

PANMURE

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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A Fresh Start to the Year in Panmure

The year is off to a heartwarming start in Panmure, with our local businesses and community coming together in meaningful ways!

We kicked things off with the Valentine's Double Dare promotion from February 7–18, spreading love and positive energy around town. A huge thank you to Panmure Library and Foodies & Me Café for participating! The library hosted a Sweet Snapshots photo station, while Foodies & Me Café set up a Love Notes Wall, which quickly filled with heartfelt messages from

the community. The café was touched by the outpouring of kindness, reminding us of the strong sense of support and hard work that defines our town. It's inspiring to see how much love and generosity are flowing through the heart of Panmure. The competition was a fantastic way to connect, and we couldn't be prouder of the community's involvement. Winners of the competition will be announced on our socials next week—so stay tuned!

This spirit of generosity continues with The Café With No Name stepping up

as a drop-off point for the Love Grace Handbag Appeal, helping women affected by domestic abuse. If you have a handbag filled with essentials to donate, every contribution makes a difference.

Looking ahead, the RSA Community Market is happening on Saturday, March 1st. Taking place from 7 AM – 2 PM, bringing locals together once again. With new businesses arriving and our community rallying together, Panmure is starting the year strong!

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Firstly, a big thank you to our Summer Security Team for helping keep our business community safe over the holiday season! The PBA values your feedback on the effectiveness of the Summer Security Team—feedback forms are available on our website, and physical copies can be requested from our office at 16 Clifton Court. Business members should have received a physical copy of the survey; if you haven't, please let our office know, and we'll be happy to drop one off for you.

To kick off the year, we shared the love with our Valentine's Double Dare activation at Panmure Library and Foodies & Me Café. It was wonderful to see our community come together, sharing messages of appreciation and love for the town centre. Keep an eye out for more activations throughout the year—they're a great way to support local businesses and connect with our community!

Looking ahead, the first Power Hour and Security Chat of the year will be held on March 12th from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at The Café...with No Name (55 Queens

Rd). This is a fantastic opportunity for our members to connect, discuss key business concerns, and stay informed about developments in our community. Full details for the remaining 2025 sessions will be available on our website: www.popintopanmure.co.nz.

Lastly, the 2025 Love Grace Handbag Appeal is running until March 8th, and we invite everyone to take part. Donations of handbags filled with essential and useful items for women in need can be dropped off at our collection point at The Café...with No Name.



Donation ideas for the Love Grace Appeal

If you're looking for places in town to find these essentials, consider one of our local pharmacies, our op shops (which

sometimes have wonderful pre-loved items), or even a shampoo or pampering item from a local salon to add a special touch.

This annual appeal, created in memory of Grace Millane, was established by her family to honour her love of handbags while supporting the cause to end violence against women. More information, including a list of recommended items to donate, can be found at facebook.com/lovegracenz.

Thank you for being part of our caring and connected community!

Elaine Soakai
Town Manager

SECURITY UPDATE



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We hope the Summer Security Team provided the town centre and our businesses with additional peace of mind over the holidays. Our patrollers Ahasi and Viliami enjoyed getting to know our business community and we hope that we can invite them back again soon! While the security space in the town centre was quiet over the holidays, there was a spate of vehicular break-ins surrounding the business district in the lead up to Christmas, with gifts unfortunately being stolen. With the daylight staying longer, the PBA would like to kindly remind everyone to stay vigilant regarding their personal belongings. Specifically, please do not leave valuables unattended and in plain sight in your vehicles while you are shopping or doing business within our town centre. Also, always be sure to check that you have locked your vehicle before leaving. Report any break-ins to the

Police and notify our office- we might be able to provide useful footage.

Taniela Kaivelata
Security Liaison Officer



Resilience of Panmure’s Local Businesses

Last year, Golden Apple, Kings Cuts Barber Shop, and Maurice J Burney received the unexpected news that they would need to relocate for the Town Square Project, giving them just three months to make the move. Understandably, this news caused concern, as these businesses have long been pillars of the community.

Instead of leaving, these businesses have shown remarkable resilience. We are excited to announce that all three have found new homes within Panmure.

Golden Apple’s New Location

Golden Apple, the beloved sewing and alterations shop, has relocated to 100 Queen’s Road, just across from their original spot. They’re still offering the same excellent service, making it easy to support them in their new home.

Kings Cuts Barber Shop and Maurice J Burney New Homes

Kings Cuts Barber Shop has moved to 61 Queen’s Road, and Maurice J Burney is now located at 2 Kings Road, near the Panmure Stone Cottage Museum. Both businesses remain committed to serving the community, continuing their legacy in the heart of Panmure.



A Friendly Reminder: Donate the Right Way

Our local Salvation Army Op Shop has recently experienced an increase in after-hours donations left outside their store, often in piles at the front or back. While this is done with the best intentions, we kindly ask that you donate responsibly and apply this consideration to Dove Hospice Shop and the Red Cross Shops as well.

Before dropping off any second-hand items, please check with the store during opening hours to ensure they can accept your donation. While our op shops are always grateful for community support, items must meet certain conditions to be

sold, and storage space can be limited.

Leaving donations outside creates extra work for staff and volunteers and, unfortunately, can leave well-meaning donors at risk of illegal dumping charges. No one wants to see community members face penalties for trying to help!

So, if you have quality items to donate, please visit the stores during their open hours and speak with the staff first. This way, your contributions can be received with care and put to the best possible use—helping those in need while keeping our town tidy and welcoming.



Sighted: New mural brightening up the town centre!



Locals will have noticed that there is a new mural brightening up the 78 Queens Rd alleyway. Named He Atua, this beautiful masterpiece was created by local artist Cyxe and captures the story of Papatūānuku and Ranginui. For those unfamiliar, this is the story of the first Atua who were separated by their children and has many connections to many stories. This is the Pakiwaitara (legend) on the story of creation in te ao Māori.

Pilkington Road EV chargers removed from Panmure carpark

From January 22nd 2025, Auckland Transport (AT) will be removing EV chargers from carparks around the city, including Panmure’s very own Pilkington Road/Pleasant View Road car park.

A statement from AT cites that while “these chargers played a valuable role in the early days of EV adoption, their usage has declined over time and technology has developed significantly” as the cause for their removal.

In 2015-2016, EV chargers were installed at 11 AT car parks as part of a trial to evaluate and compare different models of delivering EV charging service to support the uptake of electric vehicle use. Last year, 2 of these original charging sites were removed.



For those that might be worried about a shortage of EV chargers, be sure to check out alternative charging facilities available

across the city on AT’s Journey Planner under EV chargers for Auckland.

From Charging Stations to Electric Buses



While Auckland Transport is phasing out the EV chargers at Pilkington Road, Panmure still has a proud place in the history of electric transport innovation.

In January 2023, Panmure became home to New Zealand’s first fully electric bus depot, paving the way for a more sustainable public transport system. The depot was designed to charge 35 electric buses overnight, ensuring they were ready to hit the roads each morning.

As technology and infrastructure evolve, the way we support electric transport is changing. While the removal of older EV chargers reflects a shift in how Aucklanders charge their vehicles, the presence of electric buses in our town highlights our ongoing role in sustainable transport initiatives.

Panmure continues to be part of Auckland’s journey toward a greener future—whether through past charging trials or leading the charge (literally!)