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YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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SOUL SWEET 19 QUEENS ROAD TUE-THU 11AM-9:30PM FRI-SAT 11AM-11PM SUN 11AM-10PM

Panmure's Bubble Waffle and Tea Haven

Soul Sweet, the first dessert and bubble tea shop in Panmure, is the creation of Tim and Jack. Their journey began with a memorable trip to China, where they discovered the beloved Hong Kong street food: bubble egg waffles. Captivated by these crispy, airy treats, they returned home with a passion to recreate them. After much experimentation, they perfected their own recipe, leading to the opening of Soul Sweet. At Soul Sweet, bubble egg waffles are the highlight. These waffles are delightfully

crispy and not overly sweet, making them a perfect match for a scoop of ice cream. The menu offers classic flavors like Original and Chocolate, as well as unique options such as Matcha and Choco Peanut. Popular choices include the Nutella and Banana Waffle and the Cookies & Cream Waffle, each served with creamy ice cream for an indulgent treat. The shop also features ten ice cream flavors, including Peanut Butter and Salted Caramel, catering to a variety of tastes. For drinks, their Dirty Milk Tea with brown

sugar pearls is a must-try, delivering a rich and satisfying flavor that complements the desserts perfectly. Tim, a former Panmure resident, saw the lack of dessert options in the area and recognized an opportunity to enrich the local food scene. Soul Sweet not only fills this gap but also adds a vibrant, flavorful touch to the community. With its innovative offerings and welcoming atmosphere, we are sure Soul Sweet will quickly become a cherished destination for those seeking a sweet escape.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Panmure's first gaming activation, Panmure Battlefest was a hit!

Attendees were thrilled to engage in intense duels and showcase their skills in both our Mortal Kombat 11 and FIFA 23 tournaments. Players had the opportunity to test new strategies, compete against others, and connect with like-minded gaming enthusiasts. It was fantastic to see both participants and spectators forge new friendships, trade gaming tips and connect with Panmure in a way they hadn't before. With this activation being so successful, we've already been asked about the next one- watch this space!

Calling all art lovers- we have a new exhibit on display this month at The Studio Gallery, 8 Clifton Court. Be sure to check it out as the pieces on display are from a private collection, with some even for sale for some lucky buyer to take home.

For those interested in showcasing their musical talents, the youth-led Rise Group are holding auditions for their upcoming YouthFest. For those interested, make sure to have a look at their website www.tamakiconnect.com.

Lastly, the Panmure Business Association would like to give our members Notice of our 2024 Annual General Meeting. This will be held at the Auckland Montessori



College, 18 Pilkington Road on Monday 7th October. Doors will open at 5:30pm with light refreshments and snacks, with a 6pm start. Members are welcome to RSVP via email to manager@panmure.net.nz for catering purposes. Documents for the evening will be available online on our website (popintopanmure.co.nz) from Monday 16th September. For members with a strategic minded approach- make sure to get yourself a nomination form online from our website, or in person at our office, to join our Executive Committee.



SECURITY UPDATE



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Help us keep our town centre tidy! In the last month, we have seen an increase in tagging within and around the town centre. Please make sure to report any tagging online using Auckland Council's 'Report a Problem' page or notify our office at 09 527 6389. We take the image of our town seriously- and so should you. The same message applies to illegal dumping. If you see what you suspect is illegal dumping on public property, make sure to contact 0800 NO DUMP (0800 663 867). Alternatively, you can let our office know- it is always best if you can let us know the location, approximate amount and provide a photo if possible. If you suspect any vehicles involved or other identifying details of the alleged illegal dumpers, please also let us know these details.

A kind reminder to our businesses and members of the public- please do not feed

the birds. Feeding birds in public spaces like our town centre might seem harmless or even beneficial, but it can lead to several significant issues such as littering, which can attract other wildlife such as rodents, and lead to waste accumulation. Feeding birds can lead to aggressive behaviour, as they may become territorial or competitive over food sources- not to mention human food can lead to health problems for the birds. A tidy town has a positive impact on foot traffic and thereby, economic success of our town centre. Let's all work together to keep Panmure looking tidy and safe.

Taniela Kaivelata
Security Liaison Officer

SPOTLIGHT ON PANMURE

New Ownership at Kalye Manila!

KALYE MANILA

68 Queens Road
09 217 3590
Mon, Wed-Fri 11am-8pm
Sat-Sun 11am-9pm

Kalye Manila has a new, friendly face in charge: Sarah Peco. Just two months ago, Sarah took over the restaurant, a decision she describes as a bit unexpected but exciting. Humbly, Sarah told us that even though her parents have been involved in business, she's never pictured herself as a businesswoman. However, when she learned that Kalye Manila was for sale, her family supported her in taking on the challenge of ownership.

Sarah has been busy during her first months and has been learning a lot. Her dream is to transform Kalye Manila into a place where it not only serves delicious food but also offers meaningful job opportunities and lifts the community up.



With a background in healthcare, Sarah's focus on caring for people is at the heart of her approach.

Family is important to Sarah's vision; many of the restaurant's staff are family or close friends. They share a commitment to quality and service, aiming to make everyone feel welcome. Sarah has big plans, including renovations and a stronger presence on social media. You might have noticed Kalye Manila showcasing their amazing food and friendly staff on Instagram and Facebook lately.

