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YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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*Turning Panmure into an outdoor art gallery*

Artists L to R: J.Luo, J.Dempsey, M.Stapleton, L.Ikinepule, V.Kaivelata, V.Kaivelata, M.Stapleton, J.Dempsey, W.Rikihana + Te Rangi Kaihoro

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## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

It's great to get positive feedback about our Town Centre, from an unexpected source, like I did this weekend. My 'old' postie days (yes, I was once a walking postie back before children) friend Jenny was back in Auckland from her home in Perth, and had decided to join in on one of Mary Taylor's Eat Auckland food tours through Panmure.

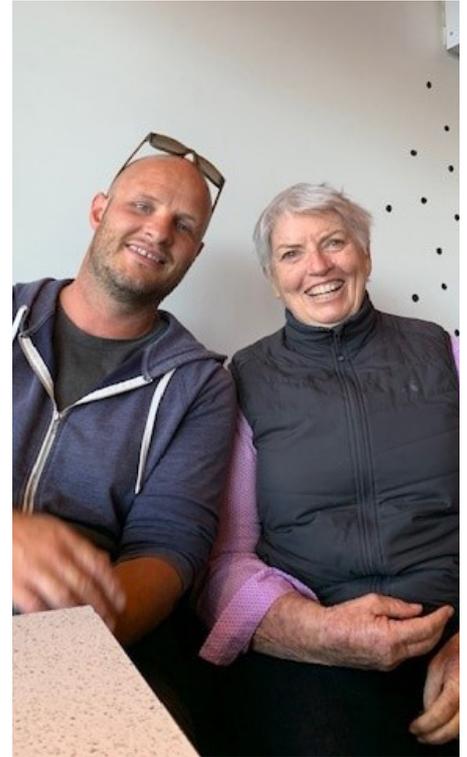
Jenny said the group were discussing the wonderful outdoor spaces created in Panmure, when Sam from Fresh Concept (the PBA activation and event contractor) overheard and joined in with the group: "We discussed how much you have achieved with Panmure. The roller doors are looking great as are the planting and public seating. I'm telling lots of people to go and experience Panmure. That satay (from Nasi Kandar) is the very best I've had. Smokey and good. I loved the salt lamp experience, (Salt City), and Govinda's food was divine. Mary is a wonderful advocate for you all."

It has been exciting to see the Roller Door project evolve, albeit more slowly than hoped, and our Business Association is happy to extend the project with the

involvement of local artists. We had hoped to purchase our WWF 2022 Whales Tale Art Trail sculpture, but the cost was more than the PBA Board had initially hoped it would cost, so have opted to use the money to further the Roller Door project.

Opening a small business during a pandemic is rough for anyone but COVID-19 has changed the way people do businesses and many businesses have thrived during the pandemic, by being "flexible" and able "to change direction at the drop of the hat". Owner of Spiceland, 50 Queens Rd, has been one of the businesses to have embraced the challenges of the pandemic and has sensibly worked on creating a shopping app for his customers to use to buy from his extensive range of goods. Contact the PBA if you wish to talk through ideas on how to change direction in challenging times.

*Chris Sutton*  
Town Manager



*Enjoying Peach's Hot Chicken is Jenny (right) with Sam (left) from Fresh Concept, who happened to be checking up on the outdoor dining tables and rubbish bins and overhead the tour group talking about the wonderful changes in Panmure.*

## SECURITY UPDATE



I am sure you are aware of the increasing number of ram raids and shop break ins that are featured in the news at the moment. Panmure has had its fair share – but this is a New Zealand wide phenomenon, not just our Town Centre. We acknowledge that this is very traumatic for the business owners, and fully support anyone who has been a victim to this type of crime. Panmure is a very strong community that always assists each other in tough times, and I am always working alongside NZ Police to ensure we do everything we can to prevent this type of crime. Having a CCTV camera network in our Town Centre means that I can quickly

and efficiently provide footage of any criminal activity to the Police for rapid results.

I would like to furthermore add that it's very important that members of the public report any crime they see in the Town Centre to the Police - such as car break ins - then let the PBA know, as we can then see if we have footage to assist the Police. Remember: dial 111 if crime is in progress, or 105 if crime has already happened.

**Taniela Kaivelata**  
Security Liaison Officer



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# From boring to beautiful - Panmure's outdoor art

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As the first stage of the Art in Panmure project reaches its conclusion, we felt it was good time to collate photos of the painted doors to showcase how beautiful they look!

Photographer John Dempsey has taken these awesome shots of the artwork – but he also gets extra recognition as a multi-talented artist, as he also designed two of the roller doors! All the artists, including the Prime Sign team that painted the doors, have told us how happy they are to see their work come to life in Panmure.

