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The Avondale Business Association has replaced the 'Welcome to Avondale' sign that was recently destroyed by a mini Tornado that hit Avondale last month. This is a temporary sign until Auckland Council finalise their 'Gateway Signs' project still in progress for more than 4-years now, as its all part of their LONG Term Plan.



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**Duncan Macdonald**  
**JP**  
*Chairman*  
**Avondale Business**  
**Association and**  
**Avondale Community**  
**Society Inc.**

## the Chairman's Chat

I attended a Neighbourhood Safety Committee meeting at the Avondale Police station, these meetings are held every month and representatives of many local organisations attend. We discussed a wide range of community concerns and Snr Sergeant Simon Welsh updated us on matters like those pesky car window washers that have been given formal warnings and can now be charged if they are intimidating or harassing you for money.

Car crime has been a recent Police focus area and they are able to report a big drop in the statistics because of their extra effort.

I have requested that an occasional police presence outside some of the primary schools in the morning to ensure parents and their kids use the crossings would be appreciated. I really cringe when I see these young children just walking out between parked cars and I would not want to see what happened in south Auckland recently happen in our community.

Neighbourhood watch is alive and well and in the Avondale Street I live in over 30 households have signed up and are looking out for each other.

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Last month I printed an excerpt from the Western Leader, issue - 23 July 2015 [Catherine Farmer, Chair, Whau Local Board] 'Another key project over the next 10 years will be rejuvenating Avondale, first plan is to rebuild the Avondale Community Centre. The rebuild work has a budget of \$6.6m and renovations will start in either 2017 or 2018'.

### Catherine Farmer:

"In response to Duncan's Chairman's Chat in the August issue, I request that you publish in your September Spider's Web my response as below:

Our Whau Local board area has done well in the Auckland Council Long Term Plan funding forecast as reported in the Western Leader July 23.

The replacement Avondale Community Centre is funded, along with new Whau recreation centre".

### Duncan Macdonald:

"Dear Catherine

I will be quite happy to print your response to this issue that the good people of have raised with me and that is, A reply to your statement in Western Leader that the Avondale Community Centre was to be rebuilt and renovated. As you cannot rebuild or renovate a NEW centre our readers would like a straight answer. At public meetings the Avondale Community was promised a NEW centre on council land by the netball courts.

This was a major step in the future of Avondale which now appears to be sidelined and is a major setback to Avondale's viability."

**Paul Davie:** "I am in full agreement with Duncan and for Catherine Farmer to say that funding is locked into the Long Term Plan gives me NO confidence at all given the number of times funding has been committed in the Long Term Plans over the last 20 years for an Avondale Swimming pool and everytime it just evaporates. Your promises are smoke and mirrors and hold no substance. Some honesty please."

### Catherine Farmer:

Dear Paul,

"We do have the funding in the Long Term Plan and we are pleased about that, since it was touch and go for a while there during the Governing Body Decision making timeframe".

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## AVONDALE COMMUNITY GARDENERS



### Ban Glyphosate

Monsanto markets Glyphosate under the brand name, Roundup, a product which is extensively over-used in NZ. Soil gets destroyed by glyphosate; the microbial community in the soil gets altered and damaged. Bee populations suffer from the use of glyphosate through direct poisoning of the bees and through removal of normal foraging plants necessary for bees' survival. Glyphosate causes fungal infections in animals and humans & these fungal infections are a major cause of animal extinction. Glyphosate causes hormonal disruption in humans and animals. Glyphosate impairs ability of plants to absorb carbon from the air contributing to the global warming. Glyphosate binds minerals in the soil making them unavailable for the plants or soil microbes. Foods grown with the use of glyphosate have a very poor mineral composition. Avondale Community Gardeners has asked Auckland Transport & Auckland Council to recognise & care about the Scientific importance of Glyphosate's reclassification as cancer causing, & the exponential risks inherent for the world of nature, in the quality of life within the soil, invertebrates, plants, animals, & humans & our entire Web of Life.

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## Avondale Library Happenings

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### Avondale Library now OPENS on SUNDAYS 12.00pm - 4.00pm.

It was an eventful afternoon with ribbon cutting, balloons a festive atmosphere during our first SUNDAY opening on the 30 August. Great to see the community supporting the new opening hours!

September has sprung, spring into action for those books and resources to inspire you now that the weather improving. Click and find them on your Auckland Libraries App for your gardening, home and DIY projects, or come in and ask our knowledgeable librarians for assistance.

#### Our Events:

#### Uike 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga Tongan Language Week

30 'Aokosi - 5 Sepitema / 30 August - 5 September

Join us for a celebration of the unique language and culture of The Kingdom of Tonga at our special "Taimi Fananga" - Tongan themed storytime

On Wednesday 2 September, 10.30am - 11am.



**September is also Comic Book Month at the Library. We have some exciting activities for you.**

#### Scrapbook Comic books: Create your own!

Saturday 12 September 1:30 - 2:30pm

Design and make a comic book from scratch out of scrap material. Write your own story or reinvent a favourite story, you decide!

