

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Pictured at the opening of the new Anchorage Centre (from left): Archdeacon Michael Berry of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland; CEO of The Selwyn Foundation Denise Cosgrove; Auckland Deputy Mayor Desley Simpson; Panmure Business Association Town Manager Elaine Soakai; Auckland Councillor Josephine Bartley; The Selwyn Foundation Chair Hon David Cunliffe; and Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Member Nerissa Henry.

Anchorage Returns to Support Our Seniors

he bright blue building on 22 Lagoon Drive is now home to the Anchorage Mate Wareware Dementia Day Care Centre ('Anchorage'). It is a service that opened last month for local seniors provided by The Selwyn Foundation under contract to Te Whatu Ora (formally District Health Boards).

Anchorage offers a day program for people living in the community aged 65+, diagnosed with mild to moderate dementia. It is open Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm. Activities Coordinators and a Diversional Therapist deliver a program of cognitive stimulation, fitness, and balance exercises. Morning tea and lunch are also provided. How often clients attend in the week can depend on available spaces, cost to whānau, the individual's health status and dementia symptoms.

Accessing Anchorage requires a GP to diagnose dementia, then referring the person and their principal family/whānau carer for a needs assessment service coordination (NASC). The NASC Assessor assigns free home-based support, where

eligible, and discusses how to apply for subsidised assistance. Other benefits may also be available from Work and Income (WINZ) with the dementia diagnosis.

A WINZ assessment will determine if attending Anchorage will be free, have a part-charge, or be fully charged to the family/whānau.

dditionally, free support and information is provided by Dementia Auckland. Contact them on 0800 433 636 or at www.dementia.nz/auckland.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



s we settle into 2024, the PBA is looking forward to another busy year working to support our business community! Business members, please look out for a members' survey which will be distributed later in the year- we encourage you and your staff to complete it as your feedback is important.

The Panmure Fun Day returns Sunday 3rd March so mark your calendar! This year's event will look a little different with the Jubilee Bridge closed for renewal, but still promises to be a great day out for the

family. Find more information through our Facebook event page.

The PBA are currently scoping out Stage Two of our' Bring Business Back' initiative which aims to give the town a visible facelift. If any of our business members would like to take part in improving their premises through a building wash, or interested in taking down any defunct signage, please get in touch with our office.

The Panmure Community Network is back in action with its first meeting of

the year held at 12:30pm at the Dunkirk Activity Centre on Wednesday 13th March. The PBA will be in attendance to give a short presentation on our activities. This will be a great opportunity for our local organisations- including businesses- to get together face-to-face so we'd strongly encourage those available to come along. We hope to see you there!

Elaine Saakai Town Manager

SECURITY UPDATE



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ur 2024 security message to members and the wider community is to report, report, report! We ask that everyone do their bit to keep Panmure safe and tidy. While our office conducts daily reporting to Council and their affiliated branches, we ask that our members and the public remain vigilant and report any suspicious occurrences or activities to Police. Please note the contact information below for future reporting purposes:

Police: 111 for emergencies, 105 for non-urgent crime that has already happened (online: police.govt.nz/use-105#online-report-options)

Water leaks: Watercare on 09 442 2222 and press 1 (online: watercare.co.nz/Faults-outages/Report-a-fault)

Public property and space: Auckland Council on 09 301 0101 (online: aucklandcouncil.govt. nz/report-problem/Pages/report-a-problem. aspx)

Illegal dumping: 0800 NO DUMP/ 0800 663 867

Power outages: Vector on 0508 VECTOR/ 0508 832 867 (online: vector.co.nz/personal/ outages-faults)

Contacts to keep handy for our members can be found on the last page of your 2024 PBA Calendar- if you have not received a copy, please inform our office.

