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YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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The image shows the storefront of Curvy Plus. The sign above the entrance reads 'Curvy Plus' in a cursive font, followed by 'CURVY PLUS' in large, bold, black letters. Below the sign is a decorative border of white leaves. The storefront is divided into three sections: a glass door on the left, a central window display, and a larger window on the right. The door is open, and a woman in a pink top and striped pants stands inside. The central window display features a white dress, a green dress, and a white handbag, with a 'Curvy Plus' logo and a 'KIWI' sign. The right window display features a white dress and a white handbag, with a 'CURVY PLUS PLUS SIZES' sign and a 'KIWI' sign. The bottom of the image contains contact information: 'CURVY PLUS 87 QUEENS ROAD 0224929487 Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm, Sat 10am - 5pm'.

Welcoming Curvy Plus to Panmure

We love having businesses choose Panmure to start their entrepreneurial journey, and we are especially excited to welcome Jennifer and Joy from the Curvy Plus fashion store.

After struggling with the after-effects of COVID, owner Jennifer decided on a new direction of running a business selling clothes for curvy customers. With a case of right place and right timing, she noticed 87 Queens Road was vacant and signed up the next day. Jennifer lives in Panmure, loves the area, and knew their stock would

be well received in the local community.

The shop is well organized by colour, as Jennifer and Joy have quickly learned from the local customers' shopping habits - some of them select particular colours because of cultural needs, some of them are attending parties with themes - so they've made it very easy for you to quickly make your selection! There are all sorts of styles available, from casual to party dresses, sizes starting at XL up to 6XL, which you won't be able to find in the malls.

There is a grand opening sale which finishes on 31st October, with 3 items for \$100 (while stocks last) plus they will be starting a loyalty scheme soon too, where the 10th item is free - so they clearly want to take care of their customers and keep them returning!

To top it off, they regularly donate stock to a charity called Care for Families, for them to re-sell to support their work (care4families.org) - so a real feel good factor too!

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of meetings! It's been great to meet so many of you as I've been out and about to assess the needs of our local businesses, and wider community.

Recently, some of the Eke Panuku team dropped in to discuss their Unlock Panmure project and give an update on some work that will be happening in the Clifton Court area (more on that later!). For those who are unfamiliar with Eke Panuku, they engage in placemaking and activating town centers. They were behind the Twin Cultivations art installation in the Panmure Train Station, and the Local Heroes Storyboards that graced Queens Rd earlier this year, which was a hit- not only with locals, but visitors to Panmure.

Coffee with a Cop last month saw members of the Community Police Team pop into Panmure over two morning sessions. They addressed the safety and security concerns posed to them by our local

business owners and community members, as well as sharing a few laughs. Please remember to stay vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour!

For our members, our Annual General Meeting this month provides a recap of the previous year's activities, a glimpse into projected plans, and a review of our strategic direction. It also presents an opportunity for our members to network outside of the usual, quick, "hellos" as we go about our day. In our current climate, it has never been more important for our members to communicate and engage each other to share information, connect and maintain our local business community ties.

Finally, October feels like that time in the year where we get a gentle reminder to take stock; of where we have been, where we are, as well as where we might go. As I continue to settle into my role, I would love to hear of any fond memories or stories you might have of Panmure and it's

businesses- especially if accompanied by old photos!

Elaine Soakai
Town Manager



SECURITY UPDATE



Ram raids are still in the news and unfortunately Panmure hasn't been immune. Please be aware of your surroundings and take note if any of your customers are displaying abnormal behaviour. Are they taking an extra interest in your shop interior or your shop frontage? Are they wearing a surgical mask and possibly gloves? If you are seriously concerned and think something seems out of the ordinary write down dates and times, report to the Police and then to me. At any time, it is good practice to ensure your valuable merchandise and cash are secured out of sight or taken home at night or

if you're closed for the weekend.

During your day-to-day business please keep yourself and your staff safe first and foremost. Do not take the law into your own hands and approach an alleged offender. Instead, take down details: an offender's description, their clothing, car make/model and car registration are all very helpful to Police.

