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# Reviving the heart of Avondale

Marcus Amosa



The news came in June that Marutuahu - Ockham Residential has secured the tender for the old 3 Guys site in Avondale. This is an exciting announcement and some long-overdue good news for Avondale.

What makes this announcement exciting is that, not only has Eke Panuku found a development partner to take on this massive

project, but that Ockham is possibly the best residential developer we have in Auckland.

The site of the old 3 Guys supermarket is a reminder of what happens when private organisations and council bodies can't work together. In the end, it's the community that suffers. For over 20 years, Avondale Mainstreet has been cut in half by the demolition of the 3 Guys shopping centre. Where once the main street was thriving and connected, the 3 Guys site resulted in an area darkened by the lack of lighting, activity, and a town centre without continuity. Over the years, it became an area locals would frequent at night to drink, and a dumping ground.

Despite this, Avondale's creativity and resourcefulness shone through to make the most of this site. The Avondale Art Park was created - a place that attracts graffiti artists from around the country. Its murals are constantly changing, each one highlighting the artist's sentiments and reflections of the day.

The site has hosted numerous community events, from Christmas festivals to community dinners, the circus and more. The ground has seen collaboration between



various community groups over the years and has also led to some disagreements - all part of a thriving community! And let's not forget, it has served as a useful central carpark.

That being said, 6 Racecourse Parade remains as undesirable to Avondale residents as it has to developers.

But what has been, for too long, a vacant eyesore, will now become a bold opportunity for the Marutuahu - Ockham group. With such a large land parcel to work with, and with the support of governing bodies and the community at large - the chance to revive the heart of Avondale by creating a well designed, creative, environmentally, culturally and socially responsive residential site is here.

Having Marutuahu - Ockham play a major role in shaping our mainstreet is a major win for our local business community and for the whole of Avondale and we're looking forward to working together to help Ockham create its best project yet.



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# Planning for Avondale's *future*



**Eke Panuku Development Auckland is leading the urban regeneration of Avondale on behalf of Auckland Council. Since launching the high-level project plan in 2017, we've been making steady progress delivering on this plan and bringing all the different elements of urban regeneration together to ready this neighbourhood for exciting change. Some examples include enabling housing developments at 1 Trent St/Whakawhiti Loop, 24-26 Racecourse Parade (Set Apartments) and 1817 Great North Rd (Aroha Apartments). Read on to find out what we've been doing recently.**

## **More homes coming to the town centre**

By making better use of council land and working alongside our key partners, we're supporting the development of more high-quality homes for central Avondale by signing a sale and development agreement with Marutūāhu-Ockham Group. The creation of 700+ homes on the 1.58 hectare site of 6 Racecourse Parade (the old 3Guys supermarket site) and 10 Racecourse Parade (currently managed by Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities) will bring more vibrancy and people to local businesses in the centre of Avondale. Kāinga Ora will support their current customers at 10 Racecourse Parade into homes that meet their needs before works begin.

Currently we are working closely with the developer on a masterplan for the development of this site.

## **Avondale library, community hub and upgraded town square**

Located in the heart of the town centre, the new community hub will include library spaces and flexible multi-use spaces that can host a variety of community events whether they be inside or outside.

Since the beginning of this year, the design teams have been busily working away on aspects of design and planning of this complex and exciting community hub. We've brought a contractor on board for early involvement in the planning of the delivery of the building. This enables us to get early advice on the construction of the building to support efficient delivery. Council's Annual Plan has provided certainty on the level and timing of funding available as we continue to progress towards a 2023/2024 construction date.

The next phase is the developed design which means we'll progress options for the building façade materials, the location of the infrastructure (electrical cables, water connections etc), amongst other aspects before we move towards lodging for resource consent. Later in the year we look forward to sharing updated images of the building design with you. Other great news is the construction of 30 additional car parking spaces to support access to the services and events at the Hub.

This project is being delivered by Eke Panuku and Auckland Council in partnership with mana whenua.



Artist impression of completed car park at 28 Racecourse Parade

## 28 Racecourse Parade car parking

To support Avondale's new library, community hub and upgraded town square, work began in May 2022 on a new car park for 28 Racecourse Parade. The car park will be gated, with two mobility parks and 28 general parking spaces on what is currently underutilised council land between the Set Apartments and Avondale Racecourse.

Drainage works have been completed surrounding the Learn to Ride track and silt fencing will remain in place to control sediment and erosion until the grass has regrown. The Learn to Ride track remains open and accessible. We remain on track to complete work in September.

