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## PANMURE

YOUR LOCAL MONTHLY BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

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**LOCAL FOCUS** 

Panmure Basin Fun Day 2020

The full story on page 3 and 4

FREE Community Event on Sunday, 1st March, 11am - 4pm

#### TOWN MANAGER REPORT



#### WHO WE ARE



Chris Sutton

Town Centre Manager , aka 'The Boss' of Panmure Business Association



Taniela Kaivelata

Security Liaison Officer at the Panmure Business Association, very hard not to spot him in the street



Dolly Tanna

Marketing Director at the Panmure Business Association and the real boss of every promotion



Katie Chan

Communications Co-ordinator at the Panmure Business Association and 'head chef' of the Newsletter



Dannielle Carter

Accounts Officer at the Panmure Business Association, knows her timetables

#### PANMURE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

**Alan Duncan** (Chair) The Loft Dance Studio 021 172 2136

**Chris Swann** (Deputy Chair) Barfoot & Thompson 570 2039

**Steven Arnold** (Treasurer) Peace Experiment

**Adrienne Hodson** Panmure Library 574 6140 **Evonne Geluk** Tamaki Regeneration Company 09 521 8850

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**Connie Clarkson** Panuku Development Auckland 021 027 15803

**Norma McDonald** McDonald Trading 021 166 6367 **Susan Zwaagdijk** Muscle Movement 027 460 7136 **Nerissa Henry** Maungakiekie - Tāmaki Local Board Representative

With love:



## Chris has her say

hank you to the 31 business owners and managers who responded to the informal PBA survey question: What impact has the current AMETI Eastern Busway construction had on your business? The response represented around 32% of businesses in the Panmure Business Improvement District

The findings of the survey have been passed onto the AMETI Eastern Busway project team, with an emphasis on the difficulty the businesses are experiencing in Ireland Rd and Basin View

I also hope to be able to update you all soon via email with some timelines on the works.

or the past year, we have been fortunate to have Dolly Tanna in the role of Marketing Manager. Dolly has extensive marketing experience and strong personal goals to continue her education and has therefore decided to study for an MBA in Australia. She will be starting her master's degree in early March.

We are sad to see her leave as she is excellent at her job, a wonderful member of our small team and fun to be around. She has offered practical assistance to numerous business owners via the Marketing 'One on One' sessions and in return has acquired a greater knowledge and understanding about 'marketing on a budget' and the challenges faced by owning a small business. We wish Dolly all the best for her future!

n this Issue, we have featured a marvellous man, Boaz Moala, who is the Panmure Community Hall Program Coordinator, and he has the job of building community activities in the Panmure Hall. He is doing this by working together with the Panmure Library and the Panmure Business Association, so this year you will see more community-based events happening on a regular basis. His role is supported by the Maungakiekie

Tāmaki Local Board whose vision is to have people like Boaz to support and empower a diverse range of community groups to be more active and engaged. Boaz can also be spotted with his beautiful family on a large AT billboard just over the Panmure Bridge on Lagoon Drive!



Businesses who

participate in

the Panmure

Christmas Street

Party and go into

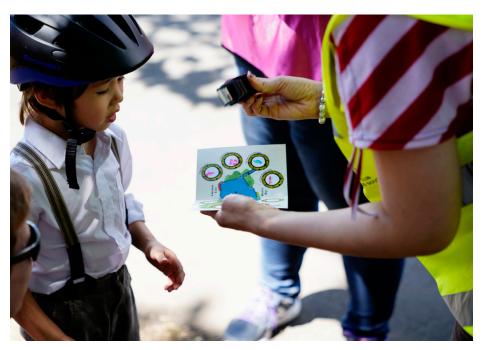
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Town Centre Manager



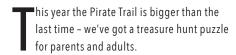
Thanks to Dolly (second from the left) for all of her efforts towards PBA in the past year

# Great Panmure Pirate Activity Trail & The Upgraded Playground









There will be eight activity stations for families ranging from pirate ship races, treasure hunts, giant sea serpents and conversations with a Taniwha.

While there on the Fun Day, pay a visit to the playground at Peterson Reserve overlooking the Basin. The playground's upgrade is now complete and is already proving a popular spot. Designed for the under 5s, this playground has new musical equipments your little ones will love!



























