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Hey there Avondale!

The first edition of our magazine has been well received, with a lot of positive feedback from community leaders, our business members and the wider community - a good sign for the road ahead.

Feedback and commentary is a necessary part of having a thriving, engaged community; it helps leaders understand if they're on the right track, so thanks for that and to those of you who also engaged in the consultation for the new community centre; this will be an exciting addition for the Mainstreet.

Have you seen a good deed happen

around town? Share it on the local Avondale Community Facebook page - another place to build local connections and keep informed.

We have many new residents moving into the area and many more to come. Let's take it on board to reach out and connect with them, show Avondale newcomers what we love most about our suburb. Share some of your local knowledge - the places to park, the eateries that do the best fish 'n chips, the park with the better playground.

As well as new residents, there are new and exciting shops scheduled to open on our Mainstreet. Attracting entrepreneurs to our town centre is an objective of the business association. I love seeing locals opening businesses, and I personally want to see more of this on our Mainstreet - so if you're looking for a place to open up your cafe, clothes store or tee shirt shop, be sure to get in touch.



**Marcus Amosa, Chair**

AVONDALE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



*With Thanks to*

... the girls at Two Treats. Head chef sisters, Sharn Pito and Tina Brown have been incredibly generous to the Avondale community and, as a local catering business, they rock! Check out their website, [www.twotreats.co.nz](http://www.twotreats.co.nz) for catering options from small platters to large events. There are weekly dinner deliveries, born during lockdown, that have become a neighbourhood favourite!



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# I Love Avondale launches much-needed mentoring for Avondale kids



## Are you interested in being a big brother, sister or buddy to a local student?

Te Whau Hapori mentoring programme is a collaboration between Upside Youth Mentoring, community development project I Love Avondale and five Avondale area schools: Avondale College, Avondale Intermediate, Glenavon School, Rosebank School and Avondale Primary.

Like other communities, Avondale has many students facing various challenges at school or in their personal lives that might benefit from a positive role model to help them navigate this time of their life.

This year, we are aiming to match 25 students referred by their schools with 25 people keen to support them. Once matched, you would spend two hours each week with your student. Together, you would decide what day and time to meet outside of school, and what you might get up to. It could be shooting hoops, going for a drive, having lunch together or watching a movie. It's entirely up to you and your young buddy.

There is no fixed programme to follow, it's simply about connecting with a student: getting to know them better and being a positive influence. Many mentors across the wider Upside programme have become lifelong friends with the tamariki/rangatahi they support or even like extended family members.

We are looking for mentors from all walks of life, but especially those from Avondale or nearby. We believe that if support comes from within the same community as the need, the bonds formed between students, whanau, schools and mentors will also benefit the wider community.

To apply as a volunteer mentor, please visit [www.upside.org.nz/mentor](http://www.upside.org.nz/mentor) where you can read about the awesome mahi Upside does more broadly.

For more info on Te Whau Hapori specifically, please message I Love Avondale on Facebook or Instagram, or contact Dayne Smith via [daynesmith@gmail.com](mailto:daynesmith@gmail.com).



## Where credit's due!

Our thanks to Auckland Council's Community Facilities department for planting ANZAC plants in Avondale Memorial Park; for replacing stolen plants next to the mural (hey, keep your mitts off!); and for planting a new peace sign at Peace Park. Keep an eye out for re-planting of the roundabout in June!





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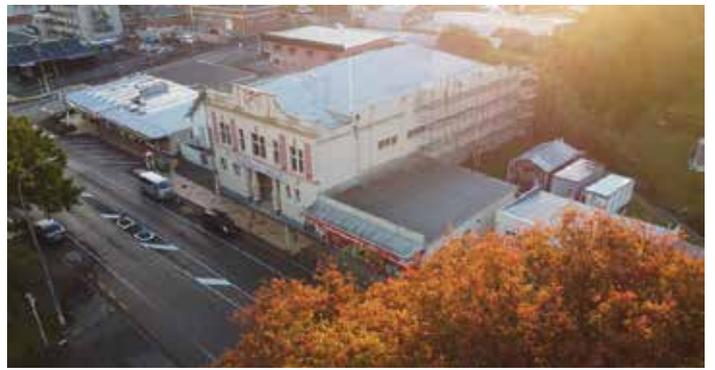
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## Hollywood retains its glamour

Work is well underway on a major renovation of the iconic Hollywood theatre and adjacent hall, with extensive upgrades to the Category B historic buildings including re-roofing, guttering and painting.

“We are keeping these landmarks alive and well so they will be around forever,” says owner, Matt Timpson.

The estimated project cost is more that \$200 000 reports John Subritsky in his Beacon article, which “is a huge commitment for a small business.”

The old town hall in fact started life in 1867 on the site of the current cinema. In January 1915, it was decided to build an ornate brick front, complete with imposing columns, wide stairs to the entrance, and a dome on the roof. Later, in 1923, the Borough Council decided Avondale merited a grander Town Hall than just an impressive frontage with old wooden hall behind it and so, the hall was shifted next door and the rest of the existing building added. It opened on 31 October 1924 but was only dubbed the Hollywood from 1966.

Now in 2021 and with limited music venues of this size in Auckland, the Hollywood is being well utilised by the music industry with concerts held aplenty. Meanwhile, Matt’s heart lies with film and locals are loving his review of quirky 80s and 90s classics. Long may our local legend continue!

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# Pasifika

## Island Designs



Jennifer Zhang is no new face in Avondale – she started her Pasifika fabric store on the mainstreet some 13 years ago, while relocating a few doors down last year to expand into a larger space.

Did you know, if sewing is not your thing, Jennifer's tailor will make you something to suit.

