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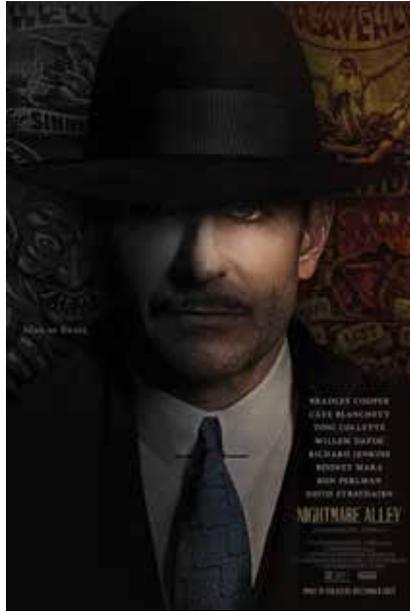


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A word from the Chair

2021 is nearly finished and Christmas is upon us!

Our business owners have done it tough this year, as have a good many of you, and we look forward to returning to some form of normality in the New Year. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for continuing to support our local businesses through a tough and challenging year.

As vaccination passports come into play and restrictions unfold, we urge you to keep safety as a priority – for yourself, your families and for our business owners too. Please continue to wear masks as you can; and stay at home if you have symptoms.

With safety in mind, we are moving as quickly as we can to bring CCTV and better street lighting to Avondale Town Centre and you will see these projects unfolding soon.

The Retail Association has recently launched a Shop Nice campaign, highlighting the unkind words often received from retail workers. As frustrating as shopping in this lockdown framework can be, please continue to shop nice. Our town centre businesses provide a valuable service to us all, and many of their owners and staff are also valuable members of our community.

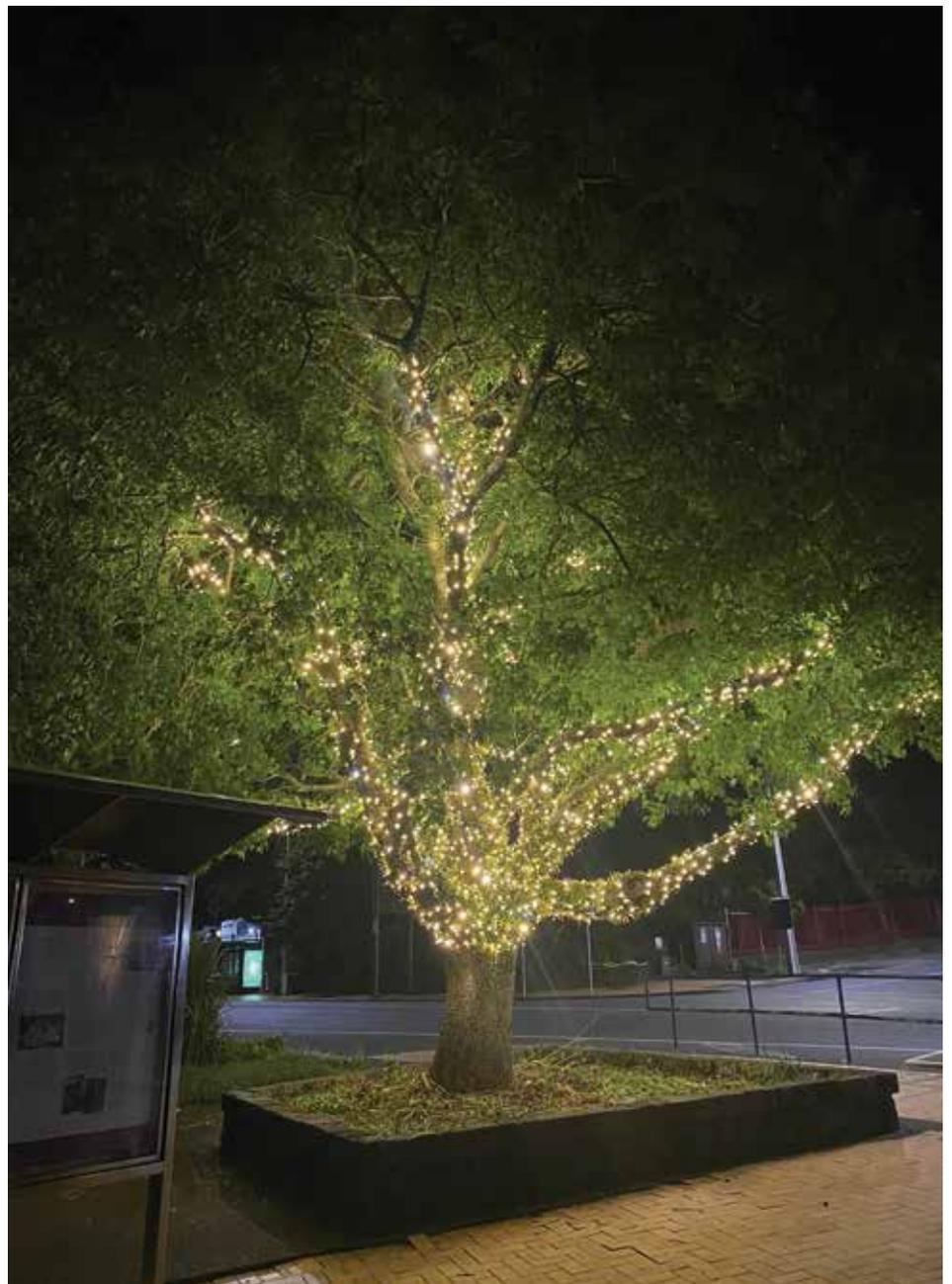
With the festive season upon us, we are mindful that Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone. It can bring many challenges, and we urge you to reach out and get the support you need to get through.

Otherwise, it is also a time of gratitude, and we have so much to be grateful for here in Avondale.

Wishing you peace and prosperity for the festive and summer seasons!

Marcus Amosa

Avondale business Association



Flagging the festive season

The Avondale Business Association is pleased to bring you a new addition of faery lights on the Maple tree next to the Spider in Avondale Town Centre.

They are a permanent fixture, and just one step in helping to lighten and liven up our mainstreet.

We also bring you Christmas street flags this festive season – albeit just 16 of them while we await the introduction of updated street poles alongside the ongoing re-paving project.

While it's been a tough year for business, as for all of us, we have many reasons to be collectively grateful – not least of all, to be living in the very cool neighbourhood of Avondale!



Security design for our street



Fademaster Barbers with its second lockdown break in.

The safety and security of the people within our main street is paramount, that includes owners, workers, and shoppers alike. Unfortunately, some of our local business staff have had to endure theft and burglary during the latest lockdown. Thankfully, in the last few weeks, NZ Police has announced a new unit to focus on repeat retail offending.

The police commissioner, Andrew Coster said, "We have heard Retail NZ concerns and see this as a real opportunity to work in partnership

to address them." The new national retail investigation support unit, expected to be up and running in the first quarter of 2022, will address patterns of high-priority repeat retail offending across the country by partnering with the retail sector to draw on current data, identify patterns and work with local staff to better address repeat offending.

