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# MAI TĀMAKI



## GETTING BEHIND TĀMAKI WHĀNAU BUSINESSES

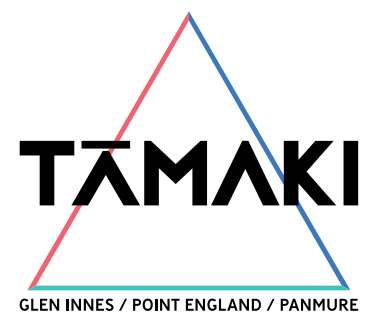
There's lots of awesome local businesses in Tāmaki, find out more about what they have to offer.

## MEET THE NEW NEIGHBOURHOODS OF TĀMAKI

Six exciting new neighbourhoods are on the way, check out what's in store for your area.



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# WELCOME

Kia ora everyone,

I want to start by acknowledging the huge challenges many whānau in Tāmaki are facing into at the moment. Covid-19 is still causing problems and there are many other issues affecting everyone in heaps of different ways.

So, seeing how the communities have come together to support each other through these times has been humbling. It is times like this that you understand that Tāmaki has a foundation of manaaki and aroha that other communities could only dream of having.

Whether it's delivering kai, supporting local businesses or keeping each other connected, I know there are fantastic locals who are making this happen each and every day in the community, and I just want to acknowledge all your mahi.

The recent lockdown experience created real difficulties for whānau, so we partnered with local emergency housing provider Island Child to build six temporary homes on one of Tāmaki Regeneration's vacant sites.

This emergency accommodation can house up to five whānau at a time while they're being supported to find a more permanent solution. It's awesome to be able to work with local organisations who provide practical solutions for whānau who need help.

We know many homes in Tāmaki include extended whānau, with grandparents and mokopuna living together so one of the common things we hear from our tenants, and whānau who we are working with on their journey towards buying their own homes, is the need for homes with more bedrooms. These whānau are telling us they need more space so moving forward, we are looking at building bigger homes, across our public and affordable housing

programme, so families who choose to are able to stay together here in Tāmaki.

I'm really proud of the housing mahi we do at Tāmaki Regeneration, which can literally be lifechanging. And I'd like to shout out to both our Tāmaki Housing team who continue to work closely with whānau, and the maintenance team at Spencers who have been looking after our homes while also keeping community members safe.

I'd also like to acknowledge the success of the Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub for placing more than 1000 jobseekers into work to date. That's a pretty impressive achievement from Alice Taupau and her team at the hub considering the disruptions that have been caused by Covid-19 in workforces across the country over last couple of years.

I'm also really pleased to hear that many local dialysis patients are finding it easier to have their treatment at the Kererū Kidney Centre in Point England. Tāmaki Regeneration partnered with Auckland DHB on this project, so it's great to see that it's making a difference for our whānau by cutting down on long trips to Greenlane or Auckland City Hospital for dialysis and related medical assistance.

If you'd like to know more about what we're doing to support the Tāmaki community, please head over to our website [www.maitamaki.co.nz](http://www.maitamaki.co.nz). In the meantime, look after your whānau and feel free to get in contact with our team if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi nui.



**Shelley Katae**  
TRC chief executive

## HIGHLIGHTS



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Local whānau move into dream home.



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**Cover photos:** Joel Singam and Alexandra Kumaran from Nasi Kandar restaurant.

**Opposite:** The Makoare-Tanga whānau enjoying their new home.



# TĀMAKI COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

The Tāmaki community has been getting together at events with safety in mind, to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Here's are some great images taken at local events which have taken place this year.

## BOUNCE VACCINATION EVENT

The BOUNCE series of vaccination events held over summer saw local whānau getting vaccinated against Covid-19 in a relaxed atmosphere. Ruapōtaka Marae and Ngāti Whatua Ōrākei led the event which saw prizes, DJs, poi making, plenty of good kai and more on offer for anyone who wanted to get their dot on the day.