Taniela Kaivelata Security Liaison Officer

The Young Duo Redefining Laundry

LAUNDER LIMITED 1/100 Queens Road 022 393 0036 Mon-Sat 9am-4pm

here's an enthusiastic new pair in town. On the 18th of December, Launder opened its doors. Owned by brothers, Eli and Filoa McCarthy, the place has received a friendly welcome into the town center.

The young pair acquired Plaza Laundromat at 100 Queen's Road from its former owner last year.

"We gave a modest offer," they said. "But we showed him our plans and he believed in our vision for the place."

As people who are passionate about clothes, the brothers place a lot of value in taking proper care of them. They offer a thorough service that saves hours of time.

Going forward, Eli and Filoa plan to



incorporate their creative skillset in the way Launder is run. Eli has a background in film, and both have a deep interest in fashion. The creatives are revitalizing the space to create an atmosphere that is cool, fun and allows the community to connect. They aim to make laundry feel less like a chore and make it an experience instead.

Already overflowing with files of draft

designs, plans, concepts and schedules, the brothers are eager to bring their vision to life.

"Laundry doesn't have to be boring," the brothers say. "We want to change that perception."

Launder is a business to watch this year and we're excited to see them grow!

Lakdiv's New Location

LAKDIV 54 Queens Road 09 527 7782 Mon-Wed 9pm- 8pm, Thu-Sun 9pm - 9pm

akdiv moved into its new location at 54 Queen's Road on January 27th. Alongside the reopening, the business celebrated their 7th anniversary. The colorful decorations from opening day are still livening up the storefront as Lakdiv settles into its new home.

The secluded nature of Lakdiv's old location in Basin View Lane was what prompted its move to the main street. The business wanted a place less isolated and closer to the bustle of the town. A week in, is seeing the move



well-received. Existing customers have continued their support while new ones are discovering the store for the first time.

Though Lakdiv has traditionally offered Sri Lankan goods, their range is now expanding to include popular Indian items as well.

The Train is Back!

Our train station opened back up on January 15th and has already been getting a lot of use.

With the station's closure in March of last year, Panmure was a challenge to access for many – particularly with the intermittent road interruptions occurring alongside the closure.

Now that the Eastern Line is running again, our neighboring towns are only a few short stops away!

Businesses have noticed the increase in visitors along our main street, making Panmure a little livelier this summer.

New Program from TRC - OWN IT

WN IT is the shared home ownership programme supporting whānau to step into their place in Tāmaki. Delivered by Tāmaki Regeneration, OWN IT is connecting whānau with a Tāmaki connection with new homes across Glen Innes, Point England and Panmure.

From two-bedroom apartments to large standalone homes - there's a whare for every kind of whānau. Through the Co-OWN IT and Multi-Generational pathways, home ownership is possible for whānau with combined household incomes from \$85.000 - \$205,000.

When you take the steps to own a home through OWN IT, you're laying down your roots. So yourself, your whānau, and generations to follow will have their akaaka firmly planted in Tāmaki. Strong roots = stability, alignment, and resilience.

The stability, community, and pride that comes through home ownership can sometimes feel like a distant horizon, but the OWN IT programme will help you get there. Every journey to a distant horizon begins with a single step.

The first step is to register your interest online at tamakiregeneration.co.nz

You can also come along to the following

events and keep an eye out for the OWN IT team to learn more and register your interest.

- Pasifika Festival 9 & 10 March at Western Springs
- ASB Polyfest The Auckland Secondary Schools Māori & Pacific Islands Cultural Festival - 20-23 March 2024 at the Manukau Sports Bowl
- Night Markets Tuesdays in Mount
 Wellington and Saturdays in Pakuranga



FREE health checks



hat's great news! Offering free health checks to the community is a wonderful initiative by Oueens Road Medical Centre. It's essential for people to have access to basic health screenings like blood pressure and blood sugar tests. Providing these services can help detect potential health issues early on and encourage people to prioritize their health and well-being. The accessibility of these services on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm demonstrates the medical center's commitment to serving the community. It's commendable to see such proactive efforts towards promoting community health.