"Working together allows us to make the most of our resources: the sector understands the changing crime environment and police can provide strategic support, core



Designing the ABA's CCTV system is (from left) Simon Paul and Jason Binedell, ICE Security; Adam Parlane and Scott Bain from Safer Cities with Avondale Business Association chair, Marcus Amosa

policing and prevention activity and advice. There are also other opportunities to share information to address the offending," he said.

For its part, Avondale Business Association aims to install a CCTV system throughout the town centre as quickly as possible. It is working with independent security consultant, Safer Cities, to provide the best design, which will be implemented by ICE Security in the New Year.

Business Association chair, Marcus Amosa, reiterates the words of the commissioner – "no retail worker or customer should experience fear or trauma when going about their day-to-day activities and the establishment of CCTV in Avondale is part of our continued commitment to ensuring everyone can be and feel safe."

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Meet the Board

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The Avondale Business Association held its AGM in October accepting two new voting members to the Executive Board, which is now comprised of the following.



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Cain Tattoo, Chairperson



Pirie Brown
Haven Foundation



Amy White
Avondale Dental



Mehmood Khan
Spice World



Denise Te Tai
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Liz Young
Avondale Family Chemist



Ravi Raniga
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Information about the business association and its annual plan may be found at: www.avondale.net.nz/aboutus



Kay Thomas, Whau Local Board Chair is a non-voting member along with Manager, Cynthia Crosse



Victor Young
Avondale Dental

Indigo, gone

We are sorry to see that Covid has claimed a business victim in Indigobelle, which has sadly closed its doors reverting to online sales only at www.indigobelle.co.nz. Flowers await you, however, at Amanda4flowerz at 65 Blockhouse Bay Road, which also provides an online service. Born and bred in Avondale, Amanda has been a huge supporter of the business association for many years. Book your bouquet at www.amanda4flowers.co.nz.

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Avondale Vax turnout, impressive!

A handful of amazing Avondale people pulled together in the last weekend of November to create a four-session vax event across four Avondale venues. The event drew close to 1000 people out to get their vaccinations – in a DHB area boasting an over-90% vaccination rate, that is mightily impressive.

Those attending were treated to musical entertainment from local artists, Pak'n'Save shopping vouchers, Prezzy gift cards, Mr Whippy ice creams, coffee cards, and a free BBQ. Even free taxis were put on to attract people in. Importantly, they were greeted by ushers who spoke multiple languages and there was significant attendance from our Chinese, African and Pasifika residents.

A shout out to the amazing people from The Fono; the ever-joyous Seumanu Simon Matāfai; Imi Tovia, Avondale Community Gardens; Catherine Farmer, Whau Local Board and a wonderful team of people committed to keeping Avondale well.



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THE CHANGES

ARE YOU KEEPING UP?



There is so much development in the wind for Avondale town Centre, you would be forgiven for losing track of it all. Take a snapshot of Avondale now, because in five years' time it is going to be a very different looking suburb. Here's a reminder of some of the bigger projects on the go.

EKE PANUKU DEVELOPMENTS

“Panuku” is the council-controlled organisation responsible for urban regeneration in Tāmaki Makaurau. Its long-term revitalisation of Avondale includes development of a street-front community hub and library at 1975 Great North Road. It is on track for a dig date of March 2023.

This project budget depends on the sale of Highbury Triangle, where the current library and community centre sit, which will take place only after the new centre is open.

With the design component of the above centre now complete, the great concrete eye-sore known as “the old 3 Guys” site at 1925 Great North

Road has been up for sale and a development partner is likely to be announced in February 2022. As we say goodbye to the Avondale Welcome sign and our much-love graffiti wall, we will say hello to residential housing (presumably apartments) with commercial/retail space along Great North Road.



Kāinga Ora's Community Lane Apartments



Panuku is currently investigating turning the green space in front of the Set apartments at 28 Racecourse Parade into 30-40 car parks (bummer ground floor residents!). Is that a Joni Mitchell song we hear? ...



Crayford Street West

With preliminary work now completed by Victor and Chorus, Panuku is free to move ahead with its scaled back Crayford Street upgrade. The upgrade will comprise safety changes to benefit Avondale Primary as well as provide better connectivity between the town centre and train station:

- Extra lighting to make it safer to walk from the train station.
- Pedestrian crossings to make it safer for children to cross and easier to get to Taste Cafe.
- Adding some curb, etc. for greater safety for the school.

We will find out in December if work is to proceed in January 2022.

KAINGA ORA

The crown's housing entity, Kāinga Ora, has completed its St Georges Road transitional housing development – 102 terraces - which it has handed over to management by Kāhui Tū Kaha.

Construction has begun on the next KO behemoth in the Community Lane Apartments - 236 apartments dispersed over five buildings, four of them for senior KO tenants, the other for private sale which will include commercial/retail space along Great North.



PLAZA DEVELOPMENTS

Plaza Developments' Nordic Apartments at 1843 Great North Road – a neighbour to the above – will house 36 one, two and three-bedroom apartments. Its construction will begin in March 2022 and is due for completion in the second quarter of 2024.

OCKHAM DEVELOPMENTS

On the other side of Community Lane will be Ockham Development's Aroha complex with 117 residential apartments. This is currently under construction with an expected completion date of late 2022.

AUCKLAND TRANSPORT

Additional to the above overlapping projects, Auckland transport will be making big waves in our neighborhood.

- Stage II of the paver-replacement project is set to happen over summer with Stage III planned at the completion of the community centre.
- It will introduce a pedestrian crossing at the Mobil station and raise the pedestrian crossing by The Hollywood beginning February 2022.
- It will confirm its proposed safety improvements in Ash and Rata streets which includes speed reduction measures, refuge crossing islands and traffic light-controlled crossings.
- And construction will begin and be completed in 2023 on several major changes being introduced to the Rosebank Road corridor to help traffic flow.

The Avondale Racecourse

When all the above is completed, we will of course have the potential sale of the racecourse to look forward to. No doubt, room will be made for further housing on this site, but we can only hope the market and sports fields will be retained and perhaps the long-awaited aquatic and recreation facility introduced.

Hold your hats on Avondale, we are in for a ride!



**GET
READY**

Parking to be reduced - Auckland-wide!

If you're suffering from "consultation fatigue," here's a consultation you will nevertheless want to pay attention to. Auckland Transport is releasing its Parking Strategy Review and will soon open for public consultation.

It has been six years since AT reviewed its parking policy, and since then, urbanisation/population growth, government legislation and the climate crisis have steered it towards significant car and parking reduction, and clearer roading corridors.

AT will play its part in reducing car use by removing carparks or making them paid – in residential areas to boot! It has warned, "we are not consulting on whether we will reduce carparks, we are consulting on how you get prepared for it" - strong words from a CCO committed to its cause.

AT has promised to significantly fund mitigation that will go hand-in-hand with the changes, such as higher frequency of trains and buses. Sadly, while price-reduction does not come under this remit, bike use does and so we can look forward to better biking programmes that encourage a biking-for-transport culture.

