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Carrot Wealth - Growing Stronger

A familiar face in the Panmure business community has entered an exciting new chapter. Now operating as Carrot Wealth, the team at 23a Queens Road has refreshed its brand, expanded its services, and recently extended its office to 25 Queens Road – a clear sign of growth and commitment to the area.

Established in 2019, Carrot Wealth has supported more than 8,000 clients nationwide with practical, personalised financial advice. As a regulated firm, the company specialises in KiwiSaver and Life & Health insurance, helping everyday Kiwis

make informed decisions about important financial milestones.

The rebrand reflects more than just a new name. In recent years, Carrot Wealth has broadened its services, strengthened its advisory team, and enhanced client support systems. Their newly expanded premises in Panmure allow them to better serve both local residents and clients across the country.

Carrot Wealth stands out for its straightforward, no-pressure approach. Clients receive their own dedicated adviser – someone they can contact directly as

circumstances change, without navigating call centres or repeating their story. The firm provides complimentary KiwiSaver and insurance reviews, helping ensure clients are in the right fund, properly protected, and not paying more than necessary.

For many Kiwis, KiwiSaver is one of their largest lifetime assets, yet it's often left unchecked. Carrot Wealth's mission is to simplify decisions and support stronger long-term outcomes.

If you'd like to book your free review, either come into their office, email to support@carrot.co.nz or call Jordan on 0210574552.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Panmure welcomes a seasoned leader in community and economic development this month, as Amanda Wellgreen joins the team as our Town Manager.

Amanda brings over two decades of experience in high-stakes communication and stakeholder engagement to the role. Most recently, she served as General Manager for Business Onehunga, where she successfully spearheaded the strategic expansion of their Business Improvement District (BID). Her background is diverse, spanning internal communications for IBM New Zealand and community relations for the Department of Conservation and Waka Kotahi, where she was instrumental in building multi-stakeholder collaborative forums.

With a background in governance and Post-Graduate Diploma in Management Communication, Amanda's approach is rooted in evidence-based strategy and local advocacy.

For her first few months in Panmure, Amanda's priority is a period of "feet under



Our new Town Manager - Amanda Wellgreen

the table" immersion. This will involve a deep dive into current workstreams and extensive face-to-face time with local business owners and stakeholders. Her focus is on building a comprehensive understanding of Panmure's unique landscape before driving the next phase of the area's strategic initiatives.

If you see Amanda out and about in the town centre over the coming weeks, please feel free to say hello and share your perspective on the district.

Amanda Wellgreen
Town Manager

SECURITY UPDATE



Taniela Kaivelata - Security Liaison Officer

As many of you know, I've had the privilege of serving our business community as Security Liaison Officer for several years. In February 2026, I took the next step by establishing Tamaki East Community Security Ltd, a dedicated security provider focused solely on supporting businesses in our district.

Under our new contractor agreement with the Panmure Business Association (PBA), my team and I are now delivering comprehensive security services tailored specifically to the needs of our local business community.

Here's what this means for your business:

Visible foot patrols:

My team conducts regular, high-visibility patrols throughout the PBA area. Our presence helps deter anti-social behaviour while allowing us to engage respectfully with business owners, staff, and visitors.

Enhanced monitoring:

We provide dedicated CCTV monitoring and real-time alerting of serious incidents to ensure quick response and coordinated action

where needed.

After-hours support:

We offer specialised after-hours support, including non-urgent drive-throughs for approximately 30 local liquor outlets, dairies, takeaways, and restaurants.

Trespass management:

We manage the Trespass Notice register and immediately report any breaches to Police and the PBA to ensure consistent follow-up and accountability.

In our first month of operating under this new structure, we've already noticed a positive shift in local behaviour. I strongly believe this is due to the increased visibility of our foot patrols and the stronger relationships we continue to build with businesses.

I'm committed to maintaining this momentum and working alongside you to ensure Panmure remains a safe, welcoming destination for everyone.

Taniela Kaivelata
Security Liaison Officer

SPOTLIGHT ON PANMURE

Welcome Merchants Station to Panmure

MERCHANTS STATION

Inside Panmure Train Station

Mon - Fri 6am - 2pm

Sat - Sun 7am - 2pm

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There's a new reason to arrive a little earlier at Panmure Train Station.

