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Warm Greetings from the Panmure Business Association

As we make our way through the winter season, you may have noticed a few changes here at the Panmure Business Association.

I'm Audrey Williams, your new Town Manager. I'm honoured to step into this role and excited to support and uplift our local business community. My mission is to help bring businesses and communities together—and to keep things moving forward with purpose and energy.

The purpose of the Panmure Business Association is to enhance the economic vitality and overall appeal of the Panmure business district. Through strategic support and innovation, we're committed to helping our local businesses thrive.

Our mission is to deliver value and empower businesses to positively

contribute to economic development, all while celebrating the strength and diversity of our multicultural business community.

In my first two months on the job, I've had the pleasure of meeting a number of business owners who've generously shared their insights, experiences, and local knowledge. I've especially enjoyed discovering the wide range of eateries and restaurants that showcase Panmure's incredible variety of flavours—something for every palate!

As a team, we're focused on working closely with all members of our Business Improvement District (BID). Our work is guided by four strategic pillars from the Panmure Business Association Strategic Plan 2025–2028: Engage – Attract – Empower – Advocate.

With the support of the Local Board, Auckland Council, iwi partnerships, and the wider community, we're confident we can raise Panmure's profile and create new opportunities for growth.

In the coming months, you'll see new developments as we strengthen networks, build partnerships, and explore new opportunities across both the retail and commercial sectors.

Please feel free to stop by, say hello, and have a chat—I'd love to meet you. I look forward to using my knowledge, skills, and passion to help continue building this great town.

Warm regards,
Audrey Williams
Town Manager
Panmure Business Association

Strengthening Community Safety Through Local Partnerships



In recent weeks, there has been a noticeable increase in security presence across the business community—a response driven by growing concerns for safety from local businesses. Listening to these concerns, we have worked proactively to enhance security around commercial areas and support safer business environments.

This initiative is part of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board’s Crime Prevention programme, which is proudly community-led.

Sergeant Shaun Warrin of NZ Police stated, “What our communities need are more Lopeti’s and Taniela’s,” highlighting the importance of community-based safety personnel who are trusted and known locally. These individuals have become a driving force behind efforts to build safer, more connected neighbourhoods across Maungakiekie-Tāmaki and the wider Auckland region.

This initiative also represents a collaborative approach, bringing together multiple stakeholders including the Glen Innes, and Onehunga Business Associations, the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), the Local Board, Auckland Council, and NZ Police.

A key component of this initiative is the

establishment of Tamaki East Community Security (TECS), a privately-owned security company. TECS addresses both safety concerns and local unemployment by recruiting young men from the community into paid security roles. Each recruit undergoes training in legal responsibilities and public engagement and holds a Certificate of Approval (CoA)—a mandatory qualification for all private security personnel.

Panmure has served as a primary training ground, where new security officers learn to manage local hotspots and support business owners. These young professionals work alongside Auckland Council Compliance Wardens and the Panmure Business Association, as well as collaborate with a security specialist who manages and shares CCTV footage with NZ Police or Insurance companies when required.

The community foot patrols have been met with strong support. Business owners have provided positive feedback, expressing appreciation for the initiative and the increased sense of safety it brings.

We remain committed to working together for better outcomes and safer communities across the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki area.

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That's a Wrap on Food Month!

June was Food Month in Panmure—our special time of year when local eateries shine and the community comes together to celebrate all the good food, we're lucky to have right here in town.

This year's Food Month was a hit! We brought back the much-loved Food Passport Competition and introduced something new—the Panmure Food Choice Awards, giving you the chance to vote for your favourites.

We handed out over 1,000 food passports throughout June, and we were blown away to receive 357 completed entries. That means 357 awesome people dined at least four times during the month to support our local spots—and that's not even counting all those who made one or two tasty stops along the way. Whether you filled your passport or just picked up one meal, it was amazing to see so much support.

Panmure isn't a town of big-name chains. We are a town of real people, real flavour, and real heart. This month reminded us just how special that is. The support you showed meant the world to our eateries,



who worked hard to bring you dishes full of care and culture.

We also had the joy of rewarding ten lucky winners with \$200 worth of vouchers to spend at local businesses. Big congratulations to:

- Anthony
- Chandula
- Sue
- Melanie
- Leo
- Heinz
- Juanita
- Rebecca
- Terence
- Danasha

From all of us at the Panmure Business Association, thank you for eating local, supporting local, and showing love to the people and places that help make Panmure such a great place to be. Until next year!

Our People Food Choice Award Winners 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who voted in our very first Panmure Food Choice Awards! We were stoked by how many people took the time to share their favourite local eats, rave about the service, and celebrate what makes dining in Panmure so special.

So without further ado, here are your winners:

Category 1:

"The One I Keep Coming Back To"

That place you crave when you're tired, hungry, or just need something that always hits the spot.