## Crayford Street West improvements

With Avondale growing and a number of housing developments underway (and more to come) we want to improve the experience for people walking and cycling around Avondale. One of our focus areas is improving the safety and appeal of the connection from the train station to the Avondale town centre. In July 2022 we created a slower speed zone in front of Avondale Primary School, making it safer to cross the road through the raised zebra crossings, improved street lighting, and improved the school drop-off and pick-up parking.



View of completed improvements to Crayford Street West

For more information go to  
[ekepanuku.co.nz/avondale](https://ekepanuku.co.nz/avondale)



# Police Profile



Inspector Wayne Kitcher has recently taken on the role of Area Prevention Manager for Auckland City West. We catch up for a chat at Avondale station.

## How did you get started?

I had wanted to join the police from the age of 15. It was something that interested me, and I suppose I wanted to contribute to society and the country and thought this was a way of doing it. Now that I am 25 years in, I still love it and wouldn't do anything else.

## What does your role entail?

I have oversight of the youth and community teams within the area and work under the new Area Commander, Alisse Robertson. My role is to assess what offending is taking place, to deploy staff, like the community policing teams, out to those locations and to put our people in the right place at the right time to prevent it recurring.

With the recent ram raids, for example, I've sent staff to the jewellery stores in the Western area to speak to owners about what prevention they have in place; whether they need to install bollards, fog cannons, or other options to help

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prevent them becoming victims. And I work with other organisations to help prevent crime within the area.

I like high visibility, and to see police out on the street in the public eye – I think it's what the public want too. We can't put a copper on every corner; but where we can, it acts as a prevention method.

We've been hit by staff shortages with Covid like most organisations. Although we always maintain an emergency capacity, some of that high-visibility work hasn't been carried out as much as I would have liked. But now that we're going through a post-Covid recovery, there will be more of a focus for us to get people out on the street and working with the local community.

#### **Where does Avondale station sit in the scheme of things?**

This station and the Mt Roskill station cover the Western area, manned by 124 staff. It is one of three areas in Tamaki Makaurau -

Central City and Auckland City East being the other two.

#### **In terms of crime in Avondale, how do we fare?**

I don't like to compare suburbs, but I will say that Avondale is not a hotspot for crime. Every suburb has crime and Avondale is no exception.

It's difficult thing to quantify crime. Crime, by its nature, is up and down - one day you might have five offences in Avondale say, and then nothing for weeks. And it depends on the nature of the crime - there may be an area that has a lot of bars, for example, so there is alcohol-related offending, which will seem like a hotspot, but another area might have burglaries... Understanding the nature of crime and responding to it is a constant balancing act.

We know the type of crime that we have in this area, we know who our offenders are; and we put things in place to try and prevent crime from taking place. From my perspective,

we have the staff in the right place at the right times to prevent it from happening, but as we all know, we can't be everywhere all the time and things do happen.

#### **Is there always crime happening when the police helicopter is flying overhead?**

No, that's a bit of a misconception. The presence of the helicopter is not a good gauge of crime. It is used for a multitude of things - missing persons; training exercises; it may be in one location, but looking at something a considerable distance away...

#### **Is the life of an officer all work and no play?**

Well, my wife is a detective too, so, there is a lot of shop talk at home.

I've got a 15-year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl - going on 17! - so they keep me busy. But, to be honest, when I not at work, I just like to hang out with the family!

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# ✓ Kerrin Leoni

for Whau Ward Councillor



**The Whau Labour Team has strong links to the Avondale area.**

Kerrin Leoni, Labour candidate for Whau Ward Councillor, is an Avondale resident with three generations of strong family ties to the area. Some Whau Local Board Labour candidates also live in the area. Among them are: Fasitua Amosa whose family is well-known in Avondale; Catherine Farmer who attended Avondale College and has represented us on the Avondale Community Board and Portage Licensing Trust; and Sarah Hamlin-Paterson who is CEO of the UpsideDowns Education Trust in Honan Place, off Rosebank Road.

As a board member of the Whau River Catchment Trust, Aadil Basha has a strong commitment to creating a healthy environment around the Rosebank Peninsula; Valeria Gascoigne and her family have served at St Mary's Avondale and have advocated for the Māori and Samoan community for over 40 years; Kay Thomas is a strong supporter of Kai Avondale and is involved with the Avondale Citizens Advice Bureau; and Susan Zhu has provided free legal services through the same bureau.

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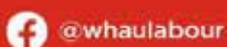
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Kerrin LEONI for COUNCIL



**Go the Whau!**





Manager, George Ho, with the One Stop Pak team.