Selling not only island-designed fabric, but also clothing and accessories and with fitting rooms instore, you can be sure to leave with a full ensemble.

Jennifer sources stock locally and from overseas with fresh fabrics and clothing arriving monthly.

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Members of the Whau Pasifika komiti. From left: Seumanu Matafai, Ellie Ikinofu, Fala Haulangi, QSM, Fa'afouina Patisolo, Yvette Guttenbeil Po'uuhila, Noa Yalomatua, and Reverend Asora Amosa. Absent – Vaeluga Filipino Iosefa, Chantelle Huch, Savea Al Harrington

## Turning up the volume on Pasifika voices

In June 2019, the “Whau Pacific Peoples Plan” was launched to improve community inclusion of, and support for, Pacific residents in the Whau. It was the first such document across Auckland to be ratified by a Local Board. After its launch, a volunteer komiti of 11 locals was elected to roll out the plan, which has already proven invaluable in turning up the volume on Pasifika voices.

“One of the key requirements of the komiti,” says Rosetta Fuimaono, from Auckland Council, “is to engage Pasifika people, particularly our young people, in the democratic process – to be a conduit in getting information to our people and to ensure, in turn, that their voices are heard.”

Despite Covid lockdowns, the komiti has already consulted and given feedback on several important projects including, most recently, the draft Avondale Library Community Hub design. It also ran a Community Grants workshop recently to explain how to apply for grants. Encouragingly, 80% of those who attended had not engaged with the local board before, showing that the komiti was filling an important gap in the communication chain.

“We would like the komiti to be consulted by Council on matters that affect our Pasifika communities,” says Yvette Guttenbeil Po'uuhila (chair). “We are pleased to see Council's Events team has handed the Whau Pacifica Festival to the komiti to oversee, for example.”

Yvette also encourages the Pasifika community to contact the komiti for Pacific-related matters.

Although a relatively new komiti, its members live or work locally and are committed to its cause. “We're each involved in different groups and keep our ears to the ground on what's happening in our communities,” says Reverend Amosa. “We see this komiti as being an important bridge between our Pasifika communities and the Local Board. I feel that we are at the dawn of something new and exciting.”

The komiti has a busy schedule to roll out in 2021, so watch this space.

For more information, visit [www.whaupasifika.nz](http://www.whaupasifika.nz).



If you think that nothing happens in Avondale at night, get yourself down to the fale at 50a Rosebank Road to experience an awesome evening with the Auckland Gospel Choir.

A multi-cultural, multi-generational and multi-denominational choir from all over Auckland, founder Seumanu Simon Matafai has created something incredibly special here – it is an evening that will leave you opening your heart, and lungs, to the Lord, with “Amens”, “Alleluias” and “Praise the Lord” a-plenty.

Seumanu radiates joy, a genuinely warm-hearted being, “When you come to us,” he says, “you don’t join a Choir, you join a family!”

Indeed, the Matafai family is a collective of incredible talent; Simon himself accompanies the evening on piano through the singing, talking, testimonies, and prayer. Nephew, Raymah, directing the choir, encourages the sopranos, altos and tenors alike to burst into song with voices they never knew they had.

The Auckland Gospel Choir is roughly a 30-person collective with talent that sees it invited to perform around the country. The choir is currently rehearsing with the Philharmonic Orchestra and will record an album with the orchestra in 2022.

The Auckland Gospel Choir is always scouting for talent, so if you can hold a tune, come on down any Thursday at 7.30 pm and join in. Don’t be shy! It is surprisingly empowering and fun!

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## MAKING A MARK

Cliff Cole (right), pictured with business partner Vaga Faalavaau, is the co-owner/operator of Tautua INK.

After working under renowned artist Steve Ma Ching for several years, Cliff and Vaga opened their own store in Avondale where they specialise in Polynesian tattoos, including hosting traditional tatau artists using the 'au.

“I was always thinking to open up in Avondale, 100%,” says Cliff. “I grew up here and it just made sense. It’s been good; every day we have schoolmates or neighbours popping in and chatting for 5 or 10 minutes then they’re on their way. It’s like a little spot to catch up on all the gossip and what everyone’s up to.”

“When we got the shop, it was just a box. Everything you see now, we put in here. We’ve got a good foundation. We’re lucky a lot of our clients followed us over from Western Tattoo and it’s just grown. There’s three artists: me, Vaga and Tevita, and we’ve also got Patrick selling tattoo supplies. It’s busy and that’s all we can ask for.”

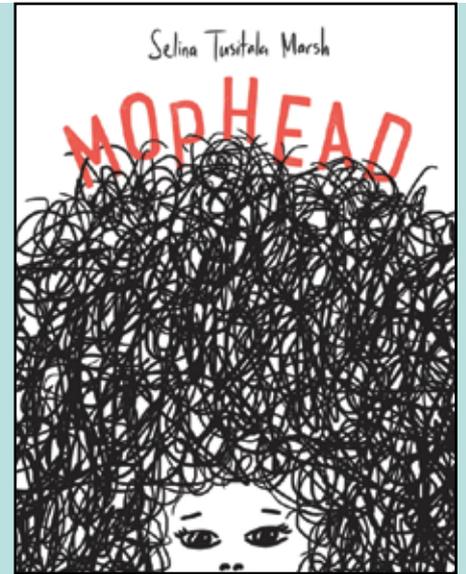
Tautua Ink can be found at 1976A Great North Road, Avondale.

