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*Panmure Stone Cottage 1 Kings Road, Panmure*

## Stone Cottage to reopen with a fresh look

Locals and visitors to Panmure will be happy to hear that Panmure's Stone Cottage gardens are now open to the public after a comprehensive refurbishment project. The Cottage itself will be reopening to the public on 12th June at 11am, after final inspections are signed off by the Auckland Heritage team.

The Panmure Stone Cottage was built around 1848. It was relocated from Mt Wellington to its current site, at 1 Kings

Road, in 1969 and it's original restoration was completed in 1972.

The Panmure Historical Society has been lovingly maintaining and managing the Stone Cottage for many years. The President of the Society, Patrick O'Mera a well known local, and the entire committee, have worked very hard to get this project completed. Bill Over, a Historical Society committee member popped into the PBA's office last week and said "we're all very

excited to have the Stone Cottage open again shortly, we know it's a popular spot in Panmure. We are looking forward to overseas visitors too".

Whilst you're waiting for the Cottage to reopen on 12th June, enjoy the beautiful gardens which have been lovingly restored to former glory.

Stone Cottage, 1 Kings Road, Panmure.  
Open Sunday 12th June 11am - 3pm

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

In 1969, after carefully being dismantled, brick by brick, the Stone Cottage that was once situated near Panmure McDonald's on the Ellerslie Panmure Highway was rebuilt on the present site next to the Kings Rd car park. Over the years, maintenance had been done, but for the past few years, water and dampness were starting to destroy the collections housed in the Panmure Stone Cottage Museum.

The Panmure Historical Society, a group of volunteers who look after the Stone Cottage its historical contents and garden, fought long and hard to gain financial support from the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board and Auckland Council to have both the roof and window frames renewed, so this historic landmark for Panmure, can stand proud well into the future. It's great to see what a lovely job Matassa Property Services have made, and we are looking forward to the Cottage being open again to the public.

For Panmure history buffs, check out these

podcasts that were recorded in the 1980's by the then Mt Wellington Library staff.

<https://soundcloud.com/auckland-libraries/sets/panmure-stories>

I have resigned from my role as Town Manager that I have held for the past fifteen plus years. My daughter, Kate, works for the United Nations in Bangkok, Thailand, and now that Covid restrictions have been removed, she is obliged to return to her role in Bangkok. Kate has asked for me to support her with the move, giving me a wonderful opportunity to accompany her and my grandson in the early part of July.

I have been blessed to have had this job, I have loved coming to work each day to a role that fitted me like a glove. I have had the opportunity to meet some wonderful people over the years. I currently have wonderful staff who will keep things ticking along, whilst the PBA Board looks for a new candidate.

I am now looking forward to a life away from Panmure, and the time spent in

Thailand will no doubt assist with me separating from a Town that I have lived and breathed for over the past decade and a half.

*Chris Sutton*  
Town Manager



Stone Cottage - Before Restoration



Stone Cottage - After Restoration

## SECURITY UPDATE



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Recently we were asked by the police to supply CCTV footage of a vehicle of interest driving through Panmure in the early hours of the morning. Our footage was amongst other images shown on an episode of Ten 7 Aotearoa with the Police wanting information from the public to help with an investigation in Glen Innes. Our CCTV is a valuable tool in the fight against crime.

We have a couple of prolific graffiti vandals in Town at present. We report graffiti as soon as we see it and it is removed within a day or two. Please send us any pictures (with a location) of any graffiti you may see when you

come into work, so we can action its removal and make our Town something to be proud of.

I would like to remind our business owners to be aware of your customers and any suspicious behaviour. Wearing masks is now common practice with the Covid pandemic and some have taken this opportunity to cover their faces with a variety of clothing items to commit crime. They like to pick quiet times of the day. If you feel threatened by people hanging around your shop dressing and behaving suspiciously, please call the police on 111.



