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at People's Choice
business awards.



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Marcus Amosa
Chairperson
Avondale Business Association

I've always said that life on our Avondale main street is a unique experience, lots of character, colourful people and colourful artworks. It's the place where businesses and the community meet - sharing stories, supporting livelihoods, but there is no doubt that things have been tough over the past year.

For our shopkeepers, life is especially challenging. Many are owner-operators, working tirelessly to keep their doors open

amidst rising costs, supply chain issues, safety and security issues and the pressures of running a small business. For residents, the strain of high living expenses and financial uncertainty is ever-present. Our main street community organisations, Haven and I Love Avondale are each reporting the strain on their services - our community are doing and have been doing it tough over the past year.

In these challenging times, there are things that don't cost but that can make the biggest difference - a little patience; an acknowledgment or compliment; or simply giving someone the benefit of the doubt.

I often talk about this, but the strength of Avondale, especially on the main street, lies in our community spirit - the way we support one another through the good, the bad and the ever changing. Avondale, like the rest of Auckland, is evolving. Our demographics are shifting and new faces are becoming part of the fabric of our

community. For example, there are a lot more senior residents and pedestrians on the street. Lets be a little more patient, whether it is navigating a car park or giving our senior pedestrians extra time to cross the street, more patience and understanding.

A huge thank-you goes to the community groups and volunteers who work tirelessly to make Avondale a better place. These groups often operate quietly in the background, whether it's organising events, supporting our vulnerable residents, or supporting the work we do at the business association. Know that your contributions are deeply appreciated.

The connection between businesses and community organisations is what makes everything work.

As we head into the festive season, let's keep looking out for each other. Check in on your neighbour, support our local businesses, give shopkeepers a smile - let's all lend a hand where we can.

Meet the Board

It can be a thankless task, so we are grateful that the following business people have put their hands up for and been elected to the Avondale Business Association Board to make decisions for the Avondale main street in

the coming year. Feel free to let them know your ideas for Avondale.

We are truly grateful to those who take time out for the benefit of our Avondale business community.

[Missing is Ryan Pearce of Burnt Butter Diner].



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Best country in the world.

Cynthia Crosse
ABA Manager & Editor

I'm fresh back from a trip to New Orleans, Texas and Hawaii. What a diverse country America is (if you think of Hawaii as American!). In my experience, Americans are warm, generous and proud people, no different to New Zealanders. Best moments – Jazz in the streets of New Orleans; amazing architecture; cocktails; NASA space station; chicken-fried steak; cocktails; the rugged mountains of Hawaii; the palm trees; beaches and ... cocktails! (Why aren't cocktails a thing here?!).



New Orleans' signature drink, aptly name, "The Hurricane."

At the end of your trip, nothing beats getting on your return Air New Zealand flight home and being greeted with "Kia Ora," and the carved Maori panels at the airport.

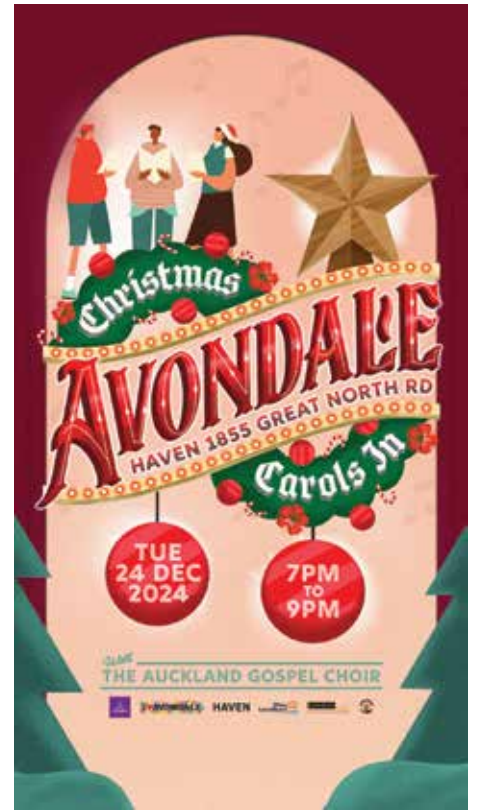
Nothing, in my humble opinion of visiting about 20 countries beats

New Zealand.

While Avondale is not the flashiest suburb in Auckland; it's the soul of a place that impresses you as a visitor – sure the buildings of Waikiki are huge and luxurious, but this is not where the heart is. You find it when you hire a car and drive around the island; in the beat up supermarkets and cafes of the villages. Through my traveller's glasses, I don't see Avondale lacking at all.

And, I did not have better food than you can find in Avondale; particularly no better taco than at Takos Tacos...

PS. By way of celebrating Avondale, please come to our Christmas Carols night on Christmas Eve. The Auckland Gospel Choir will lead the singing with song books provided. Bring a gold for an icecream or hot chocolate.



Auckland City Rail Link (CRL) is on track to open in 2026. For the new network to be as efficient and fast as needed from the outset, there are significant improvements needed to be made to tracks throughout Auckland. Auckland Transport has decided to invest in this work now, so the full impact of the CRL can be realised on opening.