*This story extracted from I Love Avondale. Photo by Bayly & Moore.*



All smiles at Auckland Gospel Choir practice nights at the fale, Thursdays 7.30pm

# Pasifika



Grab this must-have kids book from Moana Fresh

Mophead is an inspirational graphic memoir of growing up Pasifika in New Zealand, written and illustrated by Avondale-grown Poet (one-time Poet Laurette), Selina Tusitala Marsh.

At school, Selina is teased for her big, frizzy hair. Kids call her 'mophead.' She ties her hair up this way and that way and tries to fit in. Until one day Selina gives up the game. She decides to let her hair out, to embrace her difference, to be WILD!

Selina takes us through special moments in her extraordinary life. She becomes one of the first Pasifika women to hold a PhD. She reads for the Queen of England and Samoan royalty. She meets Barack Obama. And then she is named the New Zealand Poet Laureate.

This is an inspirational graphic memoir, full of wry humour, that will appeal to young readers and adults alike. Illustrated with wit and verve by the author – Mophead tells the true story of a New Zealand woman realising how her difference can make a difference.

Mophead has won the supreme award at the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults, the Margaret Mahy Book of the Year and Elsie Locke Award for Non-fiction. Pop it on your gift list!

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## Ulutoa & Sons

# Taste of Samoa

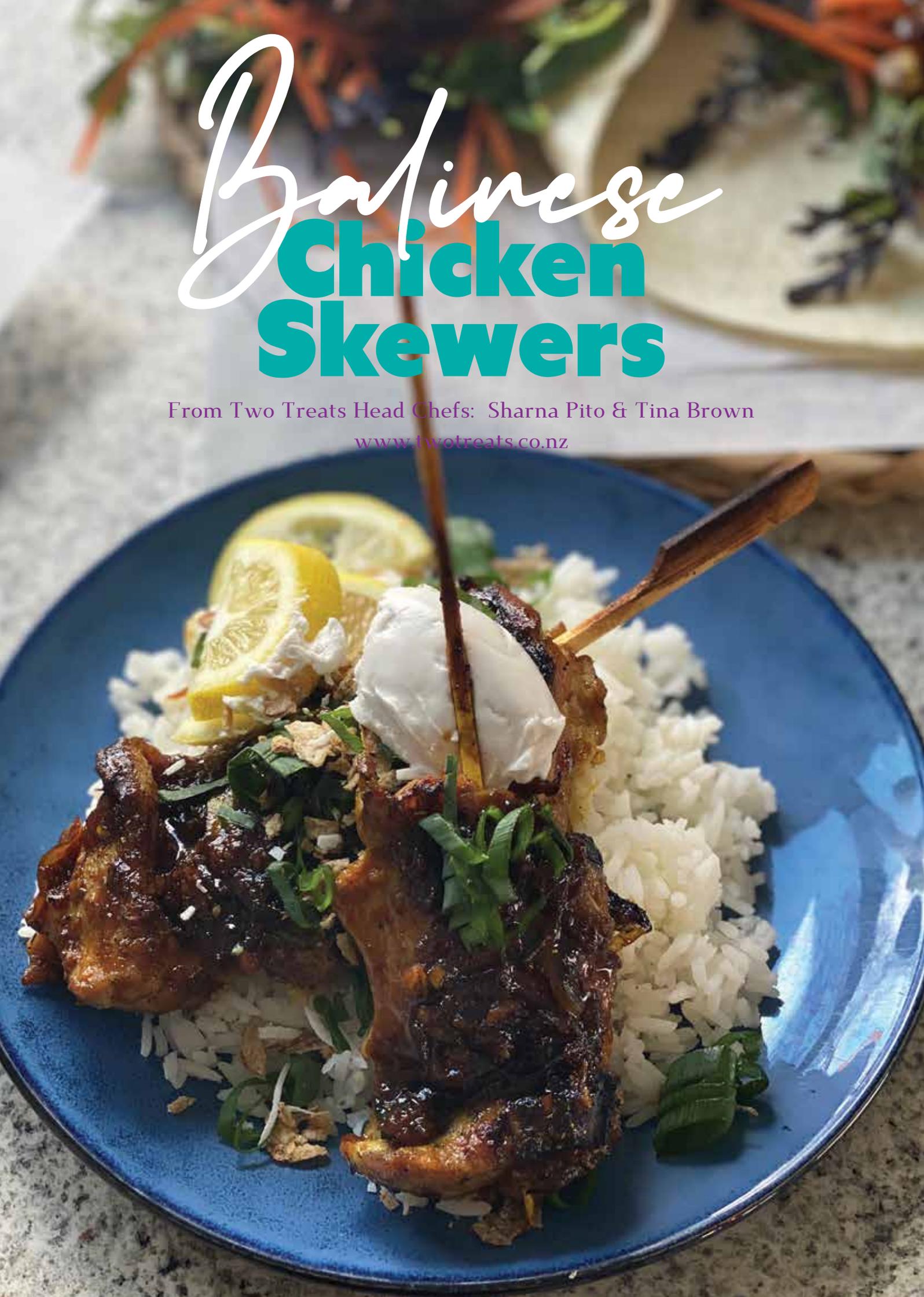
Was Taste of Samoa part of your childhood?

With shops in Otahuhu and Avondale, the local Ulutoa Bros' Taste of Samoa is one of our most successful destination stores. Sui and Lita Ulutoa (from Samatau and Satui respectively), opened the Avondale store some 13 years ago and it is one that many of us grew up loving!