# Packed with sustainable ideas

A very busy and successful business, One Stop Pak has been servicing the Avondale community for 21 years.

It is owned and run by Ben Ong and wife from their flagship store in Otahuhu, and is one of several Auckland stores with branches also in Hamilton and Christchurch.

As the name indicates, this is a one-stop shop for all your packaging needs. More latterly, for all your biodegradable packaging needs as it houses a large range of biodegradable products.

As product development allows, One Stop Pak is introducing more and more biodegradable products to the store, such as new food packaging made from cane sugar by-products to replace plastic; while there is also a range of biodegradables plastics.

One Stop Pak has been phasing out polystyrene use well in advance of council's new regulation prohibiting the sale and manufacture of certain

single-use and hard-to-recycle plastic items from 1 October 2022.

As a business, One Stop Pak has always had an environmental ethos and an internal commitment to recycling. Boxes are re-used where possible (which has the added benefit of cost saving); or recycled; and soft plastics are also recycled.

One Stop Pak is not only keeping up with customer demand for environmentally conscious products, it is committed to assisting the country in meeting its climate change targets. It sources locally, where it can, to support local business. Other than that, One Stop Pak imports products from several Asian countries and so, it has suffered, like others, from supply chain issues during Covid/lockdowns with the uncertainty of shipments, increased Port costs, and container costs.

Manager, George Ho, lives in



*Things you didn't know your needed... such as these air fryer paper liners!*

Flatbush. He was requested to Avondale to build the team here for an eight month stint, five years ago! "Prices have skyrocketed," says George Ho. "Pre-Covid, I remember renting a container for SNZ 3-4,000. It went up to NZ\$13,000 - for just one container! On top of that, shipment costs have increased simply because oil prices have increased; and, of course, we lost a lot of café and restaurant customers who were unable to open during lockdown."

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# Get voting!

Marcus Amosa

When you see the political hoardings going up, you know its local government election time again.

It seems that democracy is something we only think about during a general or local election. However, democracy is also at work at your local school boards, your apartment's body corporate or even your local club (think bowls, RSA, Jockey club) and for all these organisations, having representation is super important. Those you elect to represent you make decisions that affect the direction of the organisation / club / ward.

The decisions made by the Whau Local Board have a major impact on how our town centre develops. Over the past three years and throughout Covid, Avondale Mainstreet has been well-supported by our local board and its support has enabled us to move forward with replacing the slippery pavers, installation of CCTV, support of the Maori Wardens, local events, and more.



For the sake of diversity, it's great to see a range of candidates running this year. What is even more important is that the people who are affected by their decisions (that's you and me) make their voices known by voting (at the last election, three years ago, just 22% of eligible voters voted in the Whau – 7651 out of a possible 35,000 eligible voters).

One of the easiest and most effective ways to get involved in your local community, to make your voice known, is by exercising your democratic right to vote.

How good is it that we get to vote for who we want to represent us - in fair and free elections, without fear of intimidation or violence as in some countries around the world. With all that is going on around the world, this is something we can be truly grateful for.

If you are enrolled to vote, you will be posted the voting form mid-September, along with profiles of our candidates so you can learn about the aspirations of candidates and their proposals. Or, head along to a "meet the candidates" event; and read up about what each candidate stands for and if they value what you want in our community.

Democracy is at its best when voices of the people are heard!

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# Take a Variety Store Tour

Feeling the pinch?

Retail therapy feels good despite the price point, and it's a bonus to discover much-needed items for an affordable price. With inflation skyrocketing, let your inner magpie avail itself of our array of nick-knack stores. Each one has its strengths - it's time to get thrifty!



Above: Cutey truck shoes from the Sally Army shop, \$3  
Right: \$4 kids' shirts from Bargain King.



Dollar Dealers - \$8 hats above; and the cutest Camel from the Sally Army shop below for \$4

Deal Mate has a colourful array of affordable linen...