The significant works include replacing ageing track foundations; making the network more resilient to weather by improving drainage and culverts; replacing worn rail and sleepers; improving bridges and a tunnel; and upgrades to critical track infrastructure, signals and power supplies.

This will require trains to be suspended for up to 96 days through to January 2026 with closures centred around holidays, weekends and evenings. That's on top of up to

53 days of partial network closure during that time, during which trains will run on a single line at a reduced frequency. While work will be undertaken around the clock to make the most of every single hour of closure, that still spells a significant disruption to train commuters. The Christmas closure begins 27 December through to 27 January 2025.

There will be an increased frequency of buses during this time with express buses and double-deckers when available. Unfortunately, the buses do not provide accessibility for wheelchair users.

As always, use the Journey Planner on the Auckland Transport to plan your journey.

The CRL is set to transform Auckland when it opens, so we trust the inconvenience will be worth your while.

And the winners are ...

Over 700 people voted in the 2024 Avondale People's Choice Business Awards, which were celebrated at the AGM of the Avondale Business Association in October. And the winners are:

Best Community Organisation

I Love Avondale

Best in Hair, Barber, Beauty

Clippers & Co

Best Health Provider

Prochem Pharmacy

Best Dairy/Supermarket

Spice World

Best Café/Restaurant

Browne St

Best Takeaway

Tokos Tacos

Exceptional Service Award

Spice World

The business association also recognized Hollywood Avondale with the Supreme Award for its contribution to and Auckland-wide impact on our suburb.

Here's just some of your awesome feedback:

"Avondale dental always goes above and beyond every time I go there. They do a follow up call to see how the client

is doing after the dental treatment. Very thorough when doing their check up & treatment as well! Keep up your great work!"

"The team at Awanui Labs are always so nice. I'm terrified of needles and pregnant so when I need to get blood tests they let me lie down and make me feel at ease. And it never hurts! They're very good at what they do and the kindness in their service counts."

"Baby G burger employees had so much time for my little girl when we got there early to collect our take aways. Really appreciate the time and effort you guys made to chat to her."

"Better Barber - I take my moko who has autism to get her hair cut & Betty & Sandy are so patient & lovely with her. They're the best."

"Burnt Butter, when they heard I had COVID they sent my favourite dessert to my house via a friend. It was really nice of them."

"The Hollywood has put Avondale on a global, movie map, both past and present, a lotta out of towners come far and wide to experience it and I can't believe this theatre is just down the road."

"Kai Avondale ... has changed the landscape and lives for so many people!"

"Urban Kurl Studio taught me how to take care of my natural curls and love them again. No longer depressing but a joy for my mental well-being."





Out & About.



In this quarter we saw the beginning of the end for the block of shops at 1971 to 1979 Great North Road being torn down to make way for the Te Hono Library and Community Hub.

The Spider came down – an impressive sight for those who happened by – it’s much larger face-to-face than it looks from afar. And the notice-board was repurposed to a local early childhood centre. All thanks to a capable Eke Panuku moving team. Fencing has now been erected in preparation for demolition in December.



Before



After

Avondale Mainstreet has begun painting some of the seats around town as they are looking a bit shabby.



The final businesses moved out – Salvation Army unfortunately closing without being relocated; and Pacific Foodmart now working out of the Akshar Superette at 1964 Great North Road (just across the road) that Vipul and his wife Sonal also own. Says Vipul: “We are happy to close to make way for a better prospect for Avondale. Thanks for sharing all your support to date. You are all so supportive and kind to us.” He promises all the same products and service at the new site but with even better pricing on Pacific Island food products like fresh taro, green bananas, frozen cassava, taro, turkey tails, lamb products, coconut cream & etc. “We can match any pricing or if it is possible we can beat any pricing too,” he says.



Avondale Mainstreet installed three new Tilley bike ports around the township with thanks to funding from the **Whau Local Board**.



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Got an idea for where to put The Spider? Have your say in 2025.

The Spider - the next step

Now that the Avondale Spider has been removed for renovation, we can start looking at a timeline for its return.

While there are those out there who feel no love for The Spider, many of us feel passionately about returning this local icon to its rightful home in our streets - it's about shared history and identity, for those of us with fond memories and even tattoos. We accept that some things need to change, but also some things don't!

It's also about art. While some might argue whether the Spider can be referred to as art, it is certainly a break from the mundane; a visual to catch the eye and give you pause for thought, if only to ask, 'What the hell...?!'

While the spider is the property of the Avondale Business Association, the ABA's limited funding covers our CCTV cameras, under veranda lighting, the magazine, events, etc. We don't have the funds to cover everything we want to do for Avondale. And so, we will be asking you, the Avondale community, to help us with our fundraising at the end of February so we can collectively raise the money we need to refurbish The Spider and have even more neighbourhood ownership of our local mascot.

We'll keep you posted. We've selected a few places the Spider could be returned to, and we'll be asking for your opinion. Let's hope we can see its return by the end of Summer.