In terms of affects on business, evidence suggests people who travel by public transport or active modes, spend more at shops than people who drive - but that's only if they can get there! So, get ready to state your needs and ask the obvious questions:

1. How will older people, pregnant women, families, pet owners, the infirmed and anyone who needs to use a toilet frequently cope without parking?
2. Where will you park your newly-incentivised electric car?
3. How will mainstreets compete with malls that provide their own parking?

There's no doubt Avondale needs a reduction of cars on its roads; but we also need to be given real-life alternatives. Find out more at AT.govt.nz/parkingstrategy.

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I Still Love Avondale

Fa'afetai tele lava, ngā mihi nui, and kia manuia to Dayne Smith, as he moves on from his community development role steering I Love Avondale.

Dayne helped found Feed The Streets community meals, Free Guys social supermarket (with Anne Riley, right) and breakfast clubs ensuring local school kids get at least one nourishing meal a day. His I Love Avondale social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram) have played a large part in sharing important community news and insights. Thankfully he will continue his visual and written storytelling as well as taking on a big "day job" with Kāinga Ora.

Dayne's natural inclination to listen, learn, reflect and connect has shaped I Love Avondale to be of and for the community. "Dayne is rich with integrity and heart, and we miss him already," says Jaclyn on behalf of the Avondale Community Action crew.

Thanks to the strategic alliances Dayne has helped build, I Love Avondale can now recruit two new Community Development workers and the outreach continues to evolve and grow.



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Dynamic Badminton Association	\$5,000
Waitākere Cadet Unit	\$2,500
Bellyful West Auckland	\$5,000
Waitākere Gymnastics Inc	\$4,000
Henderson Valley Pony Club	\$4,000
Henderson Bowls Inc	\$5,000
Glenavon Community Trust	\$5,520
Henderson Falls Friendship Club	\$500
Waitematā Scottish Country Dance Club	\$651.16
The Huia Settlers Museum Charitable Trust	\$1,199.46

6th Auckland Girls' Brigade	\$1,600
Auckland Waitākere Roller Sports Club Inc	\$1,923.75
Glendene Playcentre	\$2,000
West City Baseball Club	\$5,000
Titirangi Badminton Club Incorporated	\$5,000
North West Toy Library	\$2,000
Rānui Playcentre	\$2,000
Neighbourhood Support Waitākere	\$5,000
Laingholm Playcentre	\$2,000
Waitākere Hockey Club Incorporated	\$5,000
Waiaatarua Playcentre	\$2,000
Interacting	\$5,000



Starling Park Sports Club Incorporated	\$5,000
Te Atatū Indoor Bowling club	\$3,000
TAP Lab Incorporated	\$5,000
Upper Harbour Ecology Network	\$5,000
Waiatarua Volunteer Fire Brigade	\$2,000
Te Uru Contemporary Gallery	\$10,000
Waitākere Bears Baseball Club Incorporated	\$5,000
Massey Amateur Swimming Club Incorporated	\$5,000
Communicare CMA (Ak) Inc	\$3,000
Life Education Trust Auckland West	\$3,000
West Auckland Community Toy Library	\$3,000
West Harbour Playcentre	\$5,000
HBC Community Trust	\$5,000
Te Atatū Peninsula Community Trust	\$3,000
Henderson Squash Club Inc	\$5,000
Community Waitākere Charitable Trust	\$3,000
Triangle Park Community Teaching Garden Charitable Trust	\$5,000
Re-Creators Charitable Trust/ The Re-Creators Ltd	\$5,000
Glen Eden Tennis Club Inc	\$2,246
Playhouse Theatre Incorporated	\$5,000
No. 3 Squadron (Auckland City) Air Training Corps	\$3,000
Kelston Community Hub Incorporated	\$10,000
Waitākere Auckland Brass Ltd	\$5,000
Auckland Marathi Association Inc	\$5,000
Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust	\$2,860
Age Concern Auckland Incorporated	\$5,000
Te Atatū Endeavour Sea Scouts	\$5,000
Community Support Waitakere	\$5,000
Glenora Rugby League Football Club Incorporated	\$5,000
Netball Waitākere	\$10,000

Red Leap Theatre Charitable Trust Board	\$5,000
Kelston Community Trust	\$5,000
Hobsonville Yacht Club	\$5,000
Te Atatū Toy Library	\$4,000
Waitākere City Rugby Football & Sports Club Inc	\$5,000
West Harbour Tennis Club Inc	\$5,000
SCOW Incorporated	\$10,000
Living and Learning Family Centres Foundation	\$5,000
Rānuī 135 Leadership Team	\$15,000
Glendene Community Society Inc.	\$5,000
Titirangi Playcentre	\$5,000
Massey Playcentre	\$5,000
Te Atatū Peninsula Bowling Club Incorporated	\$5,000
Waitematā Table Tennis	\$10,000
Protect Piha Heritage Society Inc	\$10,000
Bay Olympic Soccer and Sports Club	\$5,000
Crescendo Trust of Aotearoa	\$5,000
Bike Avondale (Umbrella Organisation is *Avondale Community Action)	\$20,000
Glen Eden Playcentre	\$5,000
West City Band Inc	\$5,000
The Auckland Diving Community Trust	\$5,000
Te Kōhanga Reo o Te Kōtuku	\$5,000
Green Bay Community house	\$10,000
WIA Hindi Language and Cultural School	\$9,000
Kaipātiki Project Incorporated	\$15,000
Silver Fern MotorSport Charitable Trust	\$5,000
MPHS Community Trust	\$20,000
RiverCare Group Te Wai o Pareira	\$20,000
Piha Surf Life Saving Club	\$10,000
Rotary Club of Henderson Charitable Trust	\$10,000



Avondale Community Action	\$20,000
West End Rowing Club	\$5,000
Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust	\$20,000
EcoMatters Environment Trust	\$20,000
Give a Kid a Blanket	\$10,000
Corban Estate Arts Centre	\$15,000
Well Foundation	\$20,000
The Brotherhood Continues Charitable Trust	\$10,000
The Whau River Catchment Trust	\$20,000
Te Pou Theatre Trust	\$20,000
Waitākere Water Polo Club	\$5,000
CARE Waitākere Trust	\$15,000
Community Waitākere	\$25,000
Waitākere Badminton Association	\$5,000
Auckland Basketball Services Limited	\$5,000
Blockhouse Bay Community Centre	\$10,000
Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club	\$5,000
Glen Eden Bowling Club	\$5,000
Friends of Oakley Creek Te Auaunga Inc	\$20,000
Gecko Trust	\$20,000
Going West	\$15,000
Kotuku Trust	\$5,000
Henderson Budget Service	\$25,000
Oratia United Sports Club	\$5,000
Waitematā Rugby Union Football and Sports Club INC	\$5,000
Hospice West Auckland	\$25,000
Whau the People Charitable Trust	\$15,000
Just Move Charitable Health Trust	\$5,000
Waitematā Rowing Club Inc	\$5,000
West Coast Rangers Football and Sports Club Incorporated	\$5,000
Waitematā Football Club	\$3,000

Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Hoani Waititi Marae	\$10,000
French Bay Yacht Club Inc	\$5,000
Glen Eden Community House Inc	\$10,000
The Gallery	\$15,000
Zeal Education Trust - Waitākere	\$25,000
Waitākere Ethnic Board	\$20,000
Sport Waitākere	\$25,000
Titirangi Community House Society Inc	\$10,000
Waitākere Central Community Arts Council	\$1,500
Auckland Curling Club	\$1,500
Rānui Swanson Football Club	\$2,000
West Auckland Pasifika Forum Community Trust	\$10,000
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Reaching a Crescendo



Despite Covid-19 challenges, Crescendo Trust, in the heart of Avondale, continues to go from strength to strength with an expanding on the ground team.