- 1st Place: Master Chinese Restaurant
- 2nd Place: Blossom Court
- 3rd Place: Wangsibili

Category 2:

"Best Customer Service"

The spot that made you feel extra welcome—whether it was a warm smile, helpful service, or just going that little bit

above and beyond.

- 1st Place: Master Chinese Restaurant
- 2nd Place: Wangsibili
- 3rd Place: Blossom Court

Category 3:

"Panmure's Plate of the Year"

The dish that stole your heart this year. A local favourite that you'd recommend in a heartbeat.

- 1st Place: Chicken and Waffles – Peach's Hot Chicken
- 2nd Place: BBQ Pork on Rice – Master Chinese Restaurant
- 3rd Place: Chef's Special Fried Rice – Walawwa

Congratulations to all the winners—and thank you again to the community for getting involved. We're proud to celebrate the eateries that bring heart, flavour, and friendly faces to our town.



Medol Supermarket Grand Opening with a Fresh New Look and Hot Deals



MEDOL SUPERMARKET

519 Ellerslie-Panmure Highway

09 527 0696

7 days 8:30am - 7pm

f /MedolSupermarket/

After a year of growing excitement, Medol Supermarket has officially opened its doors at 519 Ellerslie Panmure Highway on June 6th. Specialising in Asian groceries, the grand opening weekend saw a surge of eager shoppers drawn in by exciting discounts and a vibrant new shopping space.

Transforming what was once an older Asian supermarket, Medol underwent a complete revamp from the ground up. The result is a fresh, welcoming interior featuring bright tones, lush green plants, and stylish LED-lit walls—offering a breezy, holiday-like vibe for every visitor.

Designed for convenience and affordability, the supermarket layout is well thought out, with an impressive range of products at wallet-friendly prices. Shoppers can find everything from fresh, straight-from-the-farm produce to a fully stocked in-store butcher—making it a one-stop destination

for meat, vegetables, and more.

The frozen section is a delight for fans of hotpot and BBQ, with a rich selection of ready-to-cook items including dumplings perfect for cosy winter soups at home.

Whether you're stocking up on weekly essentials or looking for ingredients to create a special meal, Medol makes shopping both enjoyable and easy. Don't miss their weekly sales—follow them on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates and offers.



The Rare Barber: Where Passion Meets Precision

THE RARE BARBER

18 Queens Road

09 527 0071

Mon 10am-6pm, Tue-Wed 9am-7pm

Thu-Fri 9am-8pm, Fri 8am-5pm

<https://www.therarebarber-shop.co.nz/>

Panmure's grooming scene has a new standout – The Rare Barber, led by new owner Rahmat, a seasoned professional with over 15 years of experience in Malaysia's hair industry.

Rahmat began his career in a busy Malaysian salon before going on to open his own barbershop and launch a hairdressing school to train others in the craft. After relocating to New Zealand two years ago, he continued to grow his career at a salon in Mt Wellington, where he developed a strong and loyal client

base from the surrounding suburbs.

Now settled in Panmure, Rahmat has chosen the area as the perfect location to bring his long-term vision to life. With a vibrant mix of businesses, easy access to a well-known fitness centre and popular eateries, plenty of customer parking, and a warm community atmosphere, Panmure offers all the right elements for a thriving business hub. Its convenient location also makes it easily accessible from both East and Central Auckland.

The Rare Barber delivers more than just sharp cuts – it's a full grooming destination. Their Full Experience Packages offer top-to-toe care, with the Exclusive Package including a hair wash, haircut, beard shaping, facial cleanse, and waxing – all for just \$150.

For exceptional service and a premium grooming experience, The Rare Barber is ready to welcome you.



Elegance Beauty Salon Has a New Home



One of Panmure's long-time favourites, Elegance Beauty Salon, has a brand-new address! After 17 years of serving the community, they've packed up from their old spot and moved into a fresh, newly renovated space at 131 Queens Road.

The new salon is bigger, brighter, and better. It is the perfect space to pop in for some self-care. A lot of love and effort has gone into the fit-out, with freshly painted walls, thoughtful touches, and a bright interior that makes the space feel calm and inviting.

Elegance Beauty is now offering hairdressing services too! They've welcomed Vikas, a friendly new face in town with 15 years of experience in hair and grooming. Whether you're after a fresh cut, colour, or a tidy-up before a big event, Vikas has you covered, offering services for both men and women.

It's lovely to see one of Panmure's local gems growing and evolving, while still keeping that same down-to-earth, friendly feel that's made them a go-to for nearly two decades.

ELEGANCE BEAUTY SALON

131 Queens Road

09 527 0704

Mon-Wed 9:30am-5:30pm

Thu-Sat 9:30am-7:30

[f /Elegance Panmure/](https://www.facebook.com/ElegancePanmure/)

A Warm Welcome to Mr Banh Mi Café & Eatery

MR. BANH MI

121 Queen Road

09 527 0222

Mon-Sat 7am-3pm

Sun 8am-3pm

 [mr.banhmi_cafeeatery](https://www.instagram.com/mr.banhmi_cafeeatery)

You may have noticed a change in Queens Road—Foodies and Me has officially passed the torch.