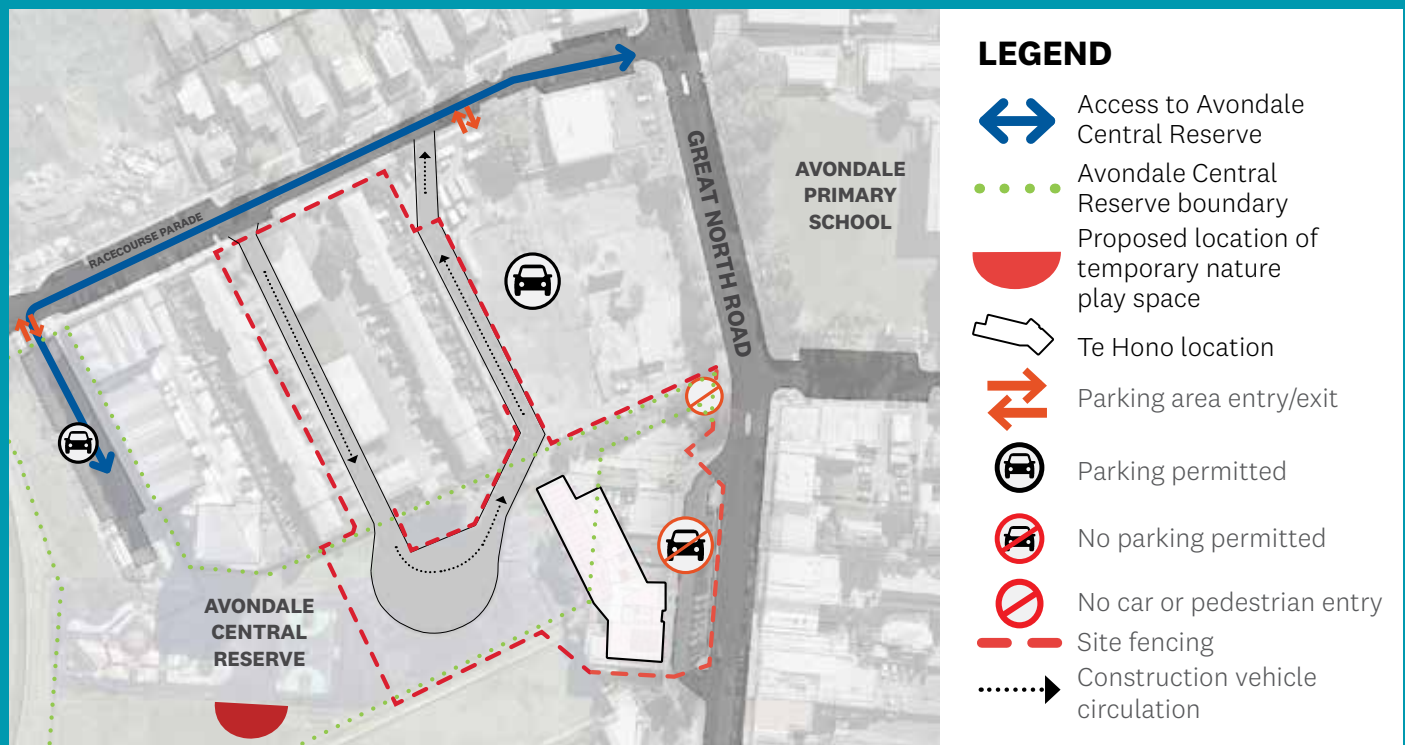
Te Hono and town square upgrade: Avondale's future is taking shape

Exciting changes are underway in Avondale. Auckland Council and Eke Panuku are bringing plans to life with Te Hono—a modern library and community hub - and an upgraded town square, set to become the heart of the neighbourhood with construction in 2025. This investment demonstrates our commitment to creating amazing places, supporting growth, improving services, and building a strong local economy.

What's happening next

- **Building Removal at 1971-1987 Great North Road:** Fencing is up and deconstruction is underway, clearing the site for Te Hono. To keep everyone safe, our contractors are following health and safety plans, aligning to WorkSafe NZ guidelines.
- **Changes at Avondale Central Reserve:** In early 2025, walking access from Great North Road will be closed. While the netball courts will also close, the basketball courts and learn-to-ride area will remain open, with access via the car park at 28 Racecourse Parade, Avondale.
- **Access to 6 Racecourse Parade (old '3 Guys' site) Changes:** Entry access from Great North Road to 6 Racecourse Parade will be closed, with entry via Racecourse Parade. Parking will remain available until the site is required for future development.

Together with Whau Local Board we're shaping Avondale's future. Thank you for your support and patience as we create these amazing public spaces and community facilities.



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On board

Valeria Gascoigne our newest local board member

Following the resignation of Susan Zhu from the Whau Local Board, Valeria Gascoigne has been sworn in as our newest local board member. Of Samoan and Maori heritage, Valeria was appointed on the grounds that she was the next highest polling candidate at the 2022 local elections.