Crescendo – a music production, recording studio and social enterprise - has announced an exciting new partnership with the School of Audio Engineering (SAE). The partnership will provide major opportunities for the development and growth of both SAE and Crescendo.

“To find collaborative partnerships with organisations that have a similar kaupapa is rare,” says CEO Marcus Powell, “so this is a brilliant opportunity for our rangatahi and everyone involved.”

Crescendo’s vision extends to building a collaborative network for its rangatahi that serves their whole person – a social impact hub as a thriving all-inclusive community environment.

“It became clear there is a strong need for a youth-centred social incubator in Tāmaki Makaurau, to empower rangatahi to live with passion and to value the lives they lead,” says Marcus.

Dave Atai is Crescendo's lead mentor for all the young people who participate in Crescendo’s musician and songwriter mentoring programmes. A one-time Nesian Mystik, Dave had a string of hits between 1999 and 2011 and now runs a Rap school. Lui Tagaloa is a hip hop artist and a musician who also works at the Trust. Throughout lockdown, its mentors continued to deliver over 50 music workshops via Zoom as well as engage with our rangatahi for one-on-one virtual mentoring.

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Covid: A Whau Pasifika response

Tāmaki Makaurau has passed 100 days in lockdown. Ina Sauni checks in with three of her fellow Avondale-resident Whau Pasifika Komiti members - Seumanu Simon Matāfai, Peseta Savea Al Harrington Lavea and Fala Haulangi QSM, as they share their covid responses during this period of lockdown.



Peseta Savea Seiuli Al Harrington Lavea

Savea comes from Moata'a, Vaiala, Falealili, Safotu, Saolufata and Sauniatu in Samoa. He is a busy entrepreneur, community instigator of the Walking Samoans in the Whau, and the Pacific Wardens, and is a broadcaster on Radio Samoa 1593 AM.

How did lockdown affect your work on Radio Samoa?

It changed straight away. I went from broadcasting one day a week for six hours to seven days, Monday-to-Saturday for 26 hours. My colleague, Francis Ioane, was caught in Australia, so I had to cover two shows - "Drive Time" and my Saturday show, "Tanoa Ava."

How did you find it?

It was frustrating and hard, delivering from home while only one or two people were allowed at the station so we could broadcast. The hardest thing was the limitations of radio with no communication - we couldn't take phone calls on air, it was hard not to hear from people. But we moved on and we are really good at live-streaming now.

Radio (imho) is such an important medium for our Samoan community, especially for elders of my Mum's generation. You were in the hot seat during a pandemic and Samoa's most amazing elections ever. How was that?

It was unbelievable - covering the elections is still a highlight. No-one believed Fa'atuatua i le Atua Samoa ua Tasi (FAST) would ever topple the old regime, but it shows the people were willing to take a chance at change. They have been following the Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP) for so long and believed it could never be defeated, but it came down to a one seat majority.

The most important part was after the election [held on 9 April 2021] and all the months of court petitions (as we

talk, the latest by-election results are being announced in Samoa). It was a privilege to give clear coverage of the village elections and properly profile each candidate, and understand the new Act - they subdivided the itūmalō (constituencies) so it was confusing, but articulating the boundaries was great. There was a lot of preparation, but now everyone in Samoa knows about the Samoa Constitution.

And Samoa has its first female Prime Minister, Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, the Pacific's second ever elected female leader. The day we went into lockdown, FAST officially won the election, but the country was still divided between the two parties with family pit against family.

Now we have family against family over covid vaccinations...

In Level 4 we know some Pasifika families really struggled - crowded at home, big bubbles, no work, bored, not enough food. Some families drove around to get out of the house which the police found was a real problem. And then at Level 3 the alcohol shops opened, and things got worse, violence has been a big issue - family violence and more frustration. On our programme, we have the police every week to help give advice which has been really important.

Final message?

I send love, hope, patience - and keep up that message of being kind to each other.

Our door is always open to talk, on the radio, in person ... Some faifeau (church Ministers) urged their congregations to get vaccinated; others told their church to rely on God; but you know, there is nothing from the books of Genesis to Revelation that says you can't seek help to look after each other.

These faifeau are always welcome on to my programme to talk about their views. What is really important for us on Radio Samoa is to keep people joyful - a lot of laughing and humorous stories. **That's right, and live-streamed zumba!**



Fala Haulangi, QSM

The "Kuini of Tuvalu" hails from Nanumea, Tuvalu; is a Living Wage Campaigner for E Tū Union; and presenter of the PMN Tuvalu radio programme, Saturdays 6pm - 10pm on 531PI (531AM).

Has life changed for you in the last 100 days?

No, working from home is nothing new, but the Zoom life is really dragging on. I really have to focus on maintaining physical health and lots of walking.

What's the good and bad of ZOOM life?

It has been really good to have Zoom meetings with our E Tū members. Every week in Level 4 we Zoomed with our cleaners and contractors to hear about their issues.

Last week, we had our cleaners talking to Hon Stuart Nash (Minister for Economic & Regional Dev) and Hon Michael Wood (Minister for Workplace Relations & Safety). We can hold our Ministers to account right there in the Zoom room.

There is a lot of work to keep our members informed about their public health, so the Zooms have also helped to get vaccination conversations going for those sitting on the fence.

We know that some workers really fear going to work, they're worried about bringing Covid to elderly family members at home, and some contractors have not paid their workers properly from early in the lockdown.

Has the digital divide affected participation?

Absolutely! Some call it digital poverty, and it is real. Some of our people were working part time at night, others didn't have data, so we have an 0800 number they can call into for our Zoom meetings.

Any big announcements we should know about?

We tasked Ministers Nash and Wood to put the Living Wage rollout in front of the Ministers for Police and Defence. Did you know, the police and defence forces are not in the public service? On December 1, cleaners, security guards, caterers - all employees of public service contractors, will get paid the Living Wage. That's a win. But not for cleaners of our Police Stations, so the work is not over.

How is your Tuvalu community doing?

We have been busy, and we have held vaccination drives with the Tuvalu Community Trust. I have asked Dr Api and Dr Colin to help us with those events and about 75% of my radio programme is about vaccination. We have brought in health professionals from here but also, we've heard about our Tuvalu brothers and sisters in Fiji and Australia.

Highlights over this period?