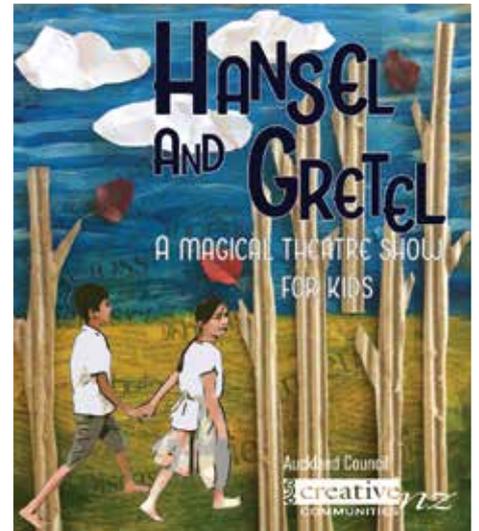


Summer-ready travel cases from Bargain King; Jandels for \$5 from Dollar Dealer

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Mega Mart, 1899 Great North Road  
Salvation Army, 1979 Great North Rd  
Deal Mate, Shop 3, 1784 Great North Rd



Locals Arthur Ranford and Lucy McCammon look forward to dazzle the kids this holiday



# Hansel & Gretel

Grimms Brothers story with important life messages

During the October school holidays, Ladder and Thread Productions will bring Avondale a very special version of the beloved Grimm Brothers' classic, Hansel and Gretel. Hansel and Gretel is a German fairy tale about a brother and sister abandoned in a forest. They fall into the hands of a witch who lives in a house made of gingerbread, cake, and candy. The cannibalistic witch intends to fatten the children before eventually eating them, but Gretel outwits the witch and kills her. The two children then escape with their lives and return home with the witch's treasure.

Sound grim? Well, it does come from an oral history of a darker time, but rest assured, it is a family experience devised with children

aged 3 to 10 in mind and chock-full of important messages - team work, resilience, resourcefulness, prevailing against all odds... all brought to life by professional actors through live music, physical theatre, puppetry and improvisation. And the kids will have fun joining in too.

Says actor and violinist, Arthur Ranford, "It is so rewarding to see these impressionable young faces taking in messages that will last a lifetime."

A seasoned actor, Arthur is drawn to the Ladder and Thread theatre company for its ability to make theatre accessible. The set of production is literally made from ladders and coloured fabrics.

Hansel and Gretel was so successful when it opened last year that

creator, Avondale local Lucy McCammon, decided to give it a second run. Lucy, whose own kids attend Avondale Primary, is best known for her puppetry character, Olive of the Ocean, a turtle that gets caught up in plastic.

This Hansel & Gretel retelling will charm children and adults alike!

*Brought to Avondale with the assistance of Creative Communities*

## Where/when:

Browne St Café (upstairs)  
50 Rosebank Road, Avondale  
Wednesday 5 - Friday 7 October  
Daily 10.30am and 1pm  
Parents, grab a coffee!

The Village Centre, Mt Eden  
(wheelchair accessible)  
Tuesday 11 - Thursday 13 October  
Daily 10.30am and 1pm

## Cost:

Tickets for this one hour show cost \$12 or 4 for \$40  
Bookings through iTicket or pay cash at the door.

# Library Happenings



## The Philippines

In June, Senior Librarian Children and Youth, Jerome, hosted a special Philippines storytime in honour of Philippines Independence Day. Parents and kids learned awesome facts about the Philippines, and Jerome baked a special Filipino dish, bibingka, for families to try which was a big hit!

The day ended with the story "From Manila with Love" by Amy Luna Capelle, which talks about a young girl's trip to the Philippines to meet

her Lola and Lolo (grandma and grandad) for the first time. This is a reality for some of our families in New Zealand and it reflected the power of connecting with your culture and family along with values of whanaungatanga.

Jerome says, "The real pleasure of these activities is seeing the looks of delight on the faces of children and parents in the crowd who see their culture and language celebrated by their community."

## Sewing Machine

Avondale Library has a sewing machine available once again for booking. Library staff have some experience with sewing and can assist with simple tasks.

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## Drag Storytimes

As part of We Read Auckland, and belatedly celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Auckland Pride Festival, the Library hosted a whānau-friendly "Drag Storytimes," event in August. Medulla Oblongata was beautiful and the kids were delighted. We Read Auckland celebrates the joy of storytelling and the diverse stories of our community.



Manager, Penny Dugmore with the new sewing machine



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# A fighting chance

John Fiu is a frustrated fighter!

A keen boxer of four years, John has competed in eight fights – as if that wasn't hard enough – he's done it from a wheelchair. Despite John's gruelling training efforts, he is unable to count his fights as wins. All eight fights have been with able-bodied people strapped to a chair and, as they are not considered "fair," they are relegated to the title of exhibition-only despite John largely being the better fighter, even achieving the first wheelchair TKO!

Fiu puts this down to the New Zealand boxing fraternity's refusal to umbrella the disabled community, as happens in other sports. Consequently, there is little scope for disabled people wanting to get into the sport; and fewer who want to compete.