Currently, Valeria manages the Kelston Community Hub (now nine years old) and is well known across the Whau for her extensive experience leading community development and advocating for those in need. A project she is particularly proud of is bringing older Maori together to become more confident in the roles they are asked to play as local kaumatua and kuia.

What can we expect from Gascoigne with the 2025 elections just months away? Valeria says she's ready to hit the ground running. "I'm passionate about the environment and supporting youth, and will be looking for opportunities to create spaces for youth expression through the arts."

Though living in Kelston, Valeria lived in Wingate Street as a child and went to St Mary's Catholic Primary with St Mary's still her parish. Her parents were good friends with Pa Peter's parents, and a second generation of grand kids have returned there. "One way or another," she says, "my family and I always find out way back to congregating in Avondale."

Valeria at the Avondale Coffee Club

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“When I lived up North, I was living next door to Hone Harawira, and from a young age I was taught to stand up for people who don’t have a voice.”

Ward Councillor to make play for mayoralty

Whau Ward Councillor, Kerrin Leoni, has announced she is putting her hat in the ring for the mayoralty of Auckland at the 2025 elections. We've seen her face at many of our local functions, but how much do we know about our Whau Ward councillor and her suitability for the top job?

Well, she's a smart cookie for one thing. Before heading for Old Blighty for her OE, the forty-four year old had invested in property and completed a degree in social work exploring the transition of young Maori leaving foster care. This set her up for senior social work and quality assurance roles which led to her running her own consultancy company in the UK. Kerrin's several contracts took her across the United Kingdom working in the Isle of Man, Guernsey, Hampshire, and Basingstoke. The flexibility of the contracts, she says, allowing her time for travel throughout Africa and the Middle East.

With her expanded interests, a second Masters degree followed at Kings College, London in international politics and economics. "I'm very grateful to have been able to learn about property investment from a young age," she says, "and I wanted to help others. My thesis was focused on exploring how people in low economic groups can improve their wellbeing and in turn improve their lives."

A decade on, Kerrin returned home and it was a natural transition for her to apply for roles with the Local Board. Living in the city at that time, she ran on a City Vision ticket for Waitemata Local Board becoming the board's deputy chair. "It is probably one of the most controversial boards," she says, "with very wealthy people who have the money to go to the High Court if they're not happy with the board's decisions. So, it was a steep introduction to politics!"

"I come from a very grass roots family; I still remember dropping my cousins down to Taphouse when it was called Spiders!"

Then with a co-parent and two children in tow, she moved to Avondale, where she has other family, enabling her to enter the running for Whau Ward Councillor which she won in 2022.

Kerrin's heritage is from across the board. She whakapapas to Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāti Whanaunga, Ngaitakoto and Ngāti Kuri. She's part Irish from Tullamore; Portugese and Italian (Leoni being Italian for "lion.") "It's a big mix that I'm very proud," she says. "I've been able to visit Ireland and live in Italy, to do all my family research on both sides, and I am now so pleased to be able to hand that information down to my children."

She also has family in Avondale.

"I come from a very grass roots family; I still remember dropping my cousins down to The Taphouse when it was called Spiders!," she says.

How does her global perspective impact on her role today? "I guess I've never lost sight of my roots.

When I lived up North, I was living next door to Hone Harawira, and from a young age I was taught to stand up for people who don't have a voice. I see our poverty and how people are struggling, and I want to help."

Having worked as Councillor on the Revenue and Expenditure Committee, Kerrin can identify several ways Council can do better in providing this economic prosperity.

"That's the reason I've decided to run for mayor," she says. "I think Council can do better in terms of safety and expenditure. For example, we can work with local businesses by reviewing our procurement processes. We've got a lot of large contractors who subcontract down to smaller businesses; but we can scale down to allow for smaller businesses to get some of those contracts."

"And we need to reduce contracting and making sure we've got the staff in Council to get the work done."

Kerin also has a desire to see better tourism for Auckland, a city that traditionally attracts international visitors for just two days of their New Zealand visit.

"If we get the strategic vision right and overturn some of the more traditional ways of doing things, this next generation can look forward to a city that is as vibrant as Brisbane, with its similar population," she says.

Having made her intentions known, there are a few hoops for Kerrin to jump before her final decision. Assuming she proceeds, she will stand as an Independent and she promises, "my goal will be to get out across all the communities in Auckland to see what the top issues are across the city."