## WHALES TALES

Have you noticed some Whales Tails around Tāmaki recently and wondered, what's that about? The tails are designed by artists and children, sponsored by business and organisations around Auckland with the aim of bringing to life themes about protecting and restoring the mauri of our ocean. Go to p19 to find out more about one of the tails in Panmure.



## GOVERNOR-GENERAL VISITS TĀMAKI

Governor-General Cindy Kiro recently visited local company TROW, a leading deconstruction company in New Zealand which repurposes building materials, trains students and creates jobs. TROW's latest project involves deconstructing three homes in Glen Innes for Tāmaki Regeneration, repurposing the homes that have served families in Tāmaki well for many years but are being replaced with warm, dry, healthy homes.



The Makoare, Tanga and Temata whānau in front of their affordable home

# TĀMAKI WHĀNAU LOVING THEIR NEW HOME

Three generations of the Makoare, Tanga and Temata whānau are living happily in a brand-new affordable home in Point England.

Samantha Makoare moved into the brand new four-bedroom home with her partner Brian Tanga their daughters Payton, Tayla and Harley and Samantha's nana Moepai Temata as part of Tāmaki Regeneration's OWN IT programme.

"It was a push from my dad to put our names down that got us into the OWN IT programme. I didn't think we would ever be able to buy a house in Auckland," Samantha says.

Samantha's dad is Tāmaki community leader Chris Makoare

and her mum is born and bred local Theresa Temata.

The whānau chose the Co-Own It option, which sees the new owners buy an average of 70% of the affordable home and Tāmaki Regeneration takes about a 30% stake. The owners then buy back Tāmaki Regeneration's share over time.

First home buyers with a strong Tāmaki connection who have a household income of between \$85,000-\$130,000 are eligible to apply for a Co-Own It home.

Samantha and Brian put their names down to buy an OWN IT home in 2018. But first they had to complete the OWN IT financial

workshops, which offer great insights into buying a first home.

"The OWN IT workshops opened our eyes to how to save. Saving meant we were accountable for what we spent.

"The home buying process showed us how debt can affect you."

Before moving into the new place, the whānau were living with Samantha's dad.

"We had only ever lived with my dad. Now the girls have their own rooms and are responsible for keeping their own spaces clean.

"Our older girl, Payton, has her own room for the first time ever. She can

close the door, have meetings for her school and not have to worry. Our other two girls, Tayla and Harley, share a room. They're 9 and 4."

Having their own space has also made a big difference for Brian.

"Until now, he's only ever lived with his family and my family. That ownership feeling gives us that responsibility to do things like go outside and look after the garden."

Samantha, who has lived in Tāmaki her for most of life, says moving into their new home through lockdown was tricky.

"We couldn't get everyone over to help, so we had to move in over about a week."

But the contactless handover of the property from Tāmaki Regeneration's affordable housing team was very easy, she says.

"We wanted to hug Selina, who dropped off the keys to us, but had to settle for a wave."

And they found a modern way to meet the new neighbours, which includes several other Co-Own It whānau in the Hinaki development.

"We had a neighbour's Zoom session. We have to be able to wave and not feel awkward."



Photos: Marsters Media

Samantha's advice to local people looking into home ownership is simple.

"Just do it! You never know until you put your name down. We didn't think it would be possible.

"It's very cool to see people you know in the community achieve their home ownership goal."

Tāmaki Regeneration general manager John Chapman, who leads the affordable housing programme, says it's awesome three generations of local Tāmaki whānau are living in

the same home.

"This is what the OWN IT programme is all about – creating home ownership opportunities for future generations of Tāmaki whānau.

"We're looking forward to building 1500 more OWN IT homes in the next 20 years, so more Tāmaki whānau can realise their home ownership dreams."

**Visit [maitamaki.co.nz](https://maitamaki.co.nz) for more information about the OWN IT programme.**

## NANA LOVING LIVING WITH GRANDKIDS

Another great outcome from the whānau buying the home, was nana Moepai Temata could move in with her family, freeing up her Tāmaki Housing public home for another whānau to live in.