- 1. Pirate Trail
- 2. Captain Festus 3. Tamashii Taiko Drummers
- 4. Pirate Trail
- 5. Panmure Library
- 6. Recycled raft race
  7. Train rides one of the popular attractions of the day
  8. JP the Clown

## Minimum wage to rise to \$18.90 per hour

The Government has confirmed that the adult minimum wage will increase from \$17.70 to \$18.90 on 1 April 2020



he increase to \$18.90 in 2020 offers a balanced approach toward reaching the Government's plan for a \$20 minimum wage by 1 April 2021. The \$18.90 rate was determined after consultation with stakeholders, including employer and employee representatives, and confirmed after an annual review which took into account the current economic context and the interests of businesses and workers.

#### Minister's announcement:

The Government is making sure we share the prosperity of our strong economy fairly with those on the minimum wage by lifting it to \$18.90 per hour on 1 April 2020 - the next step in the Government's plan for a \$20 minimum wage by 2021, Workplace Relations and Safety Minister lain Lees-Galloway says.

"Around a quarter of million workers will be better off next year, thanks to another \$1.20 an hour increase to the minimum wage, the biggest equal lift ever," says Iain Lees-Galloway.

An estimated 242,000 workers will benefit by a lift in their income, which includes people working on \$17.70 and between \$17.70 and \$18.90 an hour.

"The new \$18.90 rate will mean an extra \$48 per week before tax for Kiwis who work for 40 hours on the current minimum wage.

"New Zealand's economy currently has a solid footing. Our unemployment rate is low at 4.2 per cent, our economy is predicted to add 43,600 jobs in 2020, and our GDP is growing at a faster rate than other OECD nations, including Australia, Canada, the USA and European countries.

"With our economy doing well, we want to make sure that our lowest paid workers also benefit. The rise in minimum wage is estimated to boost wages by \$306 million a year across the economy. That's a good investment in local economies where workers spend their wages.

ain Lees-Galloway says today's announcement reconfirms the rates signalled in 2018 and the Government's plan for a \$20 minimum wage in 2021.

"We're implementing a balanced approach to the minimum wage increases and have provided certainty to businesses who told us they wanted to know how much the minimum wage will increase and when the changes were going to happen," says Iain Lees-Galloway.

"Last year, we signalled minimum wages of \$18.90 for 2020 and \$20 in 2021. By re-confirming these rates we offer certainty the businesses need for

planning and forecasting."

The starting out and training wages will also see a boost, with a rise to \$15.12 per hour from 1 April 2020, remaining at 80% of the adult minimum wage

Courtesy: Ministry of Business, Innovation and **Employment** 

Visit employment.govt.nz or call Employment New Zealand toll free on 0800 20 90 20.

www.business.govt.nz

#### TIP:

If you pay staff minimum wages, recalculate your budget for the rest of the year - you'll be paying out more in wages.

#### LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

#### **Flute**

#### New Vegetarian & Vegan restaurant in town!



#### **FLUTE**

Unit F Jellicoe Court, 22 - 28 Jellicoe Road

P: 09 218 5431



flutepanmure

Tue-Sun 11am - 2pm, 5pm - 9pm

n the New Year, we saw the opening of Panmure's new Vegetarian and Vegan restaurant, Flute.

Flute had a very successful opening evening on Friday, January the 17th.

Customers came from various parts of Auckland to partake in all the fun and food!

On offer are various vegetarian and vegan options-

Veg and Vegan Pizza, Burgers & fries, Nuggets, Lasagne, Quiche, Samosas, Pies, Desserts.

They also serve non-alcoholic wine.

Pizzas were the hit of the night!

They've special promotion for readers of PBA - \$5 off on the total bill (minimum puchase \$20) if you mention you're a reader of PBA newsletter or an online follower of PBA.

We wish Flute an ongoing success!

On Monday 13th April, they've food for Life Panmure Easter festival - FREE lunch for the community, you've invited!













#### LOCAL SPOTLIGHT



#### **Blackhart Tattoo**

Get inked at Panmure's new Tattoo shop!



#### **BLACKHART TATTOO**

21A Queens Road, Panmure

P: 021 125 5109

Tue-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-3pm



www.blackharttattoo.com



/blackhart.incorporated/



**blackhart\_tattoo** 

attoo artist Jesse Lee Saggers has opened his first shop, in Panmure. After over 10 years perfecting his craft, freelancing at various establishments around New Zealand, Jesse decided the time had come.

Panmure was the perfect choice as Jesse was excited about the progress in and around Panmure and what will be happening in the area into the future. He wanted to get set up here before the rush, and also valued the historical significance of the area. Lastly Jesse is an East Auckland raised lad so it just made sense.