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Crossword

ACROSS

- Pharmacy on Great North Rd (7)
- Enterprize ____ Ltd - metal construction firm based in Avondale (5)
- Empty ____ - homes where young adult children have left (5)
- You can get this sort of food at Pizzas & Mocktails on Great North Rd (7)
- What you do when you sit at a cafe people-watching (7)
- ____ Fresh - shop and community space supporting Pacific and Māori arts (5)
- Stand or sales table at Avondale Sunday Market (5)
- This describes community plan that is extreme or revolutionary (7)
- Midday summer sun creates shorter ____ than in winter (7)
- Avondale College's school ____ is "Kohia ngā taikākā" (5)
- Real estate ____ can help you sell your house (5)
- ____ Cafe & Takeaway on Great North Rd (7)

DOWN

- What local business does to support community event (8)
- Animals you might see at Avondale Racecourse (6)
- ____ who - list of prominent Avondale locals, maybe! (4)
- Referee at Eastdale Reserve weekend sports match (6)

- Part of eye examined during check-up at Avondale Optometrists (6)
- Scottish word very similar in meaning to Māori word "whānau" (4)
- Swindled by unscrupulous fraudsters (7)
- Launch new initiative or service (4,3)
- Local community arts space at 99 Rosebank Rd (3,5)
- Memorable sayings like "home is where the heart is" (6)
- Live in particular house or location (6)
- Natural fabric that is great for summer clothes (6)
- ____ meet - get-together to exchange goods (4)
- Rosedale Superette is located on this Avondale street (4)

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Felice Navida

We love the Christmas Cheer Felice Hair Design brings us each year with her Santa and window display. Felice was the proud Second Finalist in the Hair, Barber, Beauty and Exceptional Service categories of the Avondale People's Choice business awards. Here's some voter feedback: "I went to get my hair trimmed

before I left for Europe to represent New Zealand in the World Powerlifting champs. When Sandra found that out, she couldn't contain her excitement and was so proud of what I had achieved, she sent me off with the biggest hug and said 'this is on me cause you are making all of us proud.'"

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Festive Cheer for KidsCan at The Coffee Club

Nine-year-old Kendra Escalera from St Mary's Catholic School in Avondale has won second place in the Coffee Club's KidsCan Christmas Cup Artwork Competition. Her warm and festive design, showing a roaring fireplace, a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and Santa flying past a cheerful snowman will feature on one of three limited edition coffee cups the chain will sell coffee in through November and December. Over 400 students from more than 30 schools enter this much-loved competition.

The Christmas cup competition fosters creativity and giving back; the winning artists' designs earned a total of \$12,000 for their schools and a total of \$10k was donated to KidsCan. Kendra also took home a \$600 Westfield voucher. KidsCan plays a critical role in providing essentials like food, warm jackets, shoes, and health products to children living in poverty.

In other Coffee Club news, our local store has new franchise owners in Joyti Thally and Baljit Suman who took over the store in October. Thally and Suman are high-school friends from the Punjab region in India.



A fresh team, from left, Kayla, Dinah, Chryzel and Akash

A fresh look at the Avondale Taphouse

In its continued evolution, The Avondale Taphouse has found a new Manager. Kayla Davis, is an Avondale girl from way back; her family frequented the bar when it was still the "Inner Circle"! Kayla whakapapas to Ngati Manu and Ngati Kahungungu; she was born and bred in St Jude's Road, and went to Rosebank Primary.

Kayla was working as Duty Manager for the past two years. "I love everything about working here, and the vibrant people and culture of Avondale," she says. "One of my goals is to change the Narrative of The Taphouse. Sure we have a history, but we can make a meaningful impact for the future."

The Taphouse is currently experimenting with new food options with more exciting additions on the way.

Pop the Taphouse into your family Christmas plans:

- Christmas Karaoke with the Flamairs 20th December 7pm till late
- Live Music with Donna Heke 21st 7pm - 11
- Santa and Sausage Sizzle 22nd 1-2 pm
- Golden Hour with DJ 651 22nd 3-8pm

Too hot to cook?



Customers have been asking and Burnt Butter Diner is delivering. Don't spend your holidays cooking! Enjoy the Burnt Butter glazed ham and pav Christmas day take-home solution. All queries to askburntbutter@gmail.com for further information.

Limited spots available.





So much happening @ the Library

Penny Dugmore Manager Avondale Library

Once again it has been a busy last three months at Avondale Library. We are starting to welcome new library members from our new neighbours at the Kainga Ora apartments. With Blockhouse Bay library closed for refurbishment we are also welcoming visitors from that area. You will also notice we have some of the Blockhouse Bay team working with us while their branch is closed. Work on the

Blockhouse Bay refurbishment is well underway.

We recently hosted Avondale Primary School on a school visit where they learned about the library, completing a fun quiz and borrowing books. A library card for your child is a great gift at any time; it opens the worlds of imagination and information and gives them a step up to grow their literacy skills. There is a growing body of research that shows that people who read are more successful, more empathetic, have a greater vocabulary and are better communicators. At Auckland Libraries you can get a library card for your child as soon as they emerge from the womb.

If you are no longer a child, it is never too late to join the library and enjoy the benefits of reading! Getting

a library card is free for those who live in Auckland. Just bring along some photo ID and it will take five minutes. We no longer charge overdue fees; the lending periods are generous, and you will have access to over three million titles.

Looking forward, we will be running our free school holiday programme with a variety of events from movies to marbled paper. Keep an eye out on Our Auckland for all the offerings happening for this time of year; there's something for everyone.

My team has worked hard to bring you a diverse, vibrant library service in a year when we have had many system changes imposed upon us to deal with. I am very proud of them and the way they have responded to maintain a service to the community.