"We decided we would take my grandma with us into the new

home. Nana didn't want to live by herself and she's close with my girls, so it was a perfect option.

"Nana was happy to give her Tāmaki Housing home back, but also sad as that's where grandad died. Nana's lived in GI since she came over from

Rarotonga when she was 19.

"My nana has also got her own space, which includes a little garden. It's great that nana isn't living alone anymore. It's also really nice that the kids get nana's attention and her cooking every now and then too."

# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING READY FOR TĀMAKI WHĀNAU



A specially designed small complex in Panmure is ready to welcome local whānau who need short-term emergency accommodation.

The six brand-new, fully furnished units are located on land owned by Tāmaki Regeneration, which is temporarily vacant and awaiting development. Five units will be home to five whānau, while the sixth unit will be a shared space.

Island Child Charitable Trust New Zealand (ICCT) is working in partnership with Tāmaki Regeneration to support whānau in Panmure, Glen Innes, and Point England into homes. In addition to managing the units, they also provide wraparound services to support its families.

Danielle Bergin, CEO of ICCT says it is about coming together for a common cause to make a real difference to people's lives.

“We know that many whānau living in overcrowded or difficult conditions can struggle to find accommodation, leaving them with nowhere to go. The village will be home to 25 people for 12 weeks

until they can move into permanent accommodation.”

Danielle said ICCT have worked on the layout and landscaping to ensure it is a homely and healing place for whānau.

“We are creating a village culture, which is a safe environment for local whānau. In addition to housing, we work with an experienced social work team who can provide links to Tāmaki Jobs and Skills Hub and connect tamariki to local schools.”

Housing Minister Dr Megan Woods says she is pleased to see the collaborative mahi that's gone into building these new units.

“This village will be a comfortable, safe space for whānau in urgent need, where they will be able to receive the support, they need.

“These units are about helping the people who live in them and are an important part of the government's Public Housing Plan which is designed to provide a pathway towards stable housing.”

Jenny Salesa, MP for Panmure-Ōtāhuhu, says the partnership is

offering innovative housing to the diverse communities in Tāmaki.

“I had the opportunity to visit the village recently with Shelley Katae, (Tāmaki Regeneration chief executive) and I was very impressed with the warm, dry homes, and the way housing has been set up for families with an area in the middle where kids can play safely, as well as a common room for sharing meals. The families in this village will be well supported on their housing journey by Danielle Bergin and her team.”

Tāmaki Regeneration plans 28 units in total, plus three shared buildings, at sites in Tāmaki. Tāmaki Regeneration's strategic goals include getting the best use of land and housing stock to create better housing options for local people.

This project responds to the needs of the communities of Tāmaki and Government action to move away from housing whānau in motel accommodation. The Government provided funding for an additional 2000 transitional homes nationwide by 2022 in its 2020 Budget.



# KIDNEY CENTRE OPENING

Having kidney dialysis takes up a big part of a person's week. On average four hours on the dialysis machine, three times a week. Add to that machine set up time and travel, it takes up almost half a working week.

So, it's not surprising that having the new Kererū Kidney Centre in Point England is making

treatment much more accessible for patients who live in Tāmaki, and neighbouring suburbs.

The centre has been open since November and is a partnership between Auckland DHB and Tāmaki Regeneration, which provided the land for the centre to be built on.

Many Auckland DHB dialysis patients live in Tāmaki Regeneration's area - Glen Innes, Point England and Panmure, alongside neighbouring suburbs.

An Auckland DHB survey shows 70 per cent of dialysis patients would like to have dialysis closer to home.



Employer Mike Jarman  
loves working with the  
Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub.

# JOBS & SKILLS HUB CELEBRATES 1000 PLACEMENTS

Jobs are available now!

Since the Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub's first job candidate, Geraldine Lee-Kum, landed a job with SaveBarn back in 2014 – the hub team haven't looked back.