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# Batinese Chicken Skewers

From Two Treats Head Chefs: Sharna Pito & Tina Brown

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**RECIPE**

4 portions of chicken (boneless thigh / chicken breast)

**Balinese Marinade**

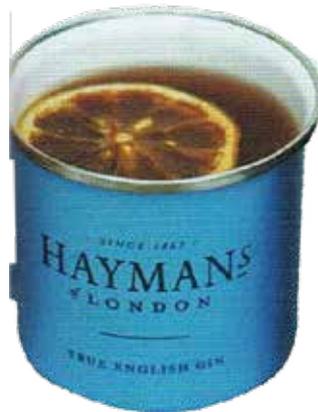
- 1 Medium white onion, sliced
- 1 Tbl Garlic, chopped
- 1 Tbl Ginger, chopped
- 1 Tbl Mild curry, powder
- 1 Tbl Lemongrass, powder
- 1 Tspn Allspice or Ground Cinnamon
- 1/4 Tspn Black Pepper
- 1 Tbl Brown Sugar
- 1/4 Cup Soy Sauce
- 1/2 Tspn Chilli Flakes
- 2 Tbl Oil

**METHOD**

1. Mix the marinade ingredients in a bowl and rub over the chicken.
2. Let chicken rest in fridge for 1 hour.
3. Heat the oil in a frying-pan and sear the chicken pieces till coloured. Keep remaining marinade.
4. Preheat the oven to 170 degrees.
5. Place chicken, pan juices and remaining marinade onto an oven tray; place in oven and cook for 20-25 minutes or until chicken juices run clear.
6. Once cooked, skewer each piece of chicken, and pour pan juices over chicken.

Enjoy in a roll, with coconut rice or on a wrap - just a few suggestions.

# Hot SPICED APPLE



**Recipe**

- 50 ml Hayman's London Dry Gin
- 100ml Cloudy Apple Juice
- Squeeze of Honey
- Cinnamon Stick
- Star Anise
- 3 Cloves

Add all the ingredients to a pan. Slowly heat, do not boil. When warm, serve in an enamel mug. Garnish with a slice of apple and a cinnamon stick.

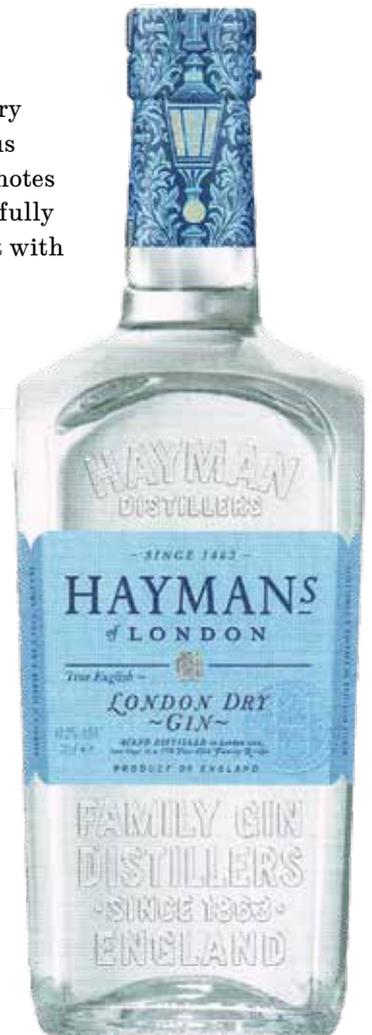
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## Felice gets funky!

Sandra Paterson

**You've re-branded. What does your new look say about Felice Hair Design?**

It was all about freshening up the brand and trying something new and exciting! The website's main aim is to create a stronger online presence and also act as a booking portal for appointments. Convenience for my clients is key! New look and feel, same quality, time and attention.

**How do you keep up with the annual trends in cutting, colouring, etc.**

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**What's some "in" looks for 2021?**

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**How often should I get my hair cut?**

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## Urban Kurl

### Carla Ta'akimoeaka

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#### Tell us about Pasifika hair ...

Pasifika hair is quite different to work with. There are rules to follow, and that includes not cutting it wet and not brushing it out when it is dry! Any curly girl understands this rule, ha ha! When clients leave our salon, they usually see their real curls for the first time in their lives. It can be life changing.

#### Do you only cut Pasefika hair?

We do all hair types as well as all hairdressing services, not just curl sessions. We also do kid's hair, men's hair, and all age groups.

#### Why Avondale?

I had been wanting to open a hair salon in Avondale for a long time as there was a strong need for it in the community. So many locals would travel out of Avondale to get their hair done, which is a shame. So, I thought it was time we brought a good-quality salon to the area and provide this much-needed service. We also play the best old-school jams too, which is a bonus!

We opened a year ago and the response from the community has been amazing. We absolutely love what we do. We have clients who travel from all over Auckland to see us, so we will need to expand eventually.

#### Are you from Avondale?

I have been a Westie all my life and attended Avondale college as a teen, so I spent a lot of my childhood here. I feel right at home and it feels great to have opened a business in the heart of Avondale to provide a great service to the community.

#### Favourite client?

I have so many amazing clients but, I have to say, any client who supports local and small businesses are up there on my list! In this day and age, us little guys need more support than ever. It's what keeps our doors open.

If you're in the area, and need help with your hair, just pop in for a chat. The team is a friendly and down-to-earth bunch, so don't be shy.

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## The Fade Master

### Tewachew Asmare

Ethiopian barber, Tewachew Asmare (a.k.a. Josey) established The Fade Master barber shop three years ago on the main street, and it has been a hive of activity since. Its popularity requires The Fade Master to be open 7 days, with four barbers (including Tewachew's nephew Enedacamaw), attending to its mostly young customers who come to the store often weekly to keep their styles sharp.