Jesse and colleague fellow Tattoo Artist CJ can usually both be found at the shop working with clients and in their downtime creating original designs. Customers also enjoy the banter of these two as a welcome distraction! The shop has had a sharp, cool, black & white fit out giving it two spacious tattoo bays and space for a guest artist. There is also a comfortable waiting area.

The boys have been busy since opening with their FB followers jumping from 1200 to 1700 in 3 short days. They are also planning on hosting "Flash Day" events every couple of months with pre-sized and pre-drawn original designs ready to be applied at heavily discounted prices. These days will serve as a meet & greet for potential clients and to get Jesse & CJ's original designs out there. They also have a Sri Lankan Guest Artist booked for later in the year.

Jesse & CJ both have strong design backgrounds. Jesse's passion is pencil sketching and CJ who attended Art School has a strength in comic art and 15 years' experience in the industry. They have quite different styles but between them, they can cover all tattoo design requirements.

The shop is licensed and online booking for an appointment can be made through Facebook and the website.







#### LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS

### Burmese Study Group

ive years ago, Panmure Librarian, Mahen Mahendran, saw the opportunity to initiate a study group for Burmese migrant and refugee children. This group has steadily grown to accommodate sixty young children with many parents attending taking the opportunity to join in to improve their English skills. Mahen now has ten tutors and he has received great feedback about the positive impact the weekly class has had on the children's academic performance.

Many of the families who attend are now feeling part of the Tāmaki community and are now borrowing more books and resources from the Panmure Library collection.

The weekly sessions are free to all who attend and for the first time, the PBA, supported Mahen with their end of year party by supplying funds for him to purchase small presents for the children.



### New homes add bricks and mortar to Fletcher's support of Tamaki community

letcher Living has unveiled the first homes it has built in Tāmaki as part of the area's wider regeneration programme.

Neighbours, partners and stakeholders were welcomed into the development that will ultimately comprise an 80-unit mix of private, social and affordable homes around Derna Road and Tobruk Road in Panmure.

All the new Fletcher Living homes will share the same high-quality build specification, energy efficiency and aesthetic appeal; a 'tenure blind' philosophy that promotes inclusivity and community interaction.

Fletcher Living Chief Executive – Residential and Development, Steve Evans, says these are core values which the home-builder shares with the Tāmaki Regeneration Company (TRC), for whom it is building the social and affordable homes.

"We're extremely proud to be a partner

in Tāmaki's regeneration. These quality new homes will bring people of varying backgrounds and circumstances together, promoting healthy, vibrant communities and importantly enabling this and future generations of Tāmaki to grow up in warm, dry, healthy homes," says Evans.

"Our involvement in the Tāmaki community stretches beyond delivering houses. Our team can regularly be found mucking in to support community initiatives, and we are delighted to lend our support to the amazing work being done by the Graeme Dingle Foundation. From this year we are sponsoring its Tāmaki Stars programme, which is designed to help Year 9 students make a successful transition into secondary education."

The first homes in the new Derna & Tobruk development will be handed over to TRC this month with the first residents expected to move in soon after.





# Summer Reading Party at the Panmure Community Library







ecently PBA were invited by the Panmure Community Library to attend their summer reading party.

They had previously detailed in their monthly update how their kids had been hard at work on completing their reading challenges for the summer reading adventure, Dare to Explore.

On 20 January they wrapped up their final event. Throughout the programme, they had 259 children register and had great support at their events and activities.

Some of the highlights were the wearable arts, fitness challenges, dinosaurs vs astronauts event.

To celebrate the great effort of the children who completed the challenge, the library hosted a fun and exciting party on Wednesday 22 January.

Senior Librarian - Children & Youth, Pranita Parsad thanked PBA for our support "The entertainment for the party has been kindly sponsored by the Panmure Business Association and the library will be sponsoring a sausage sizzle and sweet treats.

This was an excellent opportunity to connect with our local community and to acknowledge the hard work of our children and families and we were very appreciative you could join us in this event."

There are new clubs starting, running monthly, suitable for school aged children. On Tuesday, February the 25th at 3.45 pm, there is a club activity for fun, interactive games and sporting skills at the Panmure Community Hall.