Sarah is proud of Kalye Manila's authentic Filipino cuisine and says the menu continues to offer all the favorites. Food from the Philippines is diverse; each region has its own spin on traditional dishes, which is why she admires her chefs for their ability to make each dish feel like a taste of home, regardless of where you come from in the Philippines.

As a local returning to her roots, Sarah is excited to reconnect with the community. She warmly invites anyone who hasn't given the place a try yet to come in and experience the food for themselves.



Celebrate Art and Fashion With These New Exhibitions in Panmure

STUDIO GALLERY

8 Clifton Court
021 280 2136
studiogallery.co.nz

This month, both the Studio Gallery and The Good, The Bad Gallery in Panmure are unveiling exciting new exhibits!

At Studio Gallery, the "Global Art Fusion" exhibition is showcasing an impressive array of artwork from around the world, all sourced from a private collection. The pieces are both captivating and diverse, offering a glimpse into different cultures and perspectives. This exhibition is open to the public until October 30th, with free admission, so don't miss the chance to experience this global art celebration.

THE GOOD, THE BAD STUDIO

37 Queens Road
www.thegoodthebad.gallery
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Meanwhile, The Good the Bad Gallery is presenting a unique showcase of John Tanuvasa's work. Titled "The Journey So Far... Phew!", this exhibit runs until September 28th. Featuring some of John's boldest designs and previously unseen photographs, it offers a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at his creative process. For anyone with an interest in fashion and artistic innovation, this exhibit is a must-see!

Be sure to visit these galleries and experience the vibrant art on display before these fantastic exhibitions come to an end!



Sunny Valley @ Studio Gallery



Preview of John Tanuvasa's exhibition @ The Good, The Bad Gallery

Update on the Dynamic Lane on the Panmure Bridge to Pakuranga

In our last issue we reported that the Panmure Business Association had made efforts to communicate with Auckland Transport about safety concerns regarding the dynamic lane on the Panmure Bridge to Pakuranga. After a less than favourable response it seems that various members of the community have added their voices to this issue and applied more pressure on Auckland Council to do something about the dangerous layout along this bridge. Multiple locals who have used the bridge have reported that it is dangerous and fear that an accident is imminent if it is not made safe soon.

Since last month, more of the community has raised their concerns and a video of a near miss head on collision on that bridge surfaced on TikTok. Local Councillor, Josephine Bartley has also looked into the issue and shared on Facebook the statement that AT gave to her when she reported the issue.

As stated from Josephine Bartley’s account, the statement reads:



“Thank-you for bringing this to our attention. Currently the dynamic lanes are operating with gantries signs only as the LEDs have been switched off. This is how this dynamic lane operated historically. The inground LEDs were installed as an auxiliary safety feature to guide the vehicles.

After a review of the video, it is fortunate, this was not a head-on collision. It also indicates that even though the overhead gantries above the lane indicated a red cross, we need to build in other safety measures. AT has decided that the best value and quickest solution is to improve

the white line markings to give more direction to drivers. This will be carried out as the first phase of the solution. Other measures will take longer to plan.

We will update you with the timeframes for installation of the new line markings once we have discussed with our contractors and updated our elected members.”

A few days later, the video of the near head on collision was reported on by the NZ Herald. As AT works to solve the problem, we urge everyone travelling on the Panmure bridge to Pakuranga to remain vigilant and drive with caution.

Panmure Basin’s Long-Awaited Bridge Underway

The Jubilee Bridge has been sorely missed by the community since it closed in July 2023. Built in 1984 the 60-metre pedestrian bridge was closed due to safety issues. Repairs and efforts to prolong the life of the bridge were found to be no longer feasible or cost effective.

A replacement bridge, however, is

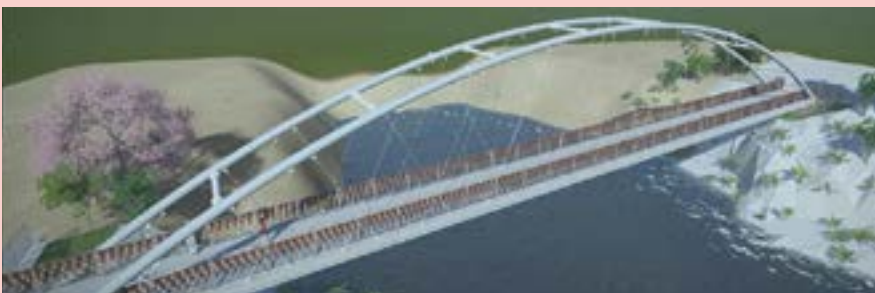
about to be installed. The new three-metre-wide steel arch bridge is already designed and has resource consent. Machinery and equipment have been moved in, and they’re getting started with clearing the vegetation around the site.

While construction is in progress, the Panmure Walkway will stay open for

most of the time, although there may be a couple of short closures (up to two days) when trucks and machinery need to move through.

Auckland Council has put a big focus on planting and restoration as part of this project. They’re working closely with mana whenua to create planting plans and are teaming up with local community groups to support their restoration efforts.

The new bridge is expected to be lifted onto the site by the end of December 2024. The old Jubilee Bridge will be taken down in January 2025. Panmure will be able to enter the new year with a bridge once again connecting Watene Road and Lagoon Drive.



Artist’s impression of the new three-metre-wide steel arch bridge crossing Panmure Basin, retrieved from Auckland Council Website