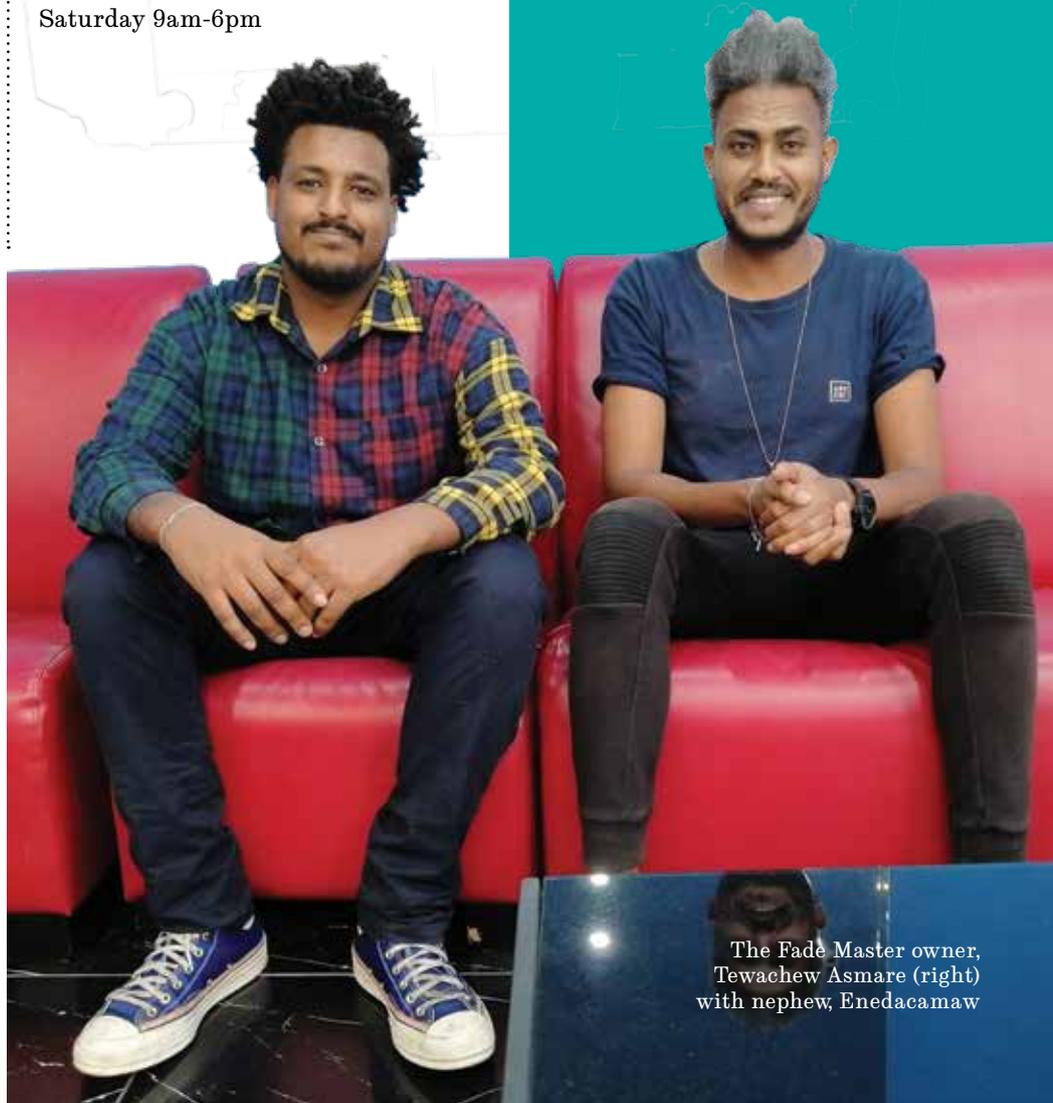
An Avondale resident, Tewachew believes The Fade Master has the edge as a barber shop because the team genuinely care about their customers, and take their time to ensure they are happy walking out the door.