For more information, contact Pranita at Pranita. Parsad@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz



## Boaz Moala says HI! 18 December Dinner Event - Panmure Community Hall



Boaz organized the community event for our community's volunteers and took the change to introduce himself to the community

hat an entrance Mr Moala. Boaz is our new Panmure Community Hall Program Co-Ordinator and he wanted to introduce himself, so he organized a volunteers Christmas party with plenty of help from his friends.

After discussions with community groups about a December Dinner event, a working group which included Panmure Library, PBA, Flipping East, Auckland Council, WISE (Belong Aotearoa), Riverside Community Centre, Dunkirk Road Activity Centre and Panuku was formed. The goals of the event were to, celebrate our community's volunteers and recognise the sacrifices they make, celebrate the diversity of the community, for various community groups to showcase themselves and for Boaz to introduce himself to the community.

The event was a massive success, a festive, fun evening of entertainment and tasty food (catered by the WISE women). A result of the behind scenes time and energy of all groups involved including set up, breakdown and atmosphere setting hall decoration. Boaz commented "It demonstrated for me that here in Panmure and in the wider area of Tamaki, there is a collective of people from multiple organisations and departments that are willing and able to work together in serving the community that they are part of".

Samoan born with a childhood also living in NZ and Australia, Boaz brings a lot of life experience to his

new role. His varied environments growing up also gave him the valuable skills of being approachable and adaptable. Most recently he has gained a Bachelor of Social Work Degree and worked as part of the Thriving Otara project. Boaz's life philosophy of "How can I work and support everyone for the betterment of the community of which I serve" and his yearning to be back in the Panmure/GI side of town finally, brought him to us.

After the huge success of Boaz's introductory event, there is plenty more in the pipeline. Neighbours Day - Meet your Neighbours on 4th April, outside the Panmure Community Hall will be here before we know it.



together to celebrate the festival



#### LOCAL SECURITY UPDATE



### Taniela's news

#### Keeping an eagle eye on Panmure, even at night!

t's nice to be back after a relaxing Christmas/New Year break and I am looking forward to a safe and (crime wise) uneventful Panmure in 2020.

Over the past several months, our local police have been dealing with a group and their involvement in robbery, willful damage, shop lifting, assault and threatening behavior.

This group have current and historical trespass notices against them.

Understandably this group are known in our town as long term nuisances.

The police have been working on past incidences relating to this group and have been ensuring trespass notices are upheld and enforced. They are actively following up on all bad behavior by this group.

I would like to thank business owners, community groups and local schools for your assistance with information relating to this group as we work to solve the current problems relating to them.

#### Rubbish removal

n early January, 35 big bags of rubbish and weeds were removed from three town centre service lanes by Taniela's family members.

These lanes are not only for the business owners and staff to park in, they are also well utilised by local residents cutting through to the main street or our train station. By



removing weeds and rubbish helps somewhat in making people feel that the area is safe.

This year, our annual clean-up was supported by Civic Contractors who are the Auckland Council Streetscape contractors for this area of Auckland. As part of their corporate responsibility, they supplied the black rubbish bags and removed the rubbish after the cleanup, free of charge!





#### **MARCH DIARY DATES**

Panmure Basin Fun Day

Sunday, 11am-4pm

Blue Recycling Bins Set out for following morning collection

**PBA Board Meeting** Wednesday, 4:00pm

# The PBA Board has their say

n the third Wednesday of each month, the PBA Board meets at 16 Clifton Court to review what the PBA staff has achieved over the past month, decide how the PBA funds are to be spent and are tasked to ensure that the funds are spent wisely.

On Wednesday, 19 February 2020, the PBA Board:

• Agreed that the 2021 Whale's Tale Auckland wide event would be an excellent marketing opportunity. More information needs to be obtained around how the PBA will fund this opportunity as well as funding support from outside the PBA needs to be secured. Tastes

promotion to potentially align with the event.

- Agreed to continue with the current structure of the Christmas Street Party event.
- Town Manager is encouraged to continue her role on TRC's Community Liaison Committee.

Il business members are welcome to attend the monthly board meeting - the next one is 18 March 2020, 4pm at 16 Clifton Court.



#### Coronavirus:

Information for business, please visit: www.business.govt.nz



# GREAT PANMURE PIRATE ACTIVITY TRAIL

11 A ~ 4 L SUNDAY, MARCH 1st PANMURE BASIN

Eight activity stations for families ranging from pirate ship races, treasure hunts, giant sea serpents and conversations with a Taniwha.

We'll have a treasure hunt puzzle for parents and adults to find where X marks the spot.