Have a safe and blessed festive season!



Christmas holidays 2024

**Christmas Day Wednesday 25 Dec
Boxing Day Thursday 26 Dec**

ALL libraries, arts and community centres
CLOSED

except **Botany Library open:**
Thursday 26 Dec 9.30am – 8.00pm

Te Māpuna Library Connect (our phone service) will mirror the library opening hours over the holidays and Pātaka Kōrero Kaewa Mobile Library and Access Services will observe the council shut-down period with some 'pop-up' services provided at holiday hotspots.

Note that whilst there won't be staff on site, the venues remain available for pre-booked venue hire customers and will be supported by a skeleton staff from our venue hire colleagues.

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New Year Holiday 2025

**New Year's Day Wednesday 1 Jan
Day after New Year's Day Thursday 2 Jan**

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except **Botany Library open:**
Wednesday 1 Jan 2025 10.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday 2 Jan 10.00am – 6.00pm

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS
at Avondale Library
Saturday, 14 December 2024 -
Sunday, 26 January 2025

Book a spot on Eventbrite for registered only events.



DIY HOLIDAY CHARMS - Sunday, Dec 15 @1-2pm
Create your own DIY charms with fun beads.
For ages 8+

KIWIANA WREATH - Monday, Dec 16 @3.15-4.15pm
Kick off your christmas with kiwiana wreath making!
For ages 5+

CHRISTMAS TAGS - Thursday, Dec 19 @3.15-4.15pm
Join us to make festive tags or decorations for your tree or gift!
For ages 5+

MUGS OF JOY: DESIGN AND GIFT - Saturday, Dec 21 @11am-12pm
Design your own mug and pack the perfect Christmas treat!
For ages 8+ ***Booking required**

SATURDAY MOVIE: THE POLAR EXPRESS - Saturday, Dec 28 @1-2.30pm
Wrap up December with a festive movie time.
For all ages.

CLAY DROP-IN WORKSHOP - Friday, Jan 10 @10-11am
Get creative at our clay drop-in session!
For ages 5+.

BEESWAX WRAP MAKING WITH ASG - Monday, Jan 13 @11am-12pm
Discover sustainability and make your own beeswax wrap with Aotearoa Sustainability Group. For ages 8+ ***Booking required**.

DROWNING PREVENTION AKL: WATER SAFETY - Tuesday, Jan 14 @11am - 12pm
Summer is here! Heading to the beach or pool? Join us to learn about water safety.
For family and all ages.

ECO EXPLORERS WITH MOUNTAIN TO SEA - Wednesday Jan 15 @10.30am -12pm
Explore our waterways through fun eco activities. Join us for bug hunts and easy experiments! For ages 5+

TEEN MOKOWA: SUMMER PAINTING - Thursday, Jan 16 @1-2.30 pm
Come along to our summer-themed painting session! Get creative and chill with us!
For ages 12-16 ***Booking required**.

TEEN MOKOWA: POLYMER CLAY EARRINGS - Friday, Jan 17 @1-2.30 pm
Feeling artsy? Join our polymer clay workshop and design your own earrings.
For ages 12-16 ***Booking required**.

BLING IT ON: BAG CHARM - Monday, Jan 20 @11am-12pm
Fun session to customise your bag charm for your school gear!
For ages 8+ ***Booking required**.

KARATE DEMO BY GKR KARATE - Tuesday, Jan 21 @11am-12pm
Kickstart the fun, join GKR Karate for a free karate demo at the library.
For ages 5+.

EMBROIDERY ON CANVAS - Wednesday, Jan 22 @11am -12pm
Create unique poster art with embroidery on canvas!
For ages 10+ ***Booking required**.

MARBLED PAPER - Thursday, Jan 23 @11am - 12pm
Get creative and design your own marbled-paper!
For ages 6+ ***Booking required**.

SUNDAY MOVIE: TURNING RED - Sunday, Jan 26 @1-2.30 pm
Wrap up the school holidays with a Sunday movie.
For all ages.

Booking links are available on Avondale Library's Facebook and Eventbrite.

FREE events. Children must always be supervised.

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Watch out for road cones this December!

Watch out! The road cones in your area might come alive. They might start to walk, dance, balance, and groove. It's not a mirage but the workings of Co Theatre Physical who will relieve road cones from their everyday roles and let them move it. Keep an eye out, you might spy some of this magical transformation as Co Theatre Physical activates your

public spaces with these lively road cones.

Thanks to the Whau local Board for funding this series as part of the Whau Arts Broker Programme. Keep your eyes peeled for more surprises to come!

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Coming soon

This month, work will begin on a stunning piece of graffiti art at Green Jade. The artist is Sed from Cain Tattoo.



The design is fitting for the current Chinese lunar year, the Dragon holds a significant place as an auspicious and extraordinary creature, unparalleled in talent and excellence. It symbolizes power, nobility, honor, luck, and success, and the Tan family at Green Jade are certainly realising this success with Green Jade continuing to be a local favourite. Green Jade was First Finalist at the Avondale People's Choice business awards, gazumped only by the new takeaway phenomenon that is Takos Tacos.

