haven't, have a look – it's outside 104 Queens Road until Easter. We have loved seeing many new faces visiting from all around Auckland, it's been a great way of bringing visitors to Town.

Chris Sutton
Town Manager



SECURITY UPDATE



You will have seen that Auckland-wide we have been experiencing a spate of ram raids to businesses, using a vehicle. Unfortunately, we have also experienced this phenomenon in Panmure. Bollards in front of doorways are a great deterrent and effective preventative measure. If you have padlocks on the exterior of your roller door or entrance, please make sure that they are extremely heavy duty and able to withstand a grinder and/or bolt cutters. In general, offenders are after a quick entry and these measures will definitely make someone think twice about targeting your property. It's very important that we all take responsibility for the safety and security of our own property. The CCTV coverage in our Town Centre has helped with the Police response in all of the incidents that Panmure has experienced lately.

Our town is currently having issues with a man who is unhoused; he is behaving aggressively, damaging property, stealing, and trespassing. Please let me know if you see anyone behaving in this manner so I can keep an eye on the situation.

Taniela Kaivelata
Security Liaison Officer



Upgrade your padlocks!

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Enjoy outdoor dining in Panmure

We have had fantastic feedback on the new seating areas outside 104 Queens Road. The Outdoor Dining Trial, organised and managed by Eke Panuku Development Auckland, is in response to requests from Panmure businesses for outdoor dining and general seating facilities in our Town Centre.

The second set of seating is currently outside The Cafe with no name and Ambula but will soon be relocated to be outside

Colombo Cafe, at the top of Basin View Lane. The seating areas are for everyone to enjoy - not just for diners, or for the businesses in the immediate vicinity, they are available to all in Panmure. The Trial will be during the summer months. If you have any feedback regarding the seating, please do not hesitate to contact the PBA staff, we will be forwarding all feedback on to Eke Panuku – your comments are an important part of the trial.



Seating area on a sunnier day!

Panmure's New Thai Takeaway opens

Hooray! Once again Panmure has an exciting new food offering – this time it's Thai Food, provided by Ketsuda (Kate) & Aoddy the friendly hosts at Chang Thai Café. Chef Aoddy has 30 years' experience; he has worked as Head Chef overseas and at a busy restaurant in Dominion Road.

It was while Aoddy did a stint of Uber driving that he noticed how friendly and kind his Panmure customers were. He felt that the Town Centre had improved greatly since the roadworks were finished, and there were many other great restaurants here. He realized that Panmure would be the perfect place to open his Thai restaurant. Renovations have

CHANG THAI CAFE

146 Queens Road
09 600 2082
11.30am - 8.30pm
Open 7 days a week
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been underway in the restaurant to build a children's area to keep them entertained while dining in, and fresh new signage has been ordered that has mouth-watering pictures of all the delicious meals on the menu. The café is open 11.30am to 8.30pm, 7 days a week and you can phone your order through so no waiting necessary. Dine-in is not yet open as they wait for Omicron numbers to stabilize – but it looks like you won't have to wait for long.

Food portions are huge and drinks are well priced, the team is very friendly - so we think you will be very happy after a meal here.



Same but different!



Spiceland Restaurant has turned into Spice Art Indian Takeaway! Serving the same great Indian cuisine, with the same great Chef in their kitchen, Panmure people can eat their fantastic food again. What a responsive transformation, given the current climate, it's a great business decision to move in this direction.

You'll find lunch specials, a kid friendly section on the menu, plus all their curries are served with rice, naan and a drink – all available for takeaway. Call your order in today and relish the taste of India!

Opening 11am – 2.30pm and 5pm until 10pm.

SPICE ART TAKEAWAY

48 QUEENS ROAD
09 965 5618
7 days 11am - 2:30pm, 5pm - 10pm

Safari Playgroup in the Community Hall

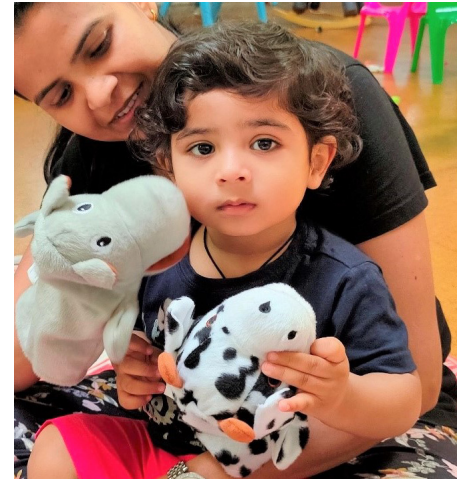
Safari East Multicultural Playgroup is a fun and open playgroup for any families with little kids. The playgroup is completely FREE and everyone is welcome, but they especially welcome families from refugee or migrant backgrounds.

The playgroup has a range of great play setups for kids aged 0-5 years. They do painting, water play, playdough, craft, active games and much more. There are two paid staff to help facilitate the play.

The playgroup runs a free English class for any parents who want to improve their English, there is also a van pickup service for families who need transport to the playgroup.

You'll find the playgroup open Tues-Wed-Thurs 9am-12.30pm during term time in the Panmure Community Hall, 7-13 Pilkington Rd, Panmure.

To arrange a visit, email safari@belong.org.nz or text 022 060 9026 or just pop in during a session!



Wise words from our local Fire Station

Hello from your local Fire Station. As we continue to enjoy the sunny weather please start planning for the winter ahead. Have your electric blankets checked by a registered electrician to ensure they are safe to use and have those chimneys and fireplaces cleaned ready for the first burn. If you have young ones, make sure you have a good fire guard around the fire, a guard is a must to prevent unwanted painful burns. Please remember the one metre heater rule - when using a heater leave at least a metre. Use this if you're drying clothes, nappies or placing anything near a heater or fire. Keep flammable materials at least one metre away from any heat sources.

Probably more than you realise, we go to fires caused by careless disposal

of hot ashes. Do not wrap up your fire ashes in newspaper like fish and chips and leave them on the deck or by the back door. The ashes remain active for several days and have been the cause of many property and wheelie bin fires days after being left. A suggestion would be to collect them in a noncombustible ie metal container, dampen them down and spread on the garden. This includes charcoal BBQ's as well.

You may have noticed the scaffolding and building works at the station, we are getting a new and improved roof which should take about another 2 months or so. Station is still operating as normal so don't worry! You can be assured that we will be open for business 24/7 365 days of the year should you need us.



Chasing a Plate



Sheena from Chasing a Plate

Who remembers the amazing videos from Chasing a Plate last year? Thomas and Sheena from Chasing a Plate create incredible food review videos, showcasing the very best food from all over the world. They have a vast knowledge of food and are very passionate about everything they do. They love their food!

The Panmure Business Association received such great feedback from the first series, that we decided to ask the duo back during the Whale Tail Art Trail and sent them to visit Nasi Kandar Pulau Pinang by Chef Joe straight away!

As the only restaurant in New Zealand to serve Nasi Kandar food from Malaysia, Thomas and Sheena were keen to try - visit this link to view the results!! www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOID6-v7t80



Joel & Alex from Nasi Kandar