My highlight is that the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (MPP) has gathered a range of Ministers with the community on Zoom and it has worked. We're too late with Three Waters and Environmental consultation. MPP, keep this Zoom platform! Not just for this pandemic response, but for climate change action, for health reform and designing programmes with us from the start. We need to be at the (zoom) table from the start, and not be consulted with once the decisions have been made.

Seumanu Simon Matāfai

Seumanu is from Salelologa and Saleaula in Savaii; and is a COVID survivor! Hospitalised as part of the August 2020 Mangere Church cluster; the origin of transmission is still unknown after linking back to frozen goods in a Mt Wellington cool store.

How did you feel when the first positive case was announced moving us into L4 lockdown in August?

When I heard about a positive Avondale College staff member, it reignited all of the anxieties. Also, the concerns around the stigma the churches faced, the stigma Pasifika



peoples faced, especially when we had no control of transmission. It all came back.

How are you now? You sound quite breathless?

Yes, I have "long COVID." My breathing is really impacted. So, a lot of the time I'm really breathless. It's not a joke, and still people don't take it seriously. Well, for us, our lives will probably never return 100%. I think our faith keeps us going.

What were you moved to do this lockdown?

I've just finished working nearly 60 consecutive days at Jet Park. Previously I worked as a translator for our Samoan Seasonal (RSE) workers. Off the back of this work (translations, medical support and health checks) and general support for our travellers coming into 14-day MIQ from Covid-free Samoa, I was asked to form a team to deliver more specific and detailed care for Samoan patients at Jet Park. It was eye-opening. We worked closely with the doctors to properly explain all the medical terms - like what is the translation for "anaesthetic?" Then MIQ started to see families of 10, not 4, and whole church congregations at a time. The workers there are all heroes. Everyone risks taking Delta home, from the cleaners to the medical staff with just one mistake in putting on PPE or mask failure. You know, those cleaners are all Pacific Island people, so bold and courageous. It was a privilege to support our families all going through something unexpected. And most of the support team were survivors as well, and that personal story had great value.

Unfortunately, even when we were with Covid-positive people, we still met some in denial about Covid, so there is a lot of work to be done yet to let people know this isn't a joke.

I am happy and blessed to have survived. And that's what has really stirred me to be even more vocal about vaccinations.

Were there any highlights working at MIQ?

Absolutely. When people left well and recovered, they would call to thank me. It was so rewarding to be able to help and do our part. The more we help one another, the more we truly achieve community empowerment. It's the "unity in community" that we need to keep strong. No matter the changes (even here in Avondale), look at our common values and be kind and look out for one another.

**Whau Pasifika is a newly formed Charitable Trust with a governing Komiti of 11 members representing Fiji, Samoa, Tuvalu, Tokelau, Niue, Kiribati and Tonga, and souls across Moana Nui a Kiwa. They meet monthly at the Avondale Fale. Thank you to the Whau Local Board for its on-going support.*

So, what is an electorate office?



The New Lynn Electorate Office sits in our main street at 1885 Great North Road

1. What is an Electorate Office and what do you do there?

An Electorate Office is the office of the local Member of Parliament. In Avondale the electorate boundary between New Lynn and Kelston is on Ash St, with houses on one side of the road falling into the New Lynn electorate and houses on the other side falling into the Kelston electorate of Carmel Sepuloni. This is sometimes confusing as the New Lynn office is the one that most people who live in Avondale and Waterview see when they are in the local vicinity. MPs are funded by Parliament to offer advice and assistance to the constituents who live within the designated electorate boundaries.

2. Can I make an appointment with Dr Deborah Russell / when is she there?

Anyone who is a constituent can request an appointment with Deborah Russell. She runs a regular community catch up session on a Monday morning at 10 am so people can have a chat one on one with her 15 minutes. If this time is not convenient for a

constituent, she can sometimes meet at a local café for a chat. Unfortunately Covid-19 has meant that these meetings have not been able to take place but hopefully we can get back to a regular schedule for constituent meetings early next year.

3. Do the staff work for the local MP?

Although the staff work for the MP, they are employed by Parliamentary Services, an independent organisation that manages the offices of all political parties. So while the staff at the New Lynn Electorate Office (and the Kelston office) work at the office of a Labour MP, it is not a Labour Party office as such and there are strict guidelines when it comes to keeping parliamentary business and political party business separate.

4. Who works at the New Lynn Electorate office and how long have you been there?

As well as being the office of the MP for New Lynn, the electorate office is staffed by two full time members, Amanda and Vanessa, and a part time reliever. Amanda and Vanessa have both worked with Deborah Russell

for nearly 4 years, through the 52nd Parliament and into 53rd. When Parliament is sitting, Deborah is in Wellington from Monday afternoon through to Friday morning. If parliament is in recess, Deborah is able to spend more time in the office and in and around the community.

5. What sorts of queries do you get?

The MP and staff receives all manner of enquiries ranging from requests for assistance with immigration, WINZ and social housing to matters of government policy. Occasionally we get asked for help with things that the MP would not be able to become involved with. Legal matters, for instance are not something that the MP can help with and with immigration matters, the MP's office doesn't get involved when there is an active application lodged. When an enquiry is received, the electorate office staff will discuss whether or not the issue is something that the MP's office is able to help with.

6. What should I do if I have a problem – phone, make an appointment, what are your hours?

Constituents wanting help can phone and leave a message at our office 09 820 6245 or email newlynn.mp@parliament.govt.nz. We prefer email because it is often a bit quicker to get to the heart of the issue and organise a response this way. However, we understand that some people do just like to phone for a bit of a chat!

Our office reception is open to the public Monday thru Thursday from 10 am – 2pm but staff are either in the office or working from home outside of these hours. We will be closed between 21 December 2021 and January 17, 2022.

“We are all looking forward to doing more over Christmas. If you haven't yet, get out and get your free COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can – and make sure your friends and family know they'll need to be fully vaccinated to enjoy the things they love this summer.

We wish you a wonderful, safe Christmas and New Year holiday and all the best for 2022.”



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Claudia and Bree have loved getting to know the locals

Sweet! Avondale chef to open second Avondale store

We all loved Te Whau Café & Bakery when it opened on Great North Road, in an ill-fated space that has seen the demise of several great business operators. Thankfully, its Avondale owners persisted with our neighbourhood and, soon after, opened the Ol' Mate caravan with great coffee and unspeakably good treats!

Now, used to providing big things from small spaces, head chef Claudia Long (along with head chef husband, Ryan), have signed the lease on another tiny space next to Moana Fresh on Rosebank Road. Come February, it will be “the” place to come for grab-and-go savoury and sweet treats – Claudia and Ryan plan to have fun with their creations!

Claudia’s existing cake-making business, run through her social handle, Sweet Cheeks, will also run from the store.

And Ol' Mate will continue as one of Avondale’s favourites.



Deutsche Küche: Eat in, or order new frozen home meals

A unique favourite attracting guests from across Auckland, Mittendren restaurant at 390a Rosebank Road, continues to grow and is now offering online sales of frozen take-home meals, side dishes and desserts.