The Fade Master

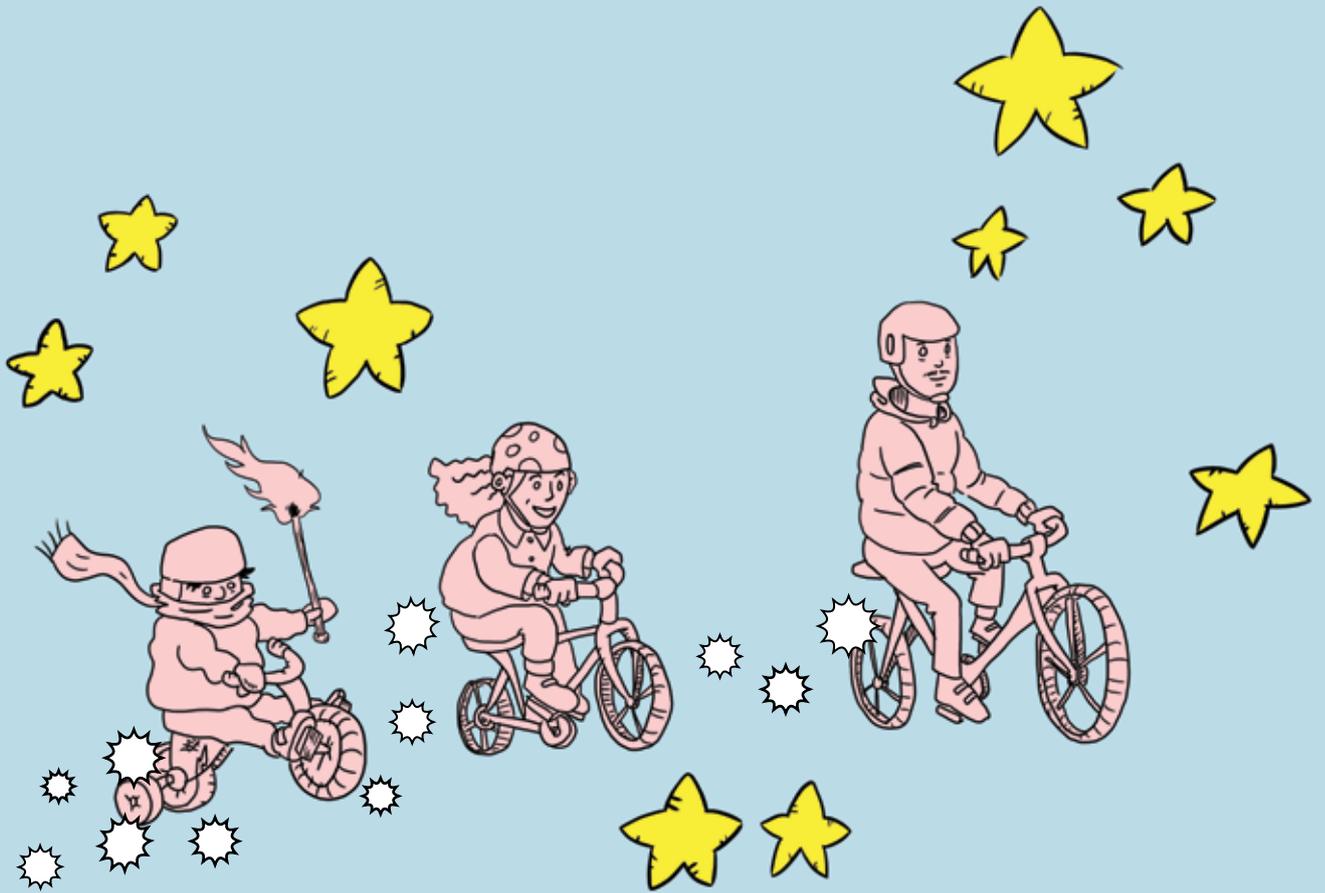
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Sunday 9am to at 3pm



The Fade Master owner, Tewachew Asmare (right) with nephew, Enedacamaw



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# WHAT'S ON

## Avondale Library

### KIDS

#### Matariki Games

Monday 14 June 2021 | 3.15pm – 4.30pm

Join us to play some fun Matariki Games! Ages 5+

#### Decorative Family Albums

Monday 21 June 2021 | 3.15pm – 4.30pm

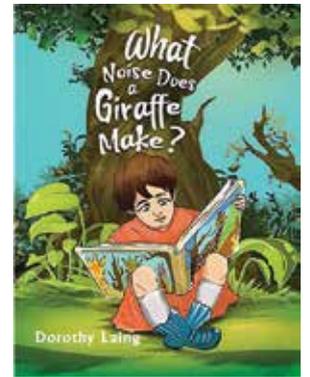
Get crafty and create a personalised family album this Matariki to celebrate with whanau and friends. Ages 5+

#### Storytime with Dorothy Liang

Saturday 12 June 2021

11.00am – 12.00pm

Author Dorothy Liang reads her book – What noise does a giraffe make? Join us for this special Storytime and craft activity.



#### Star Art Weaving

Monday 28 June 2021

3.15pm – 4.30pm

Make a decorative woven star design using wool and brighten up your home this Matariki. Ages 5+

### ADULTS

#### Scam Alert Presentation

Friday 11 June 2021 | 10.00am – 11.00am

We look at what a scam is, the ways you can be scammed and how to protect yourself. Presented by Age Concern, and targeted at those 65 and over, but all are welcome.

#### Treaty of Waitangi Workshop

Saturday 19 June 2021 | 9.00am – 4.30pm

Haven Foundation, 1855 Great North Rd.

Come explore a key element of our history with this intensive introduction to the topic of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. No prior knowledge necessary. The programme is interactive and participatory. Facilitated by Tauwi facilitators from Tangata Tiriti. Adults only. Bookings required.

#### Paper Making

Sunday 20 June, 1pm – 3pm & 27 June, 1pm – 3pm

You will learn how to make your own unique handmade paper using recycled paper and other natural materials such as leaves and flowers. This workshop requires you to attend both sessions. Adults only. Bookings required.

#### Māori Conversation Group

Every Friday 11.00am – 12.00pm

Practise Te Reo Māori in a relaxed setting with speakers from various levels. Fluent speakers and learners are invited to come and enjoy conversation, company, and coffee. Tea and Coffee provided.

The poster for 'BREAKOUT YOUTH EVENT' has a vibrant graffiti background in shades of blue, green, and red. The word 'BREAKOUT' is written in large, white, outlined letters at the top. Below it, 'YOUTH EVENT' is written in a smaller, white font. The text 'Live Music & Entertainment', 'FREE food', 'Sports', and 'Prizes & More...' is arranged in a vertical list on the right side. A circular inset shows a performer in a black shirt and cap, with the text 'BLSD ONE' below it. At the bottom left, the event details are listed: 'Saturday 5th June', '1pm-4pm', and 'Avondale Central, 1925 Gt North Rd'. At the bottom, there is a row of logos for sponsors: Panuku Development Auckland, AVONDALE COLLABORATION, encounter, SPORT WAITAKERE, LifeChurch, HOSANNA AVONDALE BAPTIST, and Courageous.

