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CERAMIC KUMERA ON DISPLAY AT PANMURE TRAIN STATION. PHOTO CREDIT: MICHAEL MCCABE

Panmure's Twin Cultivation Art Installation

Panmure's Train Station recently saw a temporary art installation called Twin Cultivation which was kindly funded by Eke Panuku. It brought together ceramic artist Cindy Huang, designer Micheal McCabe, and producer Rosabel Tan. Presented as a miniature garden, the installation saw members of the public signing up for a 'harvesting' session. Two strangers entered the 'garden' together, and were invited to unearth a ceramic vegetable to gift to the other person

to take home. Cindy's work builds on interest in the relationships that Chinese migrant communities can and could have as tangata tiriti, and seek to collectively consider the histories of the land, the many people who share this city, and the possible futures created.

The title, Twin Cultivation, is a nod to the idea of companion planting: the idea that different plants grow stronger together than apart. Through each

harvesting session, the installation created unexpected collisions: conversations that might not have happened otherwise, the discovery of shared histories, and a variety of keepsakes across Tāmaki Makaurau.

In total, 120 hand-made works were gifted in Panmure. As part of the focus on art in Panmure, the PBA supported the event by providing vouchers for random participants, to ensure visitors returned to Panmure to shop and eat.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

It is very sad to write this last Town Manager report, but I am happy to leave this role in the capable hands of the PBA staff and Board, who will ensure life goes on until my replacement is announced. The hiring of a new Town Manager is well underway, carried out by the Chairperson of the Board.

It will be a transitional time for everyone, but rest assured any query can be dealt with via the normal channels, so please get in touch if you need our help! Taniela will continue to assist with any security issues, Danielle with accounting or financial help, Emma with marketing, promotions and events, and Katie can assist with any Chinese language situations that may arise. Elaine Sokai, our Chair can also help with any Board related issues.

I was asked the other day, what was my greatest achievement in my time as Town Manager, and my reply was hiring Taniela as our Security Officer. Since

the start of 2017, Taniela has worked on reducing anti-social behaviour within our Town Centre and dramatically improved relationships with the Police, Oranga Tamariki and other organisations. His help when collating CCTV footage of criminal incidents makes him very popular with the Police investigation teams. I am proud of the work he does, and the things he has achieved and I will definitely miss working with him each day.

In our last newsletter, you will have seen we were partnering with a company called Lazy Susan. They recently carried out a fantastic promotional campaign for some of the food businesses of Panmure. With a following of almost 29,000 food lovers on Facebook, the relationship with Lazy Susan was a no-brainer and we knew they would help spread the word of the fantastic dining options here in the Town Centre. The online marketing was shared far and wide with people that take their food options very seriously, so it was a successful campaign from our

perspective. I would like to thank the local Maungakiekie-Tamaki board for assisting in funding this project.

Bidding you all farewell and best wishes,

Chris Sutton
Town Manager



Chris celebrating with the best staff she's ever had - and thanks to Alex at Peach's for hosting!

SECURITY UPDATE



Recently Otahuhu Business Association hosted a meeting for several local business associations to discuss and share concerns of the various town centers regarding the recent spate of ram-raids, homelessness and other issues.

I discovered that we all share the same concerns. I was also delighted to learn that in Panmure we are well ahead of the game. We have worked very hard to build relationships in our community, with our businesses, our medical professionals, and the Police, to name a few. These connections have been evolving and cementing over many years.

We strive to enable our businesses to keep

themselves safe and secure, and we look at the root causes for homelessness and wayward youth. We are proactive and pride ourselves on helping with the solution, and not just being the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff.

We do things daily to remain on top of the issues and it is due to our long-term focus that we have things under control. I am confident that we will continue to solidify our relationships with the community and support groups and that other town centers will look at us as a successful working model to aspire to.

Taniela Kaivelata
Security Liaison Officer



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Looking good in Lakdiv



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of celebration as it was Sri Lanka's New year (known as Aluth Avurudda), so no better time to be out with the old and in with the new.

The charred wood fittings manage to look modern and traditional at the same time, and create a warm and welcome environment for their shoppers. Stocking a large range of authentic Sri Lankan food items, bakeware and tableware, Lakdiv is definitely worth a visit.

Back in April the team at Lakdiv decided to do a stunning new fit out of their supermarket and it looks amazing! It was also a time

National Volunteer Week 2022



Richelle, manager of the Red Cross Shop, celebrated with her volunteers with an afternoon tea to say thank you for all they do.

Sculpture Regeneration



You may have noticed that the street sculpture next to Pasefika Family Health Group had disappeared for a little while. It was taken away to have a facelift and is now proudly back in place. Sadly the elements had taken their toll on "Earth Sun", a sculpture by Caroline Robinson, which had been in place since 2007.

The sculpture was renovated this year,

funded by Auckland council, to ensure it can be enjoyed by the local community for many years to come.

It now stands proudly upright, no longer on a lean! It is freshly painted and repaired and looks fantastic. As the Panmure Business Association works towards having art in Panmure as a promotional feature, this regeneration is a great addition to that vision.

Last week was National Volunteer Week, such a great time to celebrate those who give their time for the good causes around our Town Centre. To all the fantastic volunteers who stack books at the Library, those who work at Panmure's Red Cross Shop, Dove Hospice Shop, Salvation Army Family Store, Citizens Advice Bureau, our JPs, the PBA Board, those who work at the Panmure Historical Society and Stone Cottage Museum; and all the people who do community work in their spare time - THANK YOU!

Spiceland does it again!

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Spiceland keep their eye on the business ball by constantly updating and refreshing their products, service, and now, their shop front! Almost overnight, they've transformed their bottle-neck shop access to an open and welcoming double width door.

Not ones to sit on their laurels, owner and manager Ruben sees the value of change for the business. Last month we highlighted their new online shopping app,



showing that even though they have many loyal customers, he is constantly wanting to attract new business. Go and have a

look at the new window, it's bright and airy inside... but do you really need an excuse for one of their delicious samosas?

Panmure's Swing Bridge Project



We have an update from the AT Construction Delivery Team on the Panmure Swing Bridge project. The aim of this project is to uncover and protect the section of the original Panmure bridge span built circa 1866 and enable the public to view the designated heritage site structure.

The proposed works include building a viewing platform above the swing span. Projecting over the Tamaki River will create a lovely attraction.

Following demolition of the marina building, there will be a conservation process to protect the historic elements. A steel structure will provide support for the bridge span and new viewing deck; timber piling will provide support for a new board walk being constructed to afford access to the bridge. Planting and landscaping will make the area a wonderful place to visit.

The proposed finishing date is mid-2023, so watch this space!

Eke Panuku celebrate Panmure



Photographer Julie Zhu visited 14 eateries asking the business owners what bought them to Panmure and their hopes for the future of the neighbourhood.

Keep an eye out over the next couple of weeks as the exhibition makes its way to Queens Road. A heartwarming snapshot of the people behind the food of Panmure - their faces, their lives, and their stories.

Over the coming months, Eke Panuku will meet more of the community to create a diverse picture of the people that make up Panmure.