#### Superheroes Dress up storytime

Saturday 19 September 11 - 11:30am

Dress up as your favourite Superhero, for a fun-packed session.

#### Super Mask Making

Saturday 19 September 2pm - 3pm

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#### Heroes Storytime

Wednesday 23 September 10:30am - 11am

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#### Handmade journals by Alison Koh

View an exhibition of wonderful handmade books created by Alison Koh.

1 - 30 September

It was Alison's love for journaling and doodling that led her to start making her own books to write in.

She has carefully crafted hand-bound journals for other people to enjoy, a selection of which is on display. Come in and view these unique items.

#### Whau Makerspace

When: During library hours

Where: Avondale Library, Blockhouse Bay Library, New Lynn Library . Cost: Free

A makerspace is a place where people can come together to innovate and create. Resources with tools provided.

You can play, tinker, explore, and meet others with similar interests. The Whau Makerspace is a collaboration between New Lynn, Avondale and Blockhouse Bay libraries. We have a bunch of cool equipment which we swap around the libraries at least once a month (more frequently during school holidays).

At any given time each of the libraries will have one of the following sets of equipment:

- 5 x laptops for game design, music making and 3D design
- 1 x 3D printer and laptop for printing 3D designs
- 10 x robotic Cubelet kits for making robots

Find out when each type of equipment is available at your library:

Date	3D printer	Laptops	Cubelets
August	New Lynn	Avondale	Blockhouse Bay
1 - 25 September	Avondale	Blockhouse Bay	New Lynn
* 26 - 30 September	Blockhouse Bay	New Lynn	Avondale
* 1 - 5 October	New Lynn	Avondale	Blockhouse Bay
* 6 - 11 October	Avondale	Blockhouse Bay	New Lynn
12 - 31 October	Blockhouse Bay	New Lynn	Avondale
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## Just for a laugh....

"What time does the library open?" the man on the phone asked.

"Nine A.M." came the reply. "And what's the idea of calling me at home in the middle of the night to ask a question like that?"

"Not until nine A.M.?" the man asked in a disappointed voice.

"No, not till nine A.M.!" the librarian said. "Why do you want to get in before nine A.M.?"

"Who said I wanted to get in?" the man sighed sadly. "I want to get out."



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### Dr Victor Young Dentist (B.D.S. Otago)



Victor graduated from the University of Otago in 1985 and has been a partner at Avondale Dental since 1990. He is an Auckland Dental Association Welfare Officer, helping his colleagues in times of need. Victor is also an Auckland Dental Association Mentor, assisting dentists with the business and clinical aspects of dentistry. He is a Foundation Member of the New Zealand Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He enjoys delivering high quality dentistry with a caring, personal approach to all his patients.

### Dr Priya Singh Reid Dentist (B.D.S. Otago)



After graduating from University of Otago in 1997, Priya started her dental career in Hamilton before moving to Auckland in 2000. She has been in private practice in Auckland since. Priya is a member of the Auckland Dental Association and the Auckland Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. She is passionate about providing high quality, long term, reliable and friendly care for her patients.

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Amy grew up in Thames on the Coromandel Peninsula. After graduating from the University of Otago with first class honours she worked as a Dental and Maxillofacial House Surgeon at Christchurch Hospital where she gained invaluable surgical experience and knowledge. She enjoys the continual learning needed for dentistry and helping people take control of their oral health.

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## Just for a laugh...

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"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday." Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral. The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed. Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral." She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

(You're going to love this)

(A masterpiece)

(Wait for it)



The bank manager looks back at her and says..."It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

## COMMUNITY NOTICES....

### ORCHESTRA OUT WEST

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## stranger DANGER

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Unfortunately, even though the children have done everything right, by the time it is reported to Police, the male has made good his escape.

We are asking parents to be vigilant about who is in the vicinity of the school when dropping their children off in the mornings, and to reinforce to their children about not going over to strangers whilst on the way to school, and being aware of their environment before school.

NPT are working to try and identify suspects and then who is responsible and hold them to account, and have increased patrols prior to school. Any information about the male is welcome so we can apprehend this person quickly. Call us!!

The instances of Family Violence are still the most reported calls for service Police respond to in the NPT area. And often there are children present who witness whatever is happening in their home, a place which should represent safety, not fear. The NPT are committed to doing follow-up visits to try and assist families so there is not a repeat of the incident. There are also many agencies that work hard to help people and families, but we need to know if it's happening, so please report any incidents you are subject to, witness, or become aware of so we can all help keep you safe.



<https://www.facebook.com/AvondaleNPT>



There seems to have been an increase in cars congregating on the Rosebank peninsula on weekend nights to do burnouts and other anti-social behaviour.

Police are increasing their monitoring of the streets to try and prevent the situation from occurring in the first place.

If you see or hear this happening, please call Police on 111 straight away, so we have the best chance to get there and apprehend these

thoughtless show-offs and take their licences and cars off them.

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

**Emergencies - 111**

**Non-emergencies - (09) 571 2800**

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**Rosebank/Waterview Neighbourhood Policing Team: (09) 820 5701 (NOT staffed 24/7)**

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