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YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS 2023: A COMMUNITY GIFT FROM BUSINESSES

## 12 Days of Christmas Wrap Up

The PBA kicked off the festive season with our 12 Days of Christmas Celebrations! This ran from December 1st and involved a series of mini-activations set up around the town center. During this campaign, we ran three competitions: Coloring in the Library, A Puzzle Hunt, and a 'Find the Gingerbread Man' competition. Spot prizes were also awarded around the town center. This year, we had our most dazzling Christmas Tree Forest yet! 30 trees were set up in the Panmure Library, decorated by various

community groups and businesses, for the public to vote on. Thank you to all the groups who participated – the local families that received these trees were very impressed with how they turned out, and grateful for the extra festive cheer.

Santa also came to town – twice this year! His first visit came alongside the community activities set up at Clifton Court on Saturday 9th – people were welcome to take a photo with Santa then head across the road to partake in a free sausage sizzle, face painting, balloon

twisting, and Christmas Crafts. Mr. Whippy also was in attendance giving out free ice creams! Santa's second visit was alongside a Christmas story time in Panmure Library on Tuesday 12th.

The Ikuna Youth Brass Band also treated the mainstreet to a lovely hour of music, from outside the RSA. We wrapped up our campaign with new decorations in the town center (hint- look above the awnings), and if you haven't already- be sure to check out the giant Stone Cottage Museum Christmas Tree after dark!

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



**A**s we reflect on the 2023 year, the Panmure Business Association would like to say thank you to everyone for their support. Our business community has had a challenging year; continuing to navigate the impacts of COVID-19 on staffing and increased inflationary pressures, adverse weather conditions, transport infrastructure interruptions, as well as the momentary pause that can only come from an election year. I applaud our businesses for their part in persevering, re-thinking their business strategies for the times, and echo their sentiments of renewed focus for the

2024 year.

The PBA had some great successes this year. We were able to amend our Constitution, deliver more direct value to businesses through high-impact initiatives, complete our multi-year Under Veranda Lighting Project, as well as bolster our security network. We advocated to different levels of government our business community's interests, commemorated our town's 175th milestone, and delivered a community Christmas- which included Panmure's very own, Christmas Tree!

A massive thank you goes out to CLC, as

part of Tāmaki Regeneration Company (TRC), for their funding of Panmure's Christmas Tree. Located right next to the Panmure Stone Cottage Museum, this is a spectacular gift for the town and we are very grateful for all those involved to make this happen.

The PBA team will be back in action on Monday 22nd January, so until then, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Elaine Soakai*  
Town Manager

## SECURITY UPDATE



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**T**he Christmas season is often a joyful time, but it can also prove to be a high-stress environment with a heavy economic burden. These festive pressures can bleed into our business community, so our message to members is to be extra vigilant for scams- be careful of fake notes, texts from unknown numbers citing overdue fines, and invoice scams. For anyone making purchases off of Marketplace or similar sites, take care to verify the seller before any payments are made. Where possible, do not go alone if you are picking up your purchase- caution is always the safest route.

With the festive season now here, we would also like to kindly remind our members, and the public, that the Panmure Town Centre has

a 24/7 alcohol ban. Under this by-law, people are prohibited from carrying or drinking alcohol in public places within the town centre. This includes consuming alcohol in vehicles. It does not cover licensed premises, including any outdoor seating attached to licensed premises. If unsure, please consult the Auckland Council Alcohol Control Bylaw webpage online.

**L**astly, thank you for your part in keeping our town centre safe. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Taniela Kaivelata*  
Security Liaison Officer

## Eke Panuku Masterplan now out

**E**ke Panuku has an exciting plan for Panmure! This has been developed with stakeholders and the community over the last six years and sets out an agreed way forward for the next decade - to bring more life and energy to Panmure, so it continues to thrive and be vibrant.

Some of the work has already been completed, such as the upgrade of Clifton Court and the Panmure Skatepark in Lagoon Edge Reserve.

Many more exciting projects are planned. These will make the most of Panmure's excellent location, cultural diversity, history, natural features, and improving transport infrastructure.

There will be new homes, commercial premises, public spaces, amenities, and improved transport and community connections.



It's all about making Panmure an even better place to live, shop, work, play and do business.

View Eke Panuku's Masterplan on

their website: [www.ekepanuku.co.nz/neighbourhoods/panmure/#panmure-masterplan](http://www.ekepanuku.co.nz/neighbourhoods/panmure/#panmure-masterplan)

Credit: Eke Panuku Development Auckland

## Kung Fu BBQ and Hotpot

### **KUNG FU BBQ & HOTPOT**

**11 Pleasant View Road**

**027 933 5566**

**Tue-Fri 5pm- 10pm,**

**Sat-Sun 11:30am-2pm, 5 - 10pm**

**W**ith Christmas and New Year just around the corner, have you figured out where to go with your family or friends yet? If not, let us introduce Kung Fu BBQ & Hotpot Restaurant! They have opened its doors just in time to help you out. Located along Pleasant View Road, it is Panmure's latest eatery and a very welcome addition!

Kung Fu BBQ and Hotpot Restaurant is one of those very rare restaurants in Auckland- it's not just a buffet but can also fulfil your BBQ and hotpot cravings. The best part? This can be catered to at literally one table; where you can find a BBQ hot plate and a hotpot element. This is very handy- particularly for a big group to solve the problem of varying

appetites. From marinated meat to fresh seafood, there are over 60 options of food items to choose from, all at an astoundingly affordable price! Not feeling like BBQ and hotpot? Kung Fu also has an all-you-can-eat array of hot and cold dishes, desserts, and unlimited drinks to quench your thirst.

The private rooms in Kung Fu offer a cozy group gathering experience, and for those wanting a challenge, there are also two gaming rooms for Mahjong available. For those looking for a party venue, our latest eatery can also be booked as a party venue which can fit more than 30 people, and where guests can enjoy up to three hours free parking right next to the restaurant.

**A**s if this isn't enough incentive to give Kung Fu BBQ and Hotpot Restaurant a go, clip out this \$5 off coupon to use on your first visit. Treat yourself (and your friends and family) and pop in!



**\$5 off  
Coupon**

T & C applies

This coupon can only be used in a single transaction of \$40 or greater.

# Where have the bins gone?



Many of you will have noticed that our bins are gone in the Eastern part of town. They have been removed to be refurbished as part of Eke Panuku's Streetscape Refresh. Those with keen eyes will have noted that our western part of town has updated green and dark red seating and bins. This is part of the same outdoor furniture refresh initiative. The PBA has been assured that the seating and bins

will be back before Christmas. In response to the refurbishment timing, Auckland Council's street rubbish removal team have been highly active to mitigate the amount of litter visible throughout the day. We are aware that the removal of the bins and seating have been inconvenient and thank members and the public for their continued patience- it will be worth it to have an updated look in 2024!

# Panmure's Train Services Back in 2024!

Commuters, locals, and businesses rejoice! With Stage 2 of the Rail Network Rebuild completed, our currently closed stations on the Eastern Line- which includes the Panmure Train Station- will reopen and services resume on 15 January 2024. However, please

note that as the Waitemata Station will remain closed for CRL works until 21 January, Eastern Line services will run between Manukau and The Strand (near the bottom of Parnell Rise) for that week. From 22 January services will resume travelling to Waitemata.



# Christmas in Clifton Court: Free family activities for all!