As John is left to scramble for boxing partners, he is lucky to spar once a week compared to able-bodied fighters who have daily access to sparring partners.

"We just want the same opportunity to be considered

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AJ Pouoa (right) is no stranger to being a trailblazer. She is currently part of the "Unbreakable" series screening Tuesdays on TVNZ1

part of the boxing community," he says, "and to fight for titles in our own sector."

John has been training with Ryze Fitness owner Aiga 'AJ' Pouoa, in Avondale, for the last two years. A keen fighter herself prior to an accident that left her paralysed in 2016, AJ is eager to encourage change in the boxing world.

"Promoters could show they are willing to be inclusive by inviting disabled people onto the same tickets as able-bodied fighters. But adaptive boxing is not supported here, as it is in other sports. So, if John wants to fight, we are forced to find the resources to stage our own fight night."

But AJ is no stranger to being a trailblazer. She is currently part of the "Unbreakable" series screening on TVNZ on Tuesdays following 12 Kiwis with disabilities and big ambitions.

Quickly after her accident, AJ became the first person in a wheelchair to graduate as a personal trainer and was named student of the year by Fit College NZ,

also receiving a scholarship from them. She started a company training adaptive Athletes helping those with spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, brain injuries and cognitive impairments, and went on to be acknowledged in both the Entrepreneur category of The Attitude Awards and the Pacific Health and Wellbeing Awards.

An exercise junkie herself, AJ loves creating training programmes to help other physically impaired people get into sport and exercise.

"When you're someone's trainer, you're also their counsellor," she says. "It makes me happy people share that with me."

For now, and with few sparring partners, AJ and John have to think outside the box to achieve the same level of fitness required for competitive boxing.

"I wish I could spar every day, I just loving fighting!" says John. "But it's not only about me. I want to be able to be a role model for kids like myself who are looking for a way to move forward."

For now, John just needs a fighting chance.

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The Avondale Mainstreet People's Choice Business Awards 2022 will be presented at the Avondale Business Association's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27 October 2022.

Please take a few minutes to tell us how much you appreciate your locals and why they deserve to win.

**VOTE NOW @ [WWW.AVONDALE.NET.NZ/AWARDS](http://WWW.AVONDALE.NET.NZ/AWARDS)**

VOTING CLOSE IS FRIDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2022.

For all enquiries, please contact Cynthia Crosse, Manager,  
[manager@avondale.net.nz](mailto:manager@avondale.net.nz), mob: 027 367 4400

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# Hollywood Haps

**Olivia Newton John 4Ever:  
Grease (1978) Sing-A-Long  
Friday 9th September 7:30pm**

Celebrate the life of the incredible Olivia Newton-John with our special sing-a-long screening of GREASE!

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Spot prizes for dress ups and themed cocktails available. There will be QR Codes and a donation box displayed for the NZ Cancer Society. Let's raise some money for an important cause and have a good time singing our lil hearts out in the name of our love for ONJ.

“Experience the friendships, romances and adventures of a group of high school kids in the 1950s. Welcome to the singing and dancing world of GREASE, the most successful movie musical of all time. A wholesome exchange student (Olivia Newton-John) and a leather-clad Danny (John Travolta) have a summer romance, but will it cross clique lines?”

Doors open 6:30pm

Screening 7:30pm sharp.

Tickets \$15 or Members \$12

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Each year we have one night in New Zealand that is devoted to hardcore movie maniacs. Your bog-standard couch potatoes need not apply. We are talking the Mt Freaking Everest of movie viewing experiences. For twenty-four non-stop hours, we show cine-dementia.

Every film plays unannounced - you have no idea what lies ahead for the rest of the night. All you know is that you're in for a good time.

We've had some cool New Zealand premieres over the years as well including ZOMBIELAND, PARANORMAL ACTIVITY, TEAM AMERICA, NAPOLEON DYNAMITE, THE RUINS and many more.

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Like our page to find out about the highly sought-after Bean Bag Section. <https://www.facebook.com/24hrmm>



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# Burnt Butter Diner



By its very name, Burnt Butter evokes images of the home and, at Avondale's latest culinary offering, we find home baking at its best.

Trained chef duo, Ryan Pearce and Claudia Long, have "casual" down to an art with a motley array of old crockery and cushions - a casual home look that nevertheless suggests

a keen eye for detail!

An unusual and changing menu for breakfast, brunch and lunch boasts a to-die-for addition to a growing eat scene in Avondale - all at a very reasonable price-point such as \$6 for bottomless cups of filtered coffee.