Taniela Kaivelata
Security Liaison Officer

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Eco-friendly alternative



Back in August, Sharon and her team started storing up their special milk cartons to re-use them as their takeaway coffee trays. They were inspired by an article that reused milk cartons, which of course is very environmentally friendly! They collect the used cartons, and after cleaning and air drying them, cut them into shape for the takeaway coffee cups. Customers have loved the initiative, especially as their coffee cups are more stable and offer more insulation – no more burnt hands! Sharon is happy too – it saves the business money. The Café... with no name has always been eco-friendly, with coffee grounds being recycled by Fenchurch Community Garden, and coffee cups and food scraps collected by Green Gorilla. A big green thumbs up to Sharon and her team.

THE CAFE ... WITH NO NAME

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Pump Station Open Day

Do you know about the new wastewater pump station under construction on the corner of Dunkirk Road and Tangaroa Street?

Well, now is your chance to get behind the fence to learn more – and get answers – from those in the know at Watercare’s Dunkirk Wastewater Pump Station Open Day on Saturday, October 29, from 10am to 2pm.

At the open day, you will have the chance to learn about the \$49 million shovel-ready infrastructure programme Watercare and Kāinga Ora plan to deliver over the next eight years.

Aucklanders will get the chance to safely explore the site and learn more

about projects for Panmure.

You will also get the chance to learn about Watercare’s carbon reduction journey.

Watercare project manager Jason Salmon explained “To help achieve our ambitious target to reduce our carbon emissions in infrastructure by 2025, we’re working with local suppliers and construction partners like Fletchers and Fulton Hogan to achieve low carbon solutions, especially here in the heart of Panmure.”

Dunkirk Pump Station Open Day is on Saturday, October 29, from 10am to 2pm on the corner of Dunkirk Road, and Tangaroa St. Entry is free.



Preparation for Employment



Anna guiding her client to complete his CV

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Did you know that here in Panmure, The Active Institute conduct Employment Preparation training?

It’s a great way to get people who are over the age of 25, ready for employment with useful skills being taught such as CV preparation, upskilling techniques, interview skills and how to search for a job. These valuable skills are taught for FREE and cover Aged Care and Personal Services, Building and Construction, Hospitality, Security, Warehousing and Logistics services. They’ll even help you get your driver’s licence!

They’re a friendly team at Active, so feel free to walk in to their office and enrol, or you can be referred via WINZ.

You might know someone who would benefit from this training – spread the word!



Language classes are also available for all ages



Celebrating Maori Language Week

The Panmure Community Library had a vibrant joyful atmosphere earlier this month when nearly 200 people gathered to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori.

Panmure Bridge School put the words “kia kaha te reo māori” into action - their junior and senior Kapa Haka groups did their school proud with their confidence, talent and passion. The little ones were so cute! The Library gave their thanks to Anna, the Kapa Haka teacher & Richard, the School

Principal and to all the other staff for their fabulous work with these kids.

There’s always lots of great events at the Library, make sure you check out their Facebook events page: facebook.com/PanmureLibrary Coming up at the Library: Sunday 16th October at 1.30pm, celebrate Diwali with Bollywood & classical dance performances, henna designs, sari wrapping, Rangoli patterns and sweet sampling! Suitable for all ages, parental supervision required for young children.



Exciting upgrade for Panmure’s Clifton Court

Clifton Court is set to become an exciting new public space.

Eke Panuku is developing the site to create a flexible, open area and seating for social gatherings, recreation, small events, and outside learning – reflecting the Panmure community’s desire for Clifton Court to become a greener, more inviting space.

There will be beautiful native and exotic planting, new lighting to improve visibility for a safer environment, and a new children’s play space which will reflect a mana whenua narrative unique to Panmure.

There will also be bike parking to promote active transport and a welcoming connection to Clifton Court from Pilkington Road.

Construction work is scheduled to begin on October 3 and run until March 2023. The area being upgraded (the central public area of the Court) will be fenced off, but there will be continued access for businesses and residents. Traffic Management personnel will be on site to assist pedestrians and manage vehicle access to ensure public safety.

This is the first of many investments Eke Panuku will be making in the area

over the next decade as part of its Unlock Panmure programme, which aims to reinvigorate the town centre into becoming a great place to live, visit and do business.



ConneXion Annual Conference

Since moving into Panmure town centre in September 2021, the Wesleyan Methodist Church have been doing a lot of community outreach and getting to know the locals.

Their annual gathering, ConneXion is being held on 4-6 November. ConneXion 2022 will be held at Streams Community Church, 100 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland. There’ll be a welcoming atmosphere, a chance to connect to others plus a fun supervised childcare programme for kids under 13.

For more information go to <https://wesleyan.nz/newsevents-events-2/>