## Shanghai Alley serving up tasty snacks



Shanghai Alley, 139 Queens Road, 022 472 5598. Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 11am-6pm; Sun 11am-4pm

After several months of preparation, Shanghai Alley is finally opening its doors. With their traditional Shanghainese Street food, customers old and new are delighted to see the shop finally open. Mr and Mrs Chen, owners of Shanghai Alley, have been in the food industry for many years in New Zealand. Before that, Mrs Chen born and bred in Shanghai, worked as a chef in Five Star hotels for 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Chen have built up a large number of loyal customers from all over Auckland, so we are lucky they have finally opened their snack shop here in Panmure. Try their tasty treats, you'll thank us for the recommendation!



## New location for popular beauty business



Kosh Beauty and Fashion, a popular spot for pampering in Panmure has moved locations. But do not worry, they haven't gone too far. They are in a new shop at 81 Queens Road, at the lights at Pilkington Road junction. There's plenty of parking in the Library carpark or on Pleasant View Lane, so just as handy as before. Their new location is excellently placed to be highly visible to customers, regular or new alike.

Turuki Health Care will be expanding into the old Kosh site, as they need more space for all the wellbeing services they offer to the local and nearby communities – so it's a win-win for everyone. The construction of the Turuki expansion should be ready towards the end of 2022.

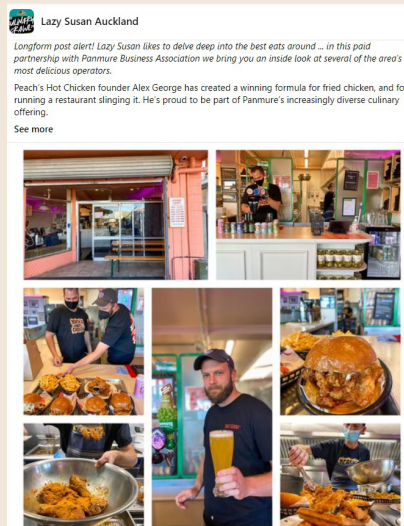
## A new partnership with Lazy Susan

We are so excited about our latest partnership with the team at Lazy Susan, a very popular all-things-food blog. Lazy Susan's owner Anna describes Lazy Susan as "a place to share genuine knowledge on what's great about eating out, and cooking in Auckland."

Working with Anna is a great opportunity for the food establishments in Panmure. She selects restaurants she thinks her readers will be interested in, and then writes a review to assist them with their next dining selection – so far she has written glowing reports on Nasi Kandar by Chef Joe and Peach's Hot Chicken – great choices! Check out Lazy Susan's website for more recommendations,

including chances to win Panmure Food Vouchers.

[www.lazysusan.nz](http://www.lazysusan.nz)



## EL Alteration in Clifton Court

You'll see friendly new faces at 6 Clifton Court – EL Alteration. The owners of the building decided they'd set up a pop-up alterations shop at their property. Rather than have another roller door down, they decided to bring a few smiles to the locals of Clifton Court by creating a warm welcoming atmosphere, somewhere you can have all your clothing and fabric item alterations

done - including buttonholes and covered seams. The pop-up is a great temporary solution whilst attracting new tenants, as they are keen to rent the property to anyone wanting a new business space.

### SHOP VACANCIES

6 Clifton Court and 8 Clifton Court are available for lease.

Call 021 681 668 for viewing.



EL Alterations pop-up store on Clifton Court



## Hit a Racquet in Panmure

The Panmure Squash and Rackets Club building, on Lagoon Drive in Panmure, has been part of the local community for over 50 years.

The Auckland Council-owned facility had in recent times suffered damage from storms and a leaky roof was causing further problems for the building as well as disrupting the leaseholder from providing the service to a standard they intended.

The building has now been renovated after Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board was advised by the council's facilities team that a renewal project was required, including the replacement of the roof and inner ceiling.

"Despite budget constraints, the board deemed the project a priority partly due to the long-term effects on the building and the level of facility use," explains Maria Meredith, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Chair.

"It is a much-loved sports facility and through the local board plan consultation our community clearly indicated their desire to see active sport facilities maintained for recreation and health purposes."

Asbestos was discovered in the ceiling of the lounge area as well as numerous other issues that had to be addressed as part of this vision to bring the building back up to the appropriate condition for lease.

The project took over six months to complete.

Find more information about the building and the Panmure Squash and Rackets Club at [panmuresquash.co.nz](http://panmuresquash.co.nz)

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