Merchants Station is now open, bringing quality coffee and fresh bites to busy commuters on the go.

Karen and her husband Ivan began their hospitality journey 10 years ago, building a strong reputation through dedication and genuine community support. With two thriving branches in Glen Innes – **Merchants Express** and **Merchants Espresso & Eatery** – they have earned an incredibly loyal following. Around 80% of their customers are returning locals, a true testament to the quality of their coffee, food, and service.



Now, they're bringing that same trusted experience to Panmure. Whether you're hopping on a train or bus, you can grab your daily coffee, pop on a lid, and head off with ease. If you're after something refreshing, milkshakes, smoothies, matcha, and iced drinks are also available.

Freshly baked muffins, baps, and snacks are delivered daily from their kitchen, ensuring commuters have delicious options every morning. Alfie, your friendly daily barista, will be there to welcome you with a smile.

Be sure to stop by and support this growing local family business.



Community Heart at The Cafe with No Name



CAFE WITH NO NAME

55 Queens Road

Mon - Fri 7am - 3pm

Sat - Sun 8am - 1pm

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As the Love Grace Handbag Appeal NZ wraps up this week, we want to shine a light on one of our generous local hosts – The Cafe with No Name.

Once again, the café proudly stepped up as a drop-off point – just as they did last year – welcoming donations of beautiful handbags filled with essential items for women supported by Women's Refuge. In the lead-up to 8 March, the team created a warm and encouraging space for customers and locals to contribute, with handbags and thoughtful donations steadily flowing in.

While the appeal officially runs from Valentine's Day through to International

Women's Day, what stands out most is the ongoing generosity of our Panmure community. The Cafe with No Name continues to show that local businesses are about far more than great coffee – they are about connection, compassion and community leadership.

Panmure Business Association was also pleased to support the appeal by purchasing additional essentials from our local retail shops. We picked up items including shampoos, conditioners, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes – ensuring even more practical supplies will be included in the donated bags. It's a meaningful way to both contribute to the cause and support our local businesses at the same time.

A heartfelt thank you to the café team and to everyone who donated. Your kindness will provide practical support and a message of hope to women who need it most.

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Panmure Fairy Tale – Sharing the Love in Our Community



This Valentine's Day, Panmure Business Association invited the community to be part of a real-life Panmure Fairy Tale at Panmure Library.

Our "Share the Love" photo and message wall quickly became a colourful corner of connection. With a cosy backdrop, heart-shaped notes and an instant camera, locals were invited to capture a special moment or write a message of appreciation. Many loved the set-up so much they snapped selfies on their own phones too! In total, we received around 50 heartfelt entries. Five lucky winners were drawn on 18 February, each receiving a \$100 Panmure shopping voucher. Congratulations to our winners!

Across three lively lunchtime pop-up sessions, pairs of all kinds – couples, friends, siblings and parents with children – joined in our "Same Vibe Date?" game.

There were laughs, a few surprises, and plenty of "We chose the same one!" moments, along with lots of vouchers and rose gift packs happily given out. Players discovered just how alike they are – and where they might head next in Panmure.

Thank you, Panmure, for sharing the love and supporting local businesses. Our fairy tale was made magical because of you.



A Fresh Chapter for Lagoon Edge Reserve

We're delighted to share a community milestone: the newly upgraded Lagoon Edge Reserve has officially opened! A dawn karakia on 30 January marked the completion of the project, acknowledging the cultural and environmental significance of this special place. Delivered in partnership with Auckland Council, the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board and Ngāti Paoa, the upgrade includes new seating and picnic

tables, drinking fountains, public toilets, improved pathways, expanded green space, additional lighting, native planting and a new skatepark spectator area. Artistic elements reflect the rich heritage and strong connection to the lagoon and whenua.

On Saturday 21 February, the community came together to celebrate the official opening. It was fantastic to see so many people from our local community turn up to

enjoy the festivities. Families and friends made the most of the sunshine, with live music, skate demonstrations and activities creating a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere. The celebration was a wonderful reminder of how much this shared space means to Panmure.

The refreshed reserve is a great addition to our town centre – a place to gather, relax and connect.

