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YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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THE CITRUS BY AMBULA 48 QUEENS ROAD 022 625 6384 7 DAYS 12pm- 10pm

The Citrus is in Town!

The Citrus by Ambula had its grand opening last month and has already received a fair share of eager visitors.

Their previous establishment, Ambula has been a favourite for those seeking authentic Sri Lankan cuisine in Panmure. The business was started by Wickie Dharmaratne and has remained family owned.

The business has experienced a lot of growth over the seven years it has been running. Positive reviews and

recommendations via word of mouth saw the restaurant gradually outgrow its old location in our town center. Thus began the undertaking to move into a new building.

The change in location comes with a new name for the restaurant: The Citrus. The inside had been done up with new interior furnishings. This includes the soft, low hanging ceiling lights that create an alluring atmosphere for dining.

Even just two weeks after opening, manager Sri Rajapaksha reported that the

restaurant had seen a string of busy nights and many new faces.

With the re-opening, has come an expansion of the already wide menu. Along with the authentic Sri Lankan dishes, a variety of other western foods have been added - including salads. The restaurant has also added a kid friendly menu and a buffet option. This expansion in food offerings means that there is something to be found for everyone at The Citrus.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Panmure Business Association held its 71st Annual General Meeting on Monday 2nd October. It was a good event for our members in attendance to receive reports of the association's activities carried out in the past financial year, hear about the current trajectory of the association, as well as vote to approve the proposed budget for the 2024/2025 financial year. This year, members approved a 3% increase to the Business Improvement District targeted rate, in recognition of the difficulties faced by our business community, but also the need to keep up with inflation and rising cost of goods and services.

The election of the Executive Committee 2023/2024 also took place. Our committee must consist of between 5-11 members and this year, we had a number of members renew their commitment, while we also welcomed 3 new members. Keep an eye out for next month's issue where we will feature our Committee members.

2023 is an election year, so make sure you get out and vote! You can vote in our very own Panmure Library, so be sure to miss the queues and vote early before polls close on Election Day, October 14th.

Is it too early to be thinking about Christmas? We're excited to announce that we will be expanding our Christmas Tree Forest in the Library this year. If you're a local business owner, staff member, or PBA member who would like to decorate a Christmas tree for a local family in need of extra festive cheer this year, get in touch at info@panmure.net.nz. We provide the tree, lighting and a few decorations to get you started, but the aim is that you will also add some additional cheer- oh, and if your tree gets voted as the best tree, there is a cash prize involved. For reference, check out last year's winner- take a guess who they were!

Elaine Seakai
Town Manager



SECURITY UPDATE



The town has been quiet lately, but we are still seeing signs of tagging and illegal dumping. Several tags have been reported around town and our team is always keeping an eye out when we are out and about, not to mention our CCTV network coverage. There have been a few reports of burst pipe and water-related incidents around town recently, so please stay vigilant and remember you can always report issues

online using Auckland Council's reporting tool, or ring Watercare directly if you see any signs of water that doesn't look like it should be there. We can also report on your behalf, so any pictures or relevant information can be directly emailed to security@panmure.net.nz or by giving our office a call at 09 527 6389.

Taniela Kaivelata
Security Liaison Officer



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Panmure Hits The International Spotlight



featured in a Canadian based publication, Taste and Travel International! The range of cuisine in Panmure captured the attention of one of their writers, Susie Ellison. During her experience with Mary Taylor’s Eat Auckland Walking Food Tours, the tour group thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the range of food offered in our town. Chefs Najib (Professional Indian), Jason (Blossom Court), and our own “Master Baker, Ali” (Hesari Bakery) received special mentions for their enthusiasm in sharing

their creations. We are very proud to see our Panmure Businesses get well-deserved recognition as a mandatory stop for good food on the international scale.

For anyone interested in a guided exploration of Panmure’s food. Keep an eye out for Mary Taylor’s tours starting up again in November!

Our little corner of Auckland has made an appearance on the international stage! Congratulations to Kayle Manila Café, Pin Yue Shanghai Restaurant, Professional Indian Cuisine, Blossom Court Malaysian, Lakdiv Supermarket, Walawwa, Foodies and Me and Hesari Bakery. They have been



Cast Your Vote!

It’s General Election season once again. Due to the importance of this event, more efforts have been made in recent years to make sure voting is accessible and everyone can participate. Despite this, Elections NZ has reported that in the last three General Elections, approximately 21% of eligible voters opted to not participate in the voting process.

In the 2020 General Elections, Panmure was included as one of the regions that contributed significantly to this statistic. It is important that our community is properly represented in the decision making of our country. To aid with that process, we have provided the following information about voting locations in our community:

Election day falls on the 14th of October this year. However, you do not have to wait until then to cast your vote. Two early voting sites in our area include: The Mt

Wellington Bowling Club (3 Matapan Road), and Panmure Library (7-13 Pilkington Road).

Both locations opened for early voting from October 2nd and will remain available until October 13th. Voting times at Mt Wellington Bowling Club run from 10am – 3pm. Panmure Library’s voting times run from 10am-4pm.

On Election Day itself (October 14th), the following places will be set up for voting from 9am-7pm:

- Panmure Bridge Primary School (76 Kings Road, Panmure)
- Ruapotaka Primary School (10A Taratoa Street, Point England)
- Te Whare Rangimarie (7-13 Pilkington Road)

Of course, these are just a few locations, to find a wider list visit the Vote NZ website. Make sure to get out and cast your vote!



Panmure's Skatepark Upgrade:

Work on the skatepark has been completed and frequent visitors say it is looking good! As we have started to see more of the sun in recent weeks, the skatepark has proven a popular stop during trips to the basin. The school holidays in particular saw it get a large amount of use from school kids. It has also been drawing back some local skaters who say that the terrain is much more skateboard-friendly now. They also appreciated the added ramps and the view of the water in the background. If you have a skateboard, roller skates, or a scooter, be sure to make the trip down!



Events in October

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
 Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

BOSS'S DAY
 ELECTION MONTH
 FOOD DAY
 GRANDPARENTS DAY
 HALLOWEEN
 HAND WASHING DAY

HAWKES BAY ANNIVERSARY
 HEALTH LITERACY MONTH
 LABOUR DAY
 LOUD SHIRT DAY
 MARLBOROUGH
 ANNIVERSARY
 MENTAL HEALTH DAY

ROTORUA BIKE FESTIVAL
 SAVE KIWI MONTH
 SHAKE OUT
 WORLD TEACHERS DAY