Avondale's own television Priest

Beloved of his parishioners, here's seven reasons we also think Pa Peter, the Maori Parish Priest of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Avondale, is special!

Maoritanga.

"I'm from the Hokianga; that's where Bishop Pompallier first arrived. We call it 'te kohanga o te hahi' - the cradle of Catholicism. It's something that my people are really proud of.

I think people love te reo; I always do the sign of the cross in te reo and we sing Mō Maria, a hymn that Bishop Pompallier wrote. It's our catholic anthem for the Auckland diocese in particular.

I was in Samoa recently for the ordination of Father Mosese, who was a parish priest at St Paul's in Massey; he became the new Archbishop of Samoa. We did a big Maori procession of returning him to his people. A few thousand of the congregation were from Auckland and they all joined in singing Mō Maria. Honestly, it was the most stirring thing hearing that Maori waiata in Samoa at the ordination of an Archbishop."

He's an Avondale boy.

"My Mum and Dad came to Auckland in the 1950s. Both ended up living in Astley Ave where they met, fell in love and were married in this church in 1960. I was born in 1963 and baptised here in this font. I also went to school here at St Mary's, so it really is part of my DNA.

I was walking with my sister last night and reminiscing about the haunts and what a great time we had growing up here. We love Avondale; we love this parish.

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I went to St Peter's College and caught the train from St George's station (now gone). The Tamahere's lived right there; I used to be so envious of them being able to just walk out the door and jump on a train when we had to walk from Blockhouse Bay Road."

He was Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

"I was Dean at the Holy Trinity Cathedral but there was a need for a diocesan priest in West Auckland. I've had eight placements in my 30 years of priesthood. That's quite a lot, but I've been happy to follow where the need takes me and I've really loved all of them. I especially enjoy being back here in Avondale, my home turf. I know so many families here still - sadly, I'm burying parents of the kids I went to school with but, there's still lovely connections. I just love it."

He's live on Shine TV each week.

"During Covid, we learned we needed to have an online presence, a celebration of the Mass. Bishop Pat thought it was a great idea, and it just started happening. It was just a matter of asking people to help out, whereas "I'm a natural!" he quips.

I've watched so many masses online and found some of them pretty dull, so my answer was to keep the homilies short and to be loving and caring. It seems to work; I get a lot of lovely comments from people, letters and emails saying they love watching the mass, and find me to be "joyful."

There are still plenty of viewers - people in rest homes; those still a bit scared of getting sick. We had thought about stopping after Covid, but so many people would write in and say how much they love watching the show, so we continue because there's a need for it.

The filming is done a weekend in advance and there's a bit of work involved, but parishioners are welcome to join the congregation."

A Christmas Message?

"Remember that Jesus was born into poverty. His mother was turned away from various inns when she was ready to give birth, and it was the lowly shepherds that the birth was revealed to. Yet he became the Savior that brings lights and joy, love and hope to the world.

We can replicate that in our own lives as well, to be bringers of peace to our own situations, however humble. The world is full of need; and we can each become bringers of peace."

Watch Pa Peter live at www.shinetv.co.nz

Or see the Mass schedule of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 2134 Great North Rd, Avondale
at <https://avondalecatholic.org.nz/mass-schedule/>

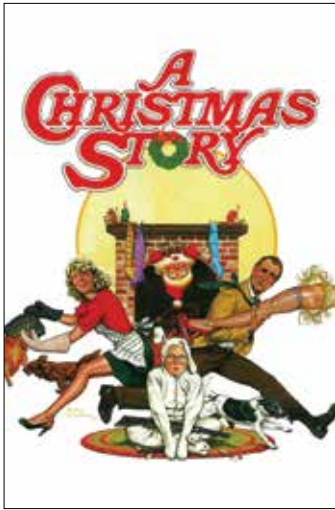
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Cinematic Treats for Christmas

The Hollywood Avondale
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A CHRISTMAS STORY (1983)

Thurs 12 December 4pm
Tickets: <https://bit.ly/hwXMASSTORY>

Discount code for \$10 tickets: letterboxdXMAS

There is no other Christmas movie that both captures the adolescent joy and adult horror that comes with the holiday season than A CHRISTMAS STORY.

This film version of the childhood memoirs of Jean Shepard is a painstakingly accurate depiction of Midwestern middle-class suburban life told through the eyes of little eight-year-old Ralphie, who wants nothing more than a Red-Ryder BB Gun to make his Christmas dreams come true. But as the months of November and December pass, we are also viewers of his home life and his brilliantly subjective take on it.

A CHRISTMAS STORY is so much more than a great Christmas movie, but the commercialised sentimentality that is forced on us during this time of year makes its unabashed sincerity that much better.

Doors open 3pm.



COBRA (1986)

M Violence.

Thurs 12 December 7:30pm

A tough-on-crime street cop must protect the only surviving witness to a strange murderous cult with far reaching plans.