Pearce and Long are both Avondale locals who have already introduced us to Te Whau Café (at the ill-fated Barbarinos corner). And in 2020, the Ol' Mate yellow caravan, begun its short run to becoming a local

takeout favourite, now managed by barista, Bree Bauer. Claudio also runs Sweet Cheeks, a made-to-order cake business on Instagram.

Burnt Butter plans include retail sales of home-made pickles, sauces and sambal, and catering for events. A compact little diner that is full of charm - don't miss it!

**Burnt Butter Diner can be found at: 62 Rosebank Road, Avondale  
Tues-Fri 7am-2pm | Sat 8am-2pm**

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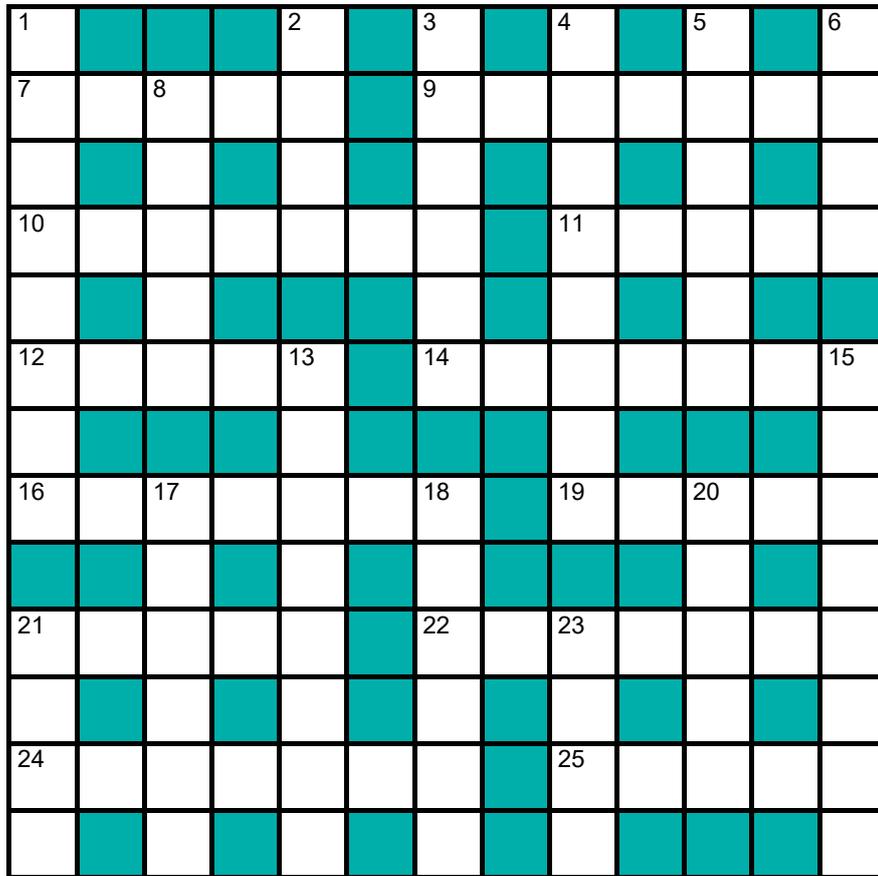
*Big pork knuckle, assorted sausages, German meatloaf, chicken schnitzel, big pretzel, sauerkraut, rotkraut, beer sauce, salad and two 400ml of German beer or house wine or soft drink.*



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# Avondale Crossword



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## Across

- 7. \_\_\_\_ Kurl Studio - hair salon on Great North Rd (5)
- 9. Types of flowers you might plant in your garden (7)
- 10. Tools used by builders and renovators (7)
- 11. Gave critical appraisal of Hollywood cinema movie (5)
- 12. Type of public transport (5)
- 14. St \_\_\_\_ - Presbyterian church that was built in Avondale in 1860 (7)
- 16. Insects that might be found in 18 Down (7)
- 19. Set of moral principles that guides community behaviour, eg (5)
- 21. \_\_\_\_ Foundation has meeting rooms for hire (5)
- 22. Fan of Avondale's latest public art murals, maybe? (7)
- 24. Avondale \_\_\_\_ - local secondary school (7)
- 25. Something yummy and special from Browne St cafe! (5)