The team recently celebrated

their 1000 job placement with Lee Atuahiva, a local Tāmaki man who was offered a job with Mike Jarman Maintenance.

Since then, the hub, which used to be called Career Start, have

continued to operate through lockdowns and the traffic light system, placing dozens more local jobseekers into work.

Lee says his confidence has improved thanks to the support

from the hub. “They talk to you, like normal humans. You don’t have to be nervous or anything. They understand you. With any situation you are going through, they understand.”

The hub, who provide ongoing mentoring for their clients for up to a year after employment, recently caught up with Lee.

Lee first got involved with the hub when his older brother went through the Career Start programme, so it’s fitting that Lee’s brother has also been helping out on the team. The brothers were trusted to take on extra responsibilities while Mike was away recently.

As an employer, Mike also appreciated the support provided by the hub.

“The hub have always been very helpful, they’ve been with us the whole way. I’d encourage any

employer to go through them and employ local.”

Since October even more employers have come onboard. The Jobs & Skills Hub team will continue to work closely with Mana Whenua

and the Pasifika community in Tāmaki to get locals into jobs and the team encourage everyone who is looking for work to get in touch, saying there are plenty of jobs

available at the moment.

The Jobs & Skills Hub evolved as a partnership between Tāmaki Regeneration and the Auckland Business Chamber, to create a welcoming space where the Tāmaki community can go for assistance with their job search.

They provide a range of skills to help locals get work-ready. This could include helping to get a driver’s licence, assisting with training, and/or upskilling to apply for new roles.

**“THE HUB HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, THEY’VE BEEN WITH US THE WHOLE WAY.”**

Photos: Marsters Media



## TĀMAKI JOBS & SKILLS HUB

- More than 1100 Tāmaki people have found work through the Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub. Forty-five of these workers have been helped into apprenticeships.
- The Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub helps job seekers get work ready by offering support with writing CVs, providing career advice, applying for jobs online, driver licence training, job matching, and mentoring.
- The range of industries include construction, logistics, manufacturing, hospitality, retail and administration, among others.
- In the last financial year, the hub supported 184 local people into work.
- Over the same period, 110 local people gained a driver’s licence, and 46 picked up apprenticeships or internships through the Tāmaki Jobs & Skills Hub.

### Visit Us:

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# MEET THE

# NEIGHBOURHOODS

# OF TĀMAKI

**EVER WONDERED WHAT THE  
FUTURE NEIGHBOURHOODS OF  
TĀMAKI WILL LOOK LIKE? READ ON  
TO FIND OUT!**

We're working alongside the community and our partners to bring more homes and upgraded parks, playgrounds, transport and infrastructure to dozens of neighbourhoods in Tāmaki. Each neighbourhood progresses through planning, design, and construction stages until it's ready to move into. Come and meet the six neighbourhoods that will be finished by the end of next year.



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## **HĪNAKI NEIGHBOURHOOD**

PANMURE NORTH

Over 300 new public homes, affordable homes for Tāmaki whānau, secure rental homes, and homes for sale on the open market are coming to the Hīnaki neighbourhood. Hīnaki will feature large-scale Māori artwork, community gardens with fruit trees and spaces for gathering with friends, and small ‘pocket parks’ - shared neighbourhood backyards for kids to play safely.

Hīnaki homes are built in partnership with NZ Living, Jalcon Homes and Housing Foundation.

## **OVERLEA NEIGHBOURHOOD**

GLEN INNES NORTHEAST

Leybourne Circle will become a ‘liveable street’ where local kids can safely walk to and from the four schools nearby. The reserve and stream running through it will be home to upgraded parks, playgrounds and natural spaces. Around 170 homes are being built in Overlea, including public homes, affordable homes for Tāmaki whānau, and homes for sale on the open market.

Overlea homes are built in partnership with Jalcon Homes, Mike Greer and Classic Builders.