"Cobra is rarely mentioned as a Christmas movie, despite numerous sequences brimming with the decorations of the season, but the yuletide setting is an intrinsic element of its politics." - Screen Slate

Doors 6:30pm for 7pm



GREMLINS (1984)

PG Violence.

Sat 14 December 7:30pm

Gremlins is Joe Dante's hilariously funny, wickedly scary film about a loveable, furry little Christmas gift that multiplies into many little Christmas gifts, with savage consequences.

GREMLINS 2

The New Batch (1990)

PG Violence.

Sat, 14 December 8.30pm
Fluffy fun-ball Gizmo had been incarcerated in a genetics lab, conveniently situated in the same building where Billy and Kate, our heroes from the first outing, are working in New York. Gizmo gets wet, gremlins abound, and Billy and Katie have to prevent them escaping from the building at nightfall.

DOUBLE FEATURE TICKETING OPTION

Make it a Christmas double feature celebration to remember! Select 'double' when purchasing your ticket for entry to both Gremlins 1 & 2 at a lower cost!

SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

We invite you to bring donations if you can - of new, unopened, quality gifts for the Kindness Collective's Christmas Joy Store (New toys, books, board games and sports gear for children ages 1 to 16) - Because every kid needs some Christmas magic!



TOKYO GODFATHERS (2003)

M Violence

Sun, 15 December 6:30pm

Middle-aged alcoholic Gin, teenage runaway Miyuki and former drag

queen Hana are a trio of homeless people surviving as a makeshift family on the streets of Tokyo. While rummaging in the trash for food on Christmas Eve, they stumble upon

an abandoned newborn baby in a trash bin. With only a handful of clues to the baby's identity, the three misfits search the streets of Tokyo for help in returning the baby to its parents.

"A modern animé classic fit for rediscovery by both adults and kids-not to mention a stirring celebration of inclusivity that remains ahead of its time." - The Daily Beast
"Takes anime to a whole new level." - Variety

Doors 5:30pm for 6pm

*Whau Pasifika Whānau
wishes you Merry Christmas and a
Summer full of laughs and love.*



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Great North Gallery

A complexity of elements, colors and pattern

Last month's beautiful Great North Gallery series was by Anndivya Ram.

In this project, Anndivya explores her Samoan/Punjabi identity, delving into the internal conflict of needing to choose one culture over the other. By examining the shared experiences of colonisation, migration and discrimination faced by both communities in Aotearoa, as well as the significance of religion and the pride inherent in both cultures, she reveals how these identities are more intertwined than they may initially seem.

The dichotomy of elements, colors and pattern in Anndivya's work illustrates that while cultural intersections can create internal

conflict, this complexity is a valuable aspect of her identity.

Anndivya is the founder of Migrant Maharani's, a zine dedicated to the South Asian diaspora. Her mother, Pepe (Matautu, Lefaga), and father, Satnam (Bhaura, Punjab),

each migrated to New Zealand in the early '90s in search of better opportunities. They worked as fruit pickers on farms in Auckland before establishing their own tomato farm in Kumeū, where Anndivya and her two siblings were raised.

Great North Gallery is curated by Dayne Smith in collaboration with Eke Panuku and Phantom Billstickers. Portraits by Nathaniel Cohen-Goh and Latamai Katoa.





The village of Avondale.

We've all loved the Avondale sign currently exhibited outside Moana Fresh. The sign is reminiscent of the village signs found throughout Samoa, and has resonated deeply with locals with many people engaging with the work and taking photographs with it.

Siliga's work explores identity and analyses the influences of New Zealand society, popular culture, the church and Fa'a-Samoa (the Samoan way of life) – and how each of these contributes to his trans-cultural identity. Setoga's work has been exhibited widely with work held in the British Museum Collection, Te Papa o Tongarewa, Auckland War Memorial Museum and the Christchurch Art Gallery.

All sales enquiries welcome @ Moana Fresh
aloha@moanafresh.com.



Ferocious love of a māmā & pēpi.

Whau the People and Haven Foundation have collaborated on a third piece of work for the changing space at Haven.

The Avondale-based artist is Haser - one of a handful of artists at the forefront of the graffiti and street art scene in New Zealand; with over 20 years of contribution to the graffiti community, representing and exhibiting at both international and national events.

The work symbolises the interconnectedness of the Whau community and the nurturing space that Haven provides - a forever weaving community and a nurturing love for Te Whau represented by the ferocious love of a māmā upholding her pēpi.



Rangoli.

For Diwali, Jina of Jina's Beauty Point, created a rangoli design outside her store.

Traditionally made by girls or women, the Indian artform consists of patterns made from powdered limestone, red ochre, dry rice flour, coloured sand, quartz powder, flower petals, and coloured rocks. Some households in Indian create daily rangoli, elsewhere they are created solely for celebrations such as Diwali.

Designs are passed from one generation to the next, but today, as here, stencils are also used to save time.

Jina provides complimentary henna designs at the Avondale Library each Diwali as part of her way to give back to the Avondale community.

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