## Down

- 1. Where to get local Japanese takeaways on Great North Rd (5,3)
- 2. \_\_\_\_ Maree Gardens - Avondale rest home care facility (4)
- 3. \_\_\_\_ Home Bakery on Rosebank Rd (6)
- 4. Doorway to building (8)
- 5. \_\_\_\_ Ink - local tattoo and piercing shop (6)
- 6. Avondale's Salvation Army Store sells great range of \_\_\_\_ goods (4)
- 8. \_\_\_\_ into - meets friend by chance in town centre (5)
- 13. Academic subjects taught at 24 Across (8)
- 15. Armstrong Smarter \_\_\_\_ - locksmith on Great North Rd (8)
- 17. Your opponents in weekend sports match! (6)
- 18. \_\_\_\_ Garden Space Avondale - located next to Library (6)
- 20. Spot this at Avondale Racecourse (5)
- 21. Cut back trees roughly and without care (4)
- 23. Your beloved pet mongrel (4)



# Gulab Jamun

for the sweet tooth!

Gulab Jamun is a very sweet Indian dessert found in countries around the world.

The word "gulab" is derived from the Persian words gol (flower) and āb (water), referring to the dessert's rose water-scented syrup. It is suggested the treat hails from medieval Iran derived from a fritter that Central Asian Turkic conquerors brought to India.

Gulab Jamun consists of milk or milk powder prepared by heating the milk over a low flame for a long time until the water content has evaporated and only the milk solids remain. These milk solids, known as khoya, are mixed with flour and kneaded into a dough.

The dough is then shaped into small balls and deep-fried in oil or ghee until they get their familiar golden brown colour. The fried balls are then soaked in a light sugar syrup flavored with green cardamom and rose water, kewra or saffron. It is often garnished with dried nuts such as almonds and cashews.

Gulab Jamun can be served cold, at room temperature, or may be served hot and served with vanilla ice-cream or the Indian dairy dessert, Kulfi.

Try Gulab Jamun the next time you order from:

Curry King  
1854 Great North Road, Avondale.  
Phone: 09 828 0506.

# Indigo Indian: vegetarian haven



Cynthia Crosse

I've lived in Avondale 12 years and Indigo Indian Restaurant has been open for five of them. I ask myself, "Why haven't I been here before?!"

As a vegetarian, it was a treat to discover that Indigo is an all-vegetarian Punjabi restaurant – sorry meat lovers!

It's not the swankiest restaurant, and a bit breezy for a winter eve – but let's face it, we're not spoiled for choice on Avondale evenings. However, it's cosy enough to linger; its crazy indigo chairs have a charm; and the food is top notch.



I am usually lukewarm about Indian restaurants as they seem, invariably, an over-sweetened, homogenised version of the amazing feasts my Indian friends cook up. (Unless you drive to Sandringham, where Indian people eat out, so it's a different kettle of fish.) But Indigo was full of flavour, and it had my favourite, Pani Puri that, despite it being one of the most common street foods in India, isn't regularly found here.

We ordered a bunch of favourites for the sake of comparison and so we can safely say that yes, Indigo is pretty damn good! A bit of a hidden gem. Our two starters, two mains, cheese naan, mango lassi and super-yum masala teas came in at \$60 and necessitated a take-home doggy bag. Verdict: Recommend!

PS. The waitress was delightful!

Indigo can be found at  
1863 Great North Road, Avondale  
Open Tuesday-Saturday  
5.00pm -10.00 pm  
Phone: 022 045 7209

## Crossword Solution

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# Mural Mad



Above: Colony's Tristan Marris with mural artist, Rob Pentha.

Left: A second Avondale mural by Jonny4Higher





Derek Battersby, Tony Miguel and artist Jonny4Higher



Left: Tristan Marris, owner of shared workspace, Colony, in Avondale knows the importance of providing a creative environment for the many small business and start up owners now calling 1790 Great North Rd home.

“We want people to walk in and say, ‘Wow, I want to work here!’” says Tristan. “It’s got to be a nicer environment than what people have at home. If it’s beige, with no character, they won’t want to work here. And it sets the tone for the sort of creative and collaborative atmosphere they join when working here.”

One of those now ensconced at Colony is business owner, Rob Pentha, who painted the upstairs tryptic (left).

The downstairs mural (left) is by Jonny4Higher - now known locally for the Taphouse mural above.

Its background is the Edmunds Cookbook sunrise ... a nod to the dawning of kiwi ingenuity. It is sprawled by a tiger representing a start-up business ridden by a CEO ...

If you’re looking for somewhere to sling your hat, come check out colonyone.nz or phone Tristan on ph 217 9264.