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The advertisement for 'paradice ENTERTAINMENT' features a dark background with a large, stylized logo in the center. The logo says 'paradice' in a white, italicized font with a swoosh underneath, and 'ENTERTAINMENT' in a smaller, white font below it. Below the logo, the tagline 'THE COOLEST HOTSPOT IN TOWN!' is written in white. On the left, there is a photo of people ice skating, with the text 'ICE SKATING' in white on a blue background above it. On the right, there is a photo of people playing laser tag, with the text 'LASER TAG' in white on an orange background above it. At the bottom left, there is an Instagram icon, and at the bottom right, there is a Facebook icon. The contact information '150 Lansford Crescent, Avondale. Phone 09 828 3800 www.paradice.co.nz' is written in white at the bottom center.

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# Avondale Station

Tired of sitting in an hour's traffic to get downtown? Do you know, you can halve your travel time and save your parking fees by taking the Avondale train!

It takes just 30 minutes to get from Avondale to Britomart, or 15 minutes to head West to Henderson, and trains run as often as every 10 minutes at peak times.

Find everything you need for planning your travel at [www.AT.govt.nz](http://www.AT.govt.nz) – it's a pretty user-friendly site. The Journey Planner will tell you the fastest way to get to any destination across Auckland.

To print out a PDF train timetable, go to <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/timetables/#train> and select the Western Line.

## How to pay

If you're taking the train, you need to buy a HOP card. It costs \$10 for the card and you have to top it up. The minimum top up is \$1. Buy a Hop Card online at: <https://at.govt.nz/bus-train-ferry/at-hop-card/buy-at-hop-card/buy-at-hop-card-online/>; at the Avondale train station; or from one of our local retailers: Akshar Superette, Rays dairy, or The Punters dairy.

## Fares & calculating how much you pay

You can transfer between AT buses, trains and ferries and pay just one fare for your entire journey with your HOP card. The easiest way to work out a fare is to jump onto the Journey Planner.

As an example, it takes \$3.90 to get from Avondale to Britomart. So, if you train to work, that's just \$39 of total travel costs per week. Compare that to your petrol/car maintenance/parking bill!

Concessions apply for off-peak times, and discounted fares are available for children, secondary school students, tertiary students, mobility card, blind card holders and seniors. Seniors can also travel free on selected bus, train and ferry services after 9am weekdays, all day weekends and public holidays (exclusions apply).

So, next time you're sitting in the traffic, consider if it's not time or an easier route!



## How to tag on and tag off

Use your HOP card to tag on before you board the train at the AT HOP card reader. Then tag off when you finish your trip. If you don't tag on or tag off, your AT HOP card may be charged a default fare.



# The Big Bike Film Night



Full house and bike ports at Hollywood Avondale

## The Big Bike Film Night hit Avondale in May, screening to a sold-out crowd at The Hollywood.

In its seventh year, The Big Bike Film Night is an annual event dedicated to the love of cycling, which showcases a diverse range of short cycling films from around the globe that celebrate the fun, adventure and joy of the humble bike. Cyclists turned out in droves. Curator, Brett Cotter introduced the show, with Ina Patisolo and Jessica Rose (Whau Local Board) representing Bike Avondale - Jessica was integral to the event moving to Avondale. Here's four reasons Jessica is passionate about cycling:

### Your health

Studies have found that the combination of exercise and being outside when biking is a magic combo for mental health. Self-esteem, depression, anxiety and stress are all positively affected through exercise, and cycling has been shown to be one of the most effective activities for the head and heart.

### The climate

A whopping 37% of Auckland's emissions come from sitting in your car in traffic. Trying to solve traffic with more roads has been likened to someone overweight fixing it by loosening their belt. The only way to do something about too many cars being on the road is to use the car for less trips. Think of a bike as added value to the transport toolkit, and one that is ensuring fresh air to breathe for future generations.

### Reduce Clogging

The city is changing fast and

developments on St Georges, Bellgrove and Highbury are just the tip of the iceberg. Wide road corridors and car parking use up precious whenua that trees and tamariki could be growing up on. It's time to share the road with bike paths.

### Save dollars

A bike has almost zero running costs, and you can buy them cheap now from pre-loved bike stores. Not paying for petrol, parking, and insurance, really adds up. Even an ebike quickly pays for itself.

Try looking up the different types of cargo bikes available now for families, dogs, boom boxes, groceries (#quaxing), small trees... folding bikes that basically turn into a briefcase for easy compatibility with public transport. And be sure to keep in touch with Bike Avondale on the Facebook group "BikeAvondale" for free bike lesson and other cool biking events."



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## Free country

Are you tuned in to our new Avondale radio station? Crescendo Radio beams from New Lynn to Pt Chevalier, 24 hours a day with 50% Kiwi music and a host of multi-genre shows including Rajeev Nedumaran's "Photo Country."

Rajeev is a local photographer and photography teacher known to Avondale through his photo walks, and mobile photography courses. Photo Country features a fresh photography topic each week - e.g. an interview with a friend who collects digital lenses; war photography for ANZAC day, and so on. And it's interspersed with cool country tunes.

Rajeev is a massive country buff. "I enjoy the stories it tells and its narrative about life!" he says.

This radio show is cool, a little kooky, and very country!

WHAT: Photo Country

WHO: Rajeev Nedumaran

WHEN: Each Friday 12 noon to 1pm

WHERE: Tune in to 87.8 FM or search Crescendo on your iHeart Radio app.

## NEW STORE

A flash-as new vape store has hit the Mainstreet. IQOS Vape joins us alongside Discount Mall at 1994 Great North Rd. Say goodbye to ciggies with some sexy-cool vape options to help you kick your habit!



What's the new shop going to be next to The Fade Master barber? Your Facebook answers...

"A Barber" Barney Wikitera-Kuki, "A police helicopter shop" Darren Munden, "A daktory" Fitsum Gebregziabher - ha, ha!

It's a new café!