Opening his first Mittendren restaurant in Berlin in 1991, Mike Berndt continues to share his passion by bringing “Deutsche Küche” (German Cuisine) to the comfort of your home. And with restaurants once again open, why not book your reservation at one of the few dining restaurants our area has to offer.

Mittendren boasts a warm and personal dining experience that introduces you to an ever-evolving menu of authentic German cuisine.

Whole food is important to Mike and his menu focuses on using fresh, seasonal ingredients many of which are organic with stock and sauces prepared exclusively at the restaurant.

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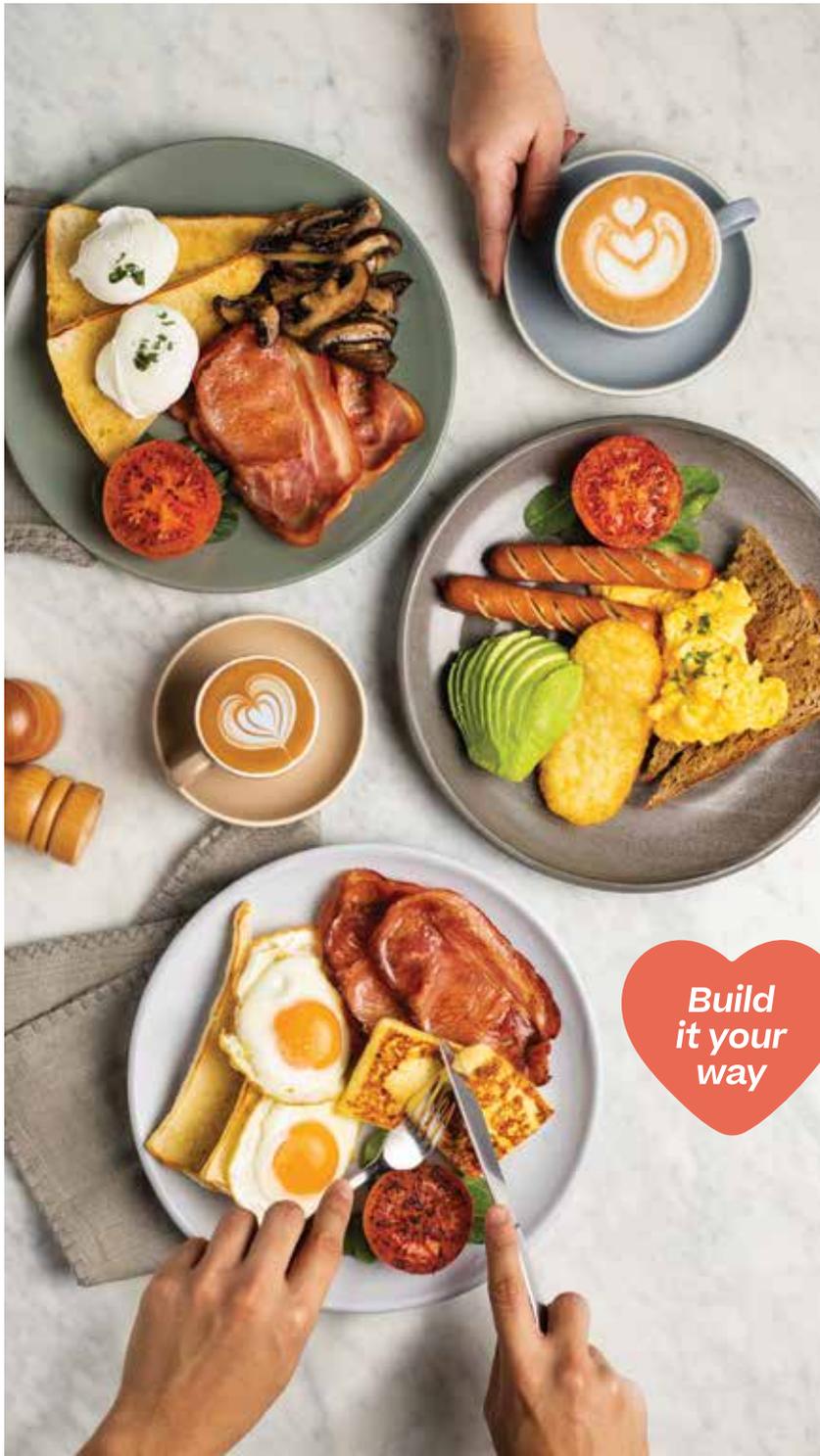


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There's not too many fish shops in Auckland now, so it's pretty cool that we have one in our own back yard.

Bangladeshi-born owner, Jashim Kahn, and his family have been running Avondale Fisheries for 21 years. The date marked on the cutting counter itself says "1950," so presumably the

shop has a much longer history. Stock is delivered fresh most days from its sister store in Otara, and from the stores own fishermen. Catering primarily to our Pasifika community, the store houses favourites - mullet, travelli, and kahawai, along with fresh muscles and, as we head towards

Christmas, you can look forward to Kina arriving soon.

Avondale Fisheries is open 8.30am-5.30pm Tuesday – Sunday.

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Dispose of unwanted medicines properly

Did you know, unwanted medicines that are dumped into the toilet, tipped down the sink or put out with the rubbish can seriously harm the environment?

Sewerage plants are unable to treat all chemicals in wastewater resulting in contamination of waterways. Medicines flushed down the sink contain highly soluble chemicals which, when entered into water systems, can harm aquatic life, and Auckland Council prohibits the dumping of medicines into your weekly rubbish collection due to the risk of contamination of exposed landfill sites.

It's time to Spring-clean your medicine cabinet and kitchen drawers! Avondale Family Chemist offers a free service, called the DUMP (Dispose of Unwanted Medicine Properly) initiative that disposes of materials safely. Any unwanted and expired over-the-counter and prescription medicines, sharp items like needles and chemotherapy drugs are accepted.

"Keeping old medicines in the home 'just in case' can be a real danger," says pharmacist, Liz Young. "Medicines expire, so you should always check their date. If it's out of date or hasn't been kept in the right conditions, it may have gone

off or the effect diminished, so you don't know what you're getting, and the worst thing you can do is give them to someone else."

Keeping older medicines also leads to confusion for patients taking a variety of medications.

"Quite often people using multiple medicines get confused about what they've taken or haven't; keeping old medicines in the home just adds to the difficulty. They should feel free to pop in any time and we can re-synchronise them with their prescriptions and provide blister packs as a visual reminder."

So, think before you throw; we need to change our behaviours to solve this problem and give the environment a chance. Drop them into the Avondale Family Chemist today.

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Pharmacist Liz Young with a box of unwanted returns from just one person!

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CINEMATIC TREATS FOR SUMMER

Covid's been tough on all businesses, but spare a thought for Hollywood owner, Matt Timpson, who invested \$250,000 of private funds into re-roofing and painting The Hollywood Cinema and adjacent Whau Hall – just in time to shut the doors for lockdown!

Thankfully, doors will open again in time for the Auckland Summer Film Festival, "In the Shade" - an entire series of summer entertainment.