The artwork provides a consistent look and feel to Panmure, as well as encourage the public to enjoy a range of art in Panmure. The stunning designs highlight the diversity and creative talents within Tāmaki and Tāmaki Makaurau, and are works that are engaging, transformational and dynamic. The artists were given a selection of themes to work with, such as the history of the area, the local environment (nature, landmarks, resources, etc) or cultural diversity.

Early 2020 the PBA was offered a Development Response package from Auckland Transport to mitigate the effects of the AMETI Eastern Busway construction. The PBA Board members settled on a project which was to enliven as many roller doors as possible. By the end of 2021, the Auckland Transport's Development Response Package had benefitted our business community with artwork on 10 roller doors along the length of Queens Road, Panmure.

Furthermore, several designs have been added to other areas within Panmure, creating a welcoming and creative space for all to enjoy at any time. Iwi involvement has been paramount, to ensure collaboration with the community.

The doors were selected to encourage businesses to 'love their space' and to be the best business they can be. Feedback from these businesses shows they feel they are part of an attractive, appealing, and strong Town Centre business community. The public have commented positively and

love the warm and welcoming ambience the art is creating. Residents have been very encouraging as they like to see their Town Centre progressing in a positive way.

Recognition of each mural and artist is currently underway – to include mural plaques at each site and further information our website. Expanding potential sites to include back of signs, power boxes, and PBA meter boxes is also being considered.

The PBA see the potential to promote Panmure as a "street art" destination. We see an opportunity to turn the negative of pulled down roller doors into a positive for public perception; and promoting Panmure a place to visit.

We are now looking to partner with a funding provider who can assist the Panmure Business Association to realise our vision of a Town Centre that our local and wider community are proud of and feel safe in – and is a joy to look at.



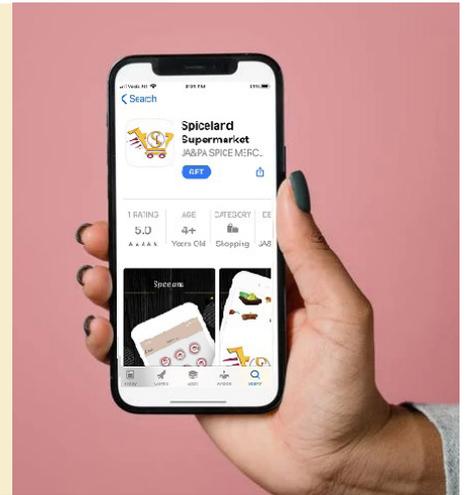
Te Rangī Kaihorō painting the Kōtuku



## Spiceland Shopping just got easier!

**S**piceland Supermarket have launched their shopping app! Available from the App Store and Google Play, the app lets you quickly and easily order all your favourite Spiceland products from your phone. Already reviewed with 5 stars, the app arranges all their products alphabetical, but has a handy search option to quickly find what you need. Once you've created

an account, it's very easy to add your favourite products to the basket. There's a chat facility too, so if you have any questions, it's straightforward to get in touch with the friendly staff in the store. Finally, there's a loyalty scheme so you earn points with every purchase, to give you future deals and discounts, which is never a bad thing!



**SEARCH FOR SPICELAND SUPERMARKET IN APP STORE**

## Aroha for the Library!

**T**he Panmure Community Library needs your aroha! It's been open fully since Orange Level of the Traffic light system, and the staff have been so happy to welcome the public back.

Although the Red Level setting kept everyone safe, it meant that there no events being held at the library. It's time to start visiting again, have a game

of table tennis, you can use the internet, find a corner to read a new book, do some research for a project, and.... if you have little kids, be ready for Wriggle and Rhyme to return starting on 4th May 2022 at 10.30am.

Show some love, use your Community Library – the staff will welcome you with a big smile (even if it's under a mask)!



Other events at the Panmure Community Library next week:

Storytime: Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 10.30am

Book sale: open every library Day, huge range on sale!

No vaccine passes required – but masks must be worn.

## Panmure Stone Cottage update

**W**e've had an update on the restoration of the Stone Cottage, which if you've driven past recently you'll have seen the plastic sheeting has been removed. We chatted with Catalina, who is part the team of contractors from Matassa, who carried out the work on behalf of the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board, and she updated us on the current situation. The roofing and windowsill work is now complete, which you can see from

the photo, looks incredible. They are finalizing the interior, with the final round of painting happening. Catarina said the entire team was excited to finish and restore the Cottage to it's former glory. It won't be long before it's open again, so watch this space! We are extending our thanks to the Panmure Historical Society for persevering with this vision for so long, and to the Local Board for supporting this important project.