Don't miss the conversation at Avondale Mainstreet on Facebook & Instagram.



## Avondale Art Park

We're going to miss this amazing display of graffiti art when it's gone! Here's a recent piece by KEZAM - a regular featuring artist from before the Art Park project even began - a strong supporter & much respected artist here in NZ & internationally.



# Avondale Musings

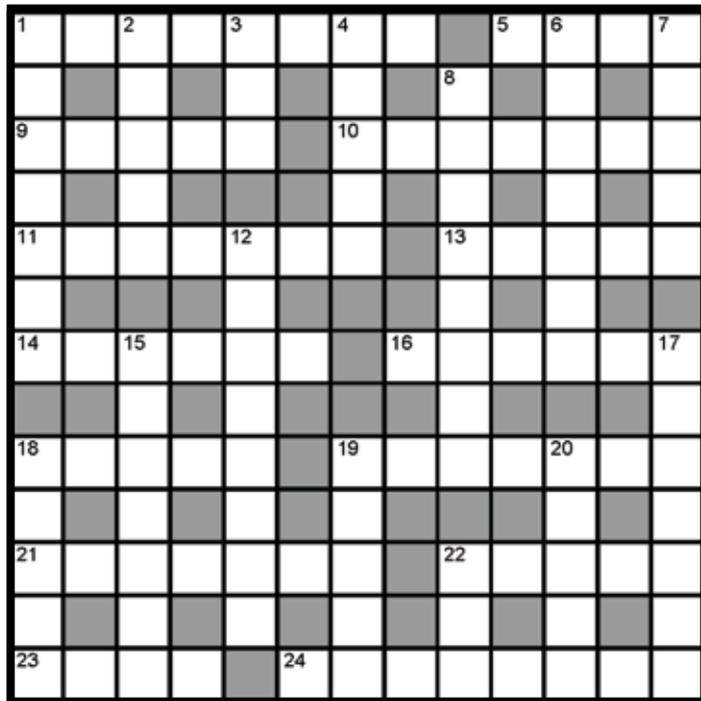
How well do you know Avondale?  
Test yourself below. Answers at  
[www.avondale.net.nz/crossword](http://www.avondale.net.nz/crossword)

## Across

- Popular Avondale ice skating venue (8)
- Stylish \_\_\_ and Beauty - local beauty care salon (4)
- Spin \_\_\_ Laundromat - get your washing done on St Georges Rd (5)
- The \_\_\_ - local barber on Rosebank Rd (7)
- Type of flower you might buy from Amanda 4 Flowerz in springtime (7)
- Rhonda \_\_\_ - lawyer with offices on Rosebank Rd (5)
- The \_\_\_ Club - grab a bite to eat here on Great North Rd (6)
- Concession tickets for 1 Across maybe (6)
- What horses did at Avondale Jockey Club? (5)
- \_\_\_ Streets - free dinner every 2nd Saturday at Avondale Community Centre (4,3)
- \_\_\_ Hair Salon on Rosebank Rd (3,4)
- Auckland Council Whau Local \_\_\_ area includes Avondale (5)
- Type of wine you can order at The Taphouse (4)
- \_\_\_ Quality Gourmet Foods - local meat wholesalers (8)

## Down

- \_\_\_ Foodmart - for fruit, veges and other foodstuffs on Great North Rd (7)
- Quick exploration of Avondale to see what's on offer! (5)
- Take your books back to Avondale Library when they are \_\_\_ (3)
- Dried coconut core from which coconut oil is expelled (5)
- Western Veterinary treats sick and injured ones (7)
- These provide access for wheelchairs in public places and buildings (5)
- Hot chocolate drink at 14 Across, eg (8)
- Rosebank \_\_\_ - for local motorcycle racing action (8)
- One of services offered by 5 Across (7)
- Drivers should keep eye on these in cars - don't go too fast! (7)
- You need to be early \_\_\_ to get to Avondale Sunday Market when it opens (5)
- Moana \_\_\_ - for Pacific and Māori art and accessories (5)
- Look on \_\_\_ Me for Avondale houses and rentals (5)
- Use this to get to and from Avondale (3)



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## The exploding service garage

### A local look-back by historian Lisa Truttman

George Stuart had one of Avondale's earliest service garages, and probably its first car dealership. He was in business on the present day site of Deborah Russell's New Lynn electorate office on Great North Road, from around 1923. One night in August 1927, however, Stuart's garage exploded.

They blamed a container of benzene suddenly exploding in the garage, but the fire's cause was never fully explained. It destroyed seven cars, and the volunteer firemen who dashed in to put the fire out and rescue two of the cars by pushing them out into the street found themselves choking on the thick, black fumes.

With £3000 in losses, you'd think that was the end of Stuart's business. But no, he continued at that site for another two years, then moved to another site further north along the road, there until around 1933. That site became Morrison & Crawford's garage, and Stuart moved on to Whangarei.

*The next meeting of the Avondale-Waterview Historical Society will be on Saturday 5 June, 2 pm, at St Ninians Hall, St Georges Road, Avondale. All welcome. Guest speaker will be Ian Thwaites, on the Ex Libris Society and bookplates of the famous.*



Richard Hawkes



Rajeev



Yonghui Tao



Judith Webster



Wendy Craig



Elizabeth Kernohan

# Avondale by Phone Camera

Local photographer, Rajeev Nedumaran organises regular walks for photo-enthusiasts to learn new tricks and amble through the Avondale town centre with a fresh eye. Here's some pics from last months' walk.

Find out more about Rajeev and his courses at:

IG [RajeevNZ](#) (landscape photography) | [Clickmopics](#) (mobile photos) | [FB Clickmopics](#)

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