IN THE SHADE opens with the first New Zealand screening of NIGHTMARE ALLEY, by Oscar winning filmmaker Guillermo del Toro's - a star-packed outing starring Bradley Cooper, Cate Blanchett, Rooney Mara and Toni Collette.

Titles will include New Zealand premieres of 2022 awards buzz films and cinema sourced from the world's greatest international film festivals including Sundance, Cannes and Toronto showing on the big screen in Auckland for the first time.

It will also be the first time New Zealanders get to see films like the Academy Award nominees Jessica Chastain and Andrew Garfield starrer THE EYES OF TAMMY FAYE and legendary filmmaker Paul Verhoeven's BENEDETTA.

Other films announced include the critically acclaimed ANNETTE starring Academy Award winner Marion Cotillard and Adam Driver, Cannes award winning film NITRAM, Valdimar Jóhannsson's LAMB and Asghar Farhadi's A HERO, MEMORIA with Academy Award winner Tilda Swinton and Kiwi film FIONA CLARK: UNAFRAID.

IN THE SHADE will also include a brand new restoration of 1960s eurothriller PURPLE NOON starring Alain Delon and the iconic 2000 Australian film CHOPPER, with Eric Bana in the titular role.

The festival is brought to Auckland by Dos Ojos, a collective of cinephiles that have joined forces to bring this big screen cinematic confection to film deprived Auckland audiences.

"Auckland is currently in the throes of a big screen drought, the like never seen in our moviegoing lifetimes. The cine-collective Dos Ojos was assembled

to create a much needed big-screen care-package to quench audience's insatiable hunger for the very best in cinema from around the world" said the collective.

"IN THE SHADE is a languorous cinematic cocktail to be consumed as a cool evening respite from scorching summer days, answering the question of what do Auckland film goers do once the Christmas holidays are near end but the sweaty heat of summer persists."

IN THE SHADE marks the first time the city will get a chance to attend a live international film festival since 2019.

IN THE SHADE runs January 19th - February 1st 2022; ticket sales open 6 December 2021.

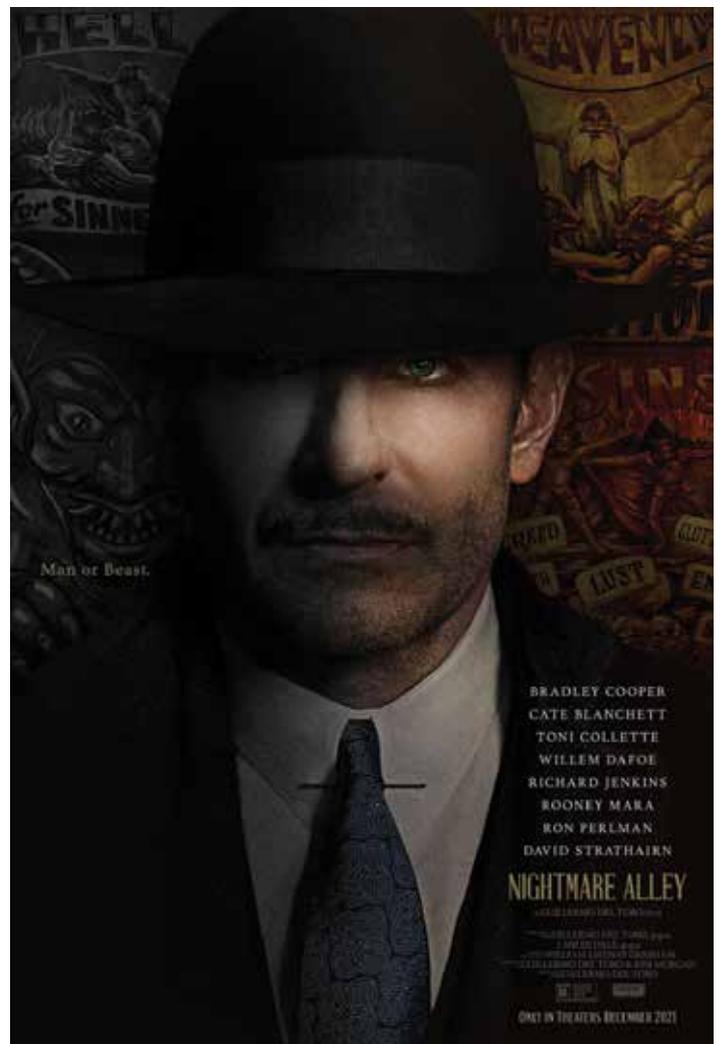
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Bike Avondale



Bike Avondale completed its Bike-Vember scavenger hunt with people joining from across the city. The team are now looking forward to a great summer and, with the New Lynn-to-Avondale Path opening soon, are planning some fun events for all the family. Meet the team that keeps the wheels turning...

“I’ve been a cycling addict since living in Melbourne seven years ago. My bike has been an invaluable mental health support and, although it’s hard here, I want to keep the car-free lifestyle. It’s why I’m with Bike Avondale, to help others use micro-mobility which is so common in other parts of the world. While riding I discover new places and share smiles with people I pass.” - **Kye**



"I live in Avondale with my husband and dog Kit. I have a Trek commuter bike but I've recently bought an e-bike. I ride because it keeps me fit, calm and makes me feel like a kid again. My fave rides are going out exploring the new safe and connected the city paths. While riding I always keep an eye out for new cafes to try for a coffee break!"

- Sam Learmonth

*Absent: Founding member,
Hamish Campbell*



"One of the main reasons I built my home in Avondale was the access to the bike paths and train. I started riding for exercise and environment, but now I mainly ride my mint green ebike because I'm lazy, and it's cheap and fun to get around. My top tip is to always carry a raincoat, so you're never caught out. While riding I smile and either listen to audiobooks, or sing!" - **Jessica Rose**



"I ride an Avanti Blade, Ian rides a Merida. My bike is like another limb to me and has taken me all over NZ. We ride for the sense of freedom and because we really don't enjoy sitting in a car in traffic. Our fave ride was Picton to Greymouth via Marlborough sounds. Breath taking! While riding, we enjoy adventures with our kids around the city on the great bike paths."

- Olivia and Ian Dexter

"Talofa Lava, malo le soifua, I'm the one on the "down low" in the "high five" pic. I have three bikes all pre-loved but with baggage - my broken Avanti, cargo, and a fixer-upper. Riding is my happy place and my fave ride is Te Auaunga Walkway. It's friendly for my family and so close to Avondale! While riding, I either have B9 or The Neverending Story as my biking downhill soundtrack."

- Ina Patisolo

Find out more on the Facebook page or in person at the Eastdale Hub when schedules return to normal each Wednesday 10am. Group Rides for new or nervous riders, and simple Bike Hub fixes and Mobile Bike Mechanics each Thursday

The Library



Avondale Library is glad to be back open to the Avondale community as we have missed seeing everyone's smiling faces during Auckland's three-month lockdown. All Auckland Libraries reopened with regular hours in November but we must observe Ministry of Health guidelines including two-metre physical distancing, contact tracing, and face coverings inside the library. Most services are available except for in-person programme and events.