# Connecting us with our awa

**Avondale’s latest outdoor mural, alongside The Taphouse Avondale, was created by artist, Jonny4Higher for Tag Out Trust.**

The abstract graphic design connects the town centre to our Whau River, showing the native birdlife (particularly the fernbird, Mātātā, that can be found there), and the links between the river, the natural environment and the community.

Facilitated by Avondale Business Association, the mural has particular significance for

Tag Out Trustee, Tony Miguel, who is also chair of Te Whau Coastal Pathway, currently under construction.

The 12 kilometre coastal pathway will follow the riverbank between Te Atatu and New Lynn. In 2020, the government announced a funding boost of \$35 million towards it. Tony believes the project will contribute environmental, social, cultural, and economic benefits to the area in due course, while also connecting suburbs and offering recreation and safer and more sustainable alternatives for travel.

Above all, Te Whau Pathway Project aims to nurture a sense of pride, ownership and kaitiakitanga in the Whau River, one of the jewels in West Auckland’s crown.

# Great

# North GALLERY

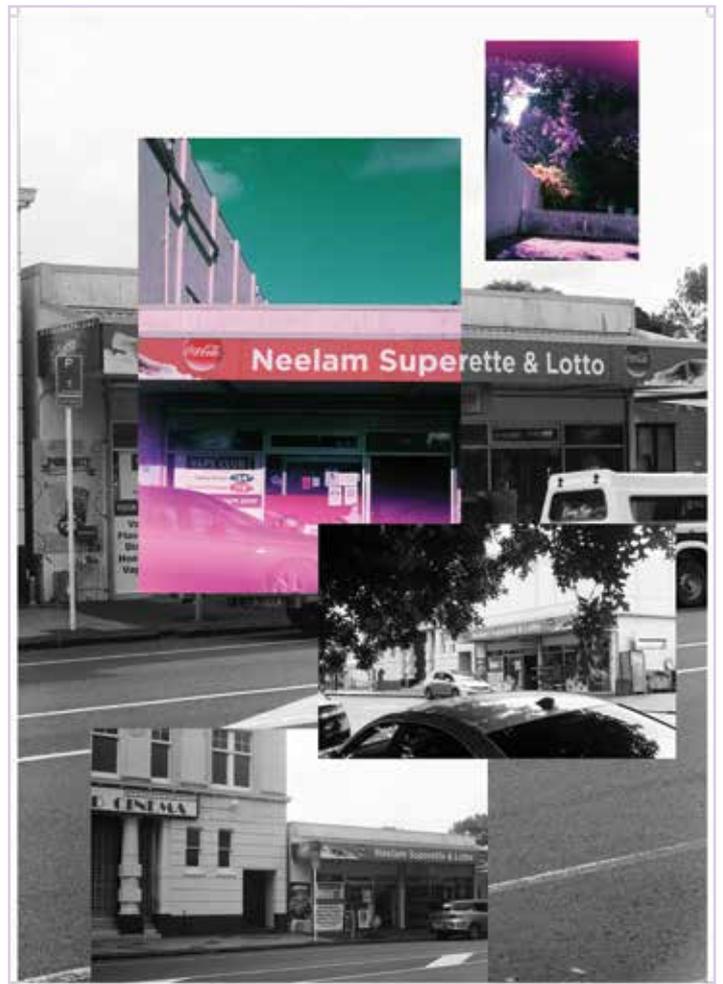
In partnership with Eke Panuku Development Auckland, I Love Avondale curates Great North Gallery – a collection of 12 large poster panels along Great North Road in the heart of Avondale’s town centre. It uses the posters to showcase our community’s people and places, cultures and creativity. The panels are refreshed monthly by Phantom Billstickers and different locals create each series. The most recent content includes:



A series by graphic designer and creative, Nikau Edmonds, reimagining brands you’d find around the neighbourhood, Avondale style. From Big Ben pies to Stars drinks, McDonald’s to Domino’s, Nikau, aka The Kaubra, adds a clever spin.

**Double Blessings** – a black and white portrait series by photographer and kaiako Anna Delaney documenting identical and fraternal twins throughout the Whau area. This chapter is part of a wider project by Anna capturing twins across Auckland.

**Dairies of Avondale** – (below) a series of photographic collages by Jacob Hamilton capturing 12 dairies throughout our neighbourhood. Jacob acknowledges these community institutions during a time when ram-raids on shops here and across Auckland have been on the rise. Support your local!



*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 email [dayne@iloveavondale.co.nz](mailto:dayne@iloveavondale.co.nz).*

*I Love Avondale is a community development project that aims to show and grow the good in our hood.*

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