From early July, the café has been taken over by Vincent Lim, a friendly and passionate new face in town. He's renamed the spot Mr Banh Mi Café & Eatery, and it's bringing something fresh and flavourful to the neighbourhood.

Vincent told us, that even though it's been just a month in, he's been genuinely touched by the kindness of Panmure locals. In just a few weeks, people have popped in to say hello, sample the new menu, and support him as he settles in.

The café offers a tasty mix of traditional Kiwi breakfasts and comforting Vietnamese dishes, inspired by Vincent's own heritage. He brings years of hospitality experience, and his two biggest passions: good food and good coffee.



In fact, one of the first things Vincent did was give the café's coffee a revamp, bringing it more in line with his vision. He's been thrilled by the positive response from regulars already noticing the difference.

Opening Mr Banh Mi has been a full family effort. In the weeks leading up to launch, Vincent and his whānau worked hard behind the scenes—repainting, upgrading equipment, installing new signage, and adding personal touches that make the space feel lived-in and loved.

Next time you're walking through town, be sure to pop in to say hi and try some of the revamped coffee.



The Corner Bar is Back!

THE CORNER BAR & EATERY

163 Queens Road

09 527 1722

7 days 10am - 10pm

 [TheCornerBarandEatery/](https://www.facebook.com/TheCornerBarandEatery/)

We're excited to welcome back The Corner Bar, now reopened and better than ever! Under the friendly new management of Joshua and his team, the bar is serving up hearty, affordable meals that are perfect for a casual lunch or dinner in town.

Locals can expect all the classic bar must-haves — pool tables, cold drinks, a spacious dining area, and of course, a TV to catch all the big games. But what's really winning hearts is their fabulous lunch menu, offering a delicious range of hot meals with a drink included — all for under \$20.

Whether you're stopping by for a quick bite, catching up with friends, or just soaking up the friendly vibes, The Corner Bar is once again a go-to spot in Panmure.

Pop in, say hello to Joshua, and help us support this great local business!

Support Dove – Donate Pre-Loved, Give New Life

Got some quality items you no longer need? Your gently used clothing, furniture, and household goods can make a big difference through Dove Hospice – supporting care and services in our community.

Here's how to donate:

Drop-Off Locations:

- 28 Lunn Ave, Mt Wellington
- 179 Apirana Ave, Glen Innes

Free Furniture Collection:

Have large items you'd like to donate? Dove makes it easy!

Call 09 527 5064 or email pickup@dovehospice.org.nz to schedule a pickup.

Dove Shops:

Smaller items can be dropped off any day of the week (excluding the Panmure location).

It's a simple way to declutter and do some good – thank you for helping support the work Dove does across our neighbourhoods.



Quality Donations Needed

Dove Hospice & Wellness 
supporting people with life threatening illness

Get Crafty with Tāmaki Zero Waste's Upcycling Workshop

Tāmaki Zero Waste Hub is running a fun and hands-on Upcycling and Chalk Painting Workshop this August – perfect for anyone keen to give old furniture a new lease on life.

Held across two Saturdays (9 & 16 August, 9am–1pm) at 153 Pilkington Road, Glen Innes, the workshop covers how to:

- Make and use chalk paint
- Create decorative effects with waxes and transfers
- Prep, paint, and upcycle your own small furniture piece

Bring your own bedside/side table, or

grab one on-site for just \$20.

There's free parking, and the venue is easy to reach via Panmure or Glen Innes train stations and bus 744. Just look for the big yellow building!

Spaces are limited – a great way to learn, create, and keep things out of landfill.





The New Panmure Basin Bridge is Here!

The Kōpua o Hiku officially opened on Saturday 19 July with a special dawn karakia from Ngāti Paoa, and it's already turning heads.

This beauty is three metres wide (that's triple the size of the old Jubilee Bridge), so now there's plenty of room for walkers, runners, cyclists, and everyone in between. It's smoother, sturdier, and makes that loop around the basin feel a whole lot more welcoming.

The bridge features stunning wind-powered art that shifts and shimmers in the light.

The soft, breath-like movements are a nod to the stories of Te Moko-ika-a-Hikuwaru and the Tainui Waka, bringing a real sense of history and meaning to the space.

People have already been heading down to check it out — and we can see why!

Here are some fun facts to impress your walking buddy:

- The bridge weighs 320 tonnes
- It's held up by two massive piles that go 27 metres deep
- It's the same length as the old Jubilee

Bridge — 60 metres long

- 380m² of fresh new pathway connects it all together
- And we've got 430 new plants bringing some lush greenery to the area

It's been a long wait since the old bridge closed in July 2023, and the town has been excited by the result.

So if you haven't been down yet, grab a coffee, round up a mate, and go see all the new design features for yourself!