Do you enjoy a good Podcast?

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The Beanstalk Challenge

Auckland Libraries' online Summer Reading Programme will run from Monday 13 December 2021 to Friday 28 January 2022 using the Beanstack app. There will be two Level Up challenges - one for children aged 5-12, and one for teens aged 13-18. There are daily Reading Badges to earn, and activity badges. A Level Up booklet with reading log and activity board will be available for whānau to participate offline or to use as a supplement to logging into Beanstack later.

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Delicious Mango Treats

If you missed our online Diwali events, here's a yummy recipe for Mango Peda (Fudge). This is a delicious Indian dessert for any occasion or a nice snack for afternoon tea.

Ingredients:

- 11/2 cups milk powder
- 1 cup mango pulp
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/3 cup liquid milk
- 2 tablespoons ghee
- 1 tsp cardamom powder

Slivered almonds for garnish

Method

1. Heat 1 tablespoon ghee, add milk and sugar and allow it to come to a boil
2. Add mango pulp and mix well to combine and cook till the pulp thickens, about 5 minutes
3. Add milk powder and continue cooking on low heat, add 1 teaspoon

cardamom powder, stir often, break up any lumps

4. Add 1 tablespoon of ghee when mixture starts to come together in one lump. Do not overcook
5. Take off heat, transfer to a greased tray
6. When cool, take small amounts, roll into balls, place on tray and press flat with the back of a fork.
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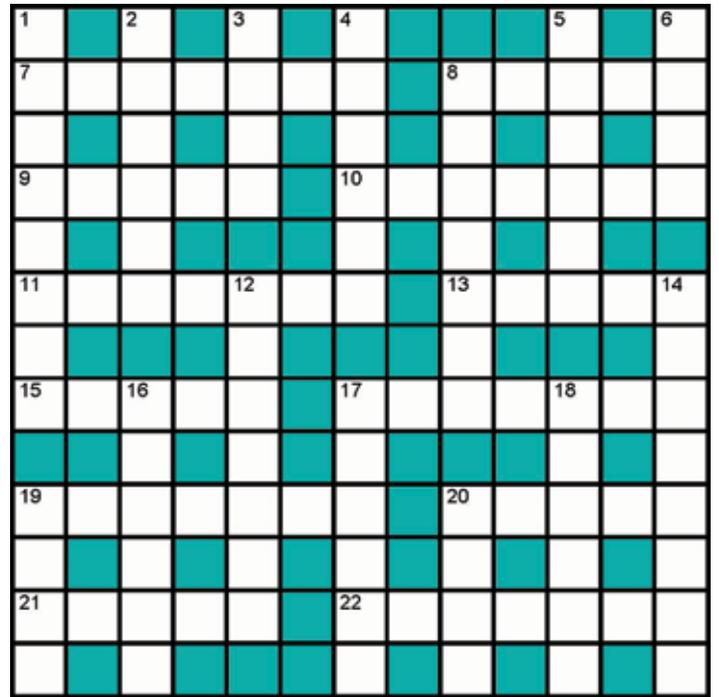
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TAKE FIVE

Across

7. Use this for your local bus rides (3,4)
8. Shop at ... World in Wingate St for your Indian cooking needs (5)
9. Get match-fit at Ryze Fitness in Great North Rd (5)
10. Period of play during game of cricket at Eastdale Reserve (7)
11. Very ugly building or site - something to be changed! (7)
13. ... Explorers - Avondale childcare centre (5)
15. Performance space under Spider in Avondale Central (5)
17. Item of makeup you might buy from Avondale's Arrow Beauty (7)
19. Show Avondale sights and favourite haunts to this sort of person! (7)
20. ... Property Services located on Rosebank Rd (5)
21. ... & Page - kitchen, wardrobe and storage specialists in Avondale (5)
22. on - checks to make sure neighbour is OK (5,2)

Down

1. ... Laundromat on Elm St (8)
2. Latest news about Avondale community event, eg (6)
3. ... Tattoo Studio on Great North Rd (4)
4. Citizens ... Bureau - great support service at 93 Rosebank Rd (6)
5. Meal you might have at Browne St on Thursday, Friday or Saturday (6)
6. Oakley Creek is home to threatened longfin ... (4)
8. Enjoy some beautiful ones in Avondale's evening sky over summer (7)
12. Pak on Great North Rd for eco-friendly packaging (3,4)
14. Young horse that might later find success at Avondale Racecourse (8)
16. ... Superette located at 1964 Great North Rd (6)
17. These can brighten up walls in public spaces (6)
18. Smita Upadhye is a talented local Avondale one (6)
19. Pacific Warden usually wears high-vis ... (4)
20. Sound your car horn as a friendly warning (4)

Answers at Avondale.net.nz/crossword



GREAT NORTH

Photographic artist
Paige Fry with "Hush"

Gallery

by Dayne Smith

In partnership with Eke Panuku Developments, I Love Avondale curates Great North Gallery – a collection of 12 large poster panels along Great North Road in the heart of Avondale’s town centre. We use the posters to showcase our community’s people and places, cultures and creativity. The panels are refreshed monthly by Phantom Billstickers and we work with different locals to create each series. Our most recent content includes photos of shopping trolleys taken at the Avondale Sunday Market by Nina Patel and Kathy Waghorn of urban research outfit HOOPLA. The images are part of an ongoing project by the pair to document the social, cultural and economic value of the markets which have been running since the 1970s and attract between 15-20,000 visitors most Sundays. You can see

more of HOOPLA’s mahi at hoopla.nz. Kanohi ki te Kanohi – an exhibition of portrait photos shot by Year 13 photography students. Guided by teacher Sophie McMillan, this project intended to help students reflect on what it means to be part of a culture and embrace the sense of belonging we derive from being a member of a particular group. These posters are scheduled for installation shortly. If you have an idea you would like to bring to life on these posters please

message I Love Avondale on Facebook or Instagram, or contact us at iloveavondale.co.nz. I Love Avondale is a community development project that aims to show and grow the good in our hood. We have four strands of interwoven mahi: Kai Avondale community food initiatives, Eastdale Hub recreation and youth space, Storytelling initiatives and Whanaungatanga – collaborating, connecting & advocating.



Photos of shopping trolleys at Avondale Sunday Market
by Nina Patel and Kathy Waghorn

Beckett on The Move - Past to Present!



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In 1970, a Herne Bay office was opened and Reginald's son, John Beckett, joined the family business as salesperson/manager. Following the closing of the Queen Street office, Patricia, Margaret and Reginald joined John in Herne Bay and it was a real family affair.

In 1972, the Avondale office was opened. All other offices were eventually closed, and the Avondale office was left operating with the whole family.

The business thrived and Reginald was involved with the local Bowling Club in fundraising and building of a local hall. Upon Reginald's passing, John Beckett then took over the business and kept it running for over 20 more years.



Reginald Lockwood Beckett

Sadly, due to health reasons, John Beckett was eventually forced to sell the family business.

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