## **WEST TĀMAKI NEIGHBOURHOOD**

GLEN INNES NORTHWEST

Eighteen quality apartments are being built in West Tāmaki especially for Tāmaki key workers to rent at a more affordable rate through Tāmaki Regeneration. Residents will be offered long-term tenancies, with the flexibility to end the lease if their situation changes. The aim is to bring more security, stability and predictable housing costs to renters.

West Tāmaki homes are built in partnership with Nuline Homes.

**KEEN TO KNOW MORE?**

**VISIT [TAMAKIREGENERATION.CO.NZ](https://tamakiregeneration.co.nz) AND SEARCH  
NEIGHBOURHOODS OF TĀMAKI TO FIND OUT MORE**



## **DERNA TOBRUK NEIGHBOURHOOD**

PANMURE NORTH

Over one hundred high-quality homes will be built in Derna Tobruk by mid-2022, including public homes, homes for sale on the open market, and affordable homes for Tāmaki whānau. Over half are already completed and a thriving community is taking shape. Derna Tobruk's streets and underground infrastructure are being upgraded, and its green spaces are being renovated to provide plenty of space to play.

Derna Tobruk homes are built in partnership with Fletcher Living.

## **LINE EPPING NEIGHBOURHOOD**

GLEN INNES CENTRAL

One hundred and twenty-two homes are coming to Line Epping, including public homes, homes for sale on the open market, and secure rental homes. With them comes big improvements to infrastructure, parks, and the natural environment. Tree-lined streets and boardwalks running alongside restored streams will provide a green route into town. Upgraded parks and playgrounds will be within easy reach from every home.

Line Epping homes are built in partnership with New Ground Living and Fletcher Living.

## **DUNKIRK NEIGHBOURHOOD**

PANMURE CENTRAL

The Dunkirk neighbourhood will see 18 brand new homes at 3-9 Dunkirk Road. There will be nine public homes and nine affordable homes for purchase by Tāmaki whānau. Half of the homes will be accessible homes, for people with increased mobility needs. Shared laneways will be planted with fruit trees, and dotted with places to sit and chat.

Dunkirk homes are built in partnership with Nuline Homes.

# DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Tāmaki Regeneration partners with Mana Whenua and works with the Tāmaki community to understand the needs of the communities of Glen Innes, Point England and Panmure as we work to create vibrant new neighbourhoods. We will build thousands of homes over the next 20 years using innovation, smart design, and top-quality materials to ensure properties are constructed specially for the whānau who will live in them.

Here's what's happening. For more information, visit the regeneration programme pages at [tamakiregeneration.co.nz](https://tamakiregeneration.co.nz)

## GLEN INNES

### GLEN INNES NORTHEAST

#### West Tāmaki Rd



Clever design and planning for the future are key elements in our new development between West Tāmaki Rd, and Leybourne Circle, Glen Innes. This steep site, with views to the Tāmaki River, will soon be home to 14 whānau.

We are working with Jalcon to build six affordable homes and eight public housing dwellings. An 8m-high Ash tree stands on the site and will proudly remain

a neighbourhood landmark. A small communal space also surrounds this tree, which borders the walkway from West Tāmaki Rd to Leybourne Circle, enhancing the safety of the link for pedestrians.

The mix of standalone and terraced homes are future-proofed with cabling space in the roofs ready for solar panels. Whānau will also benefit from having tanks to collect rainwater to water their gardens. Smart design means temperatures are automatically regulated in the passive homes through a heat recovery system.

Jalcon is also using tough, low maintenance materials including timber, and some parts are prefabricated offsite to save time and construction costs. Whānau are expected to move into the mix of five two-bedroom, four three-bedroom and two five-bedroom homes around mid-2023.

#### Concord Place

This development, close to Glen Innes Leisure Centre, is where we are designing approximately 70-80 new homes, working closely with Ngāti Pāoa. The site has important links to the Tāmaki River, Ōmaru Creek and Point England Reserve. Currently, land remediation/development works are being carried out.

## PANMURE

### PANMURE NORTH & PANMURE CENTRAL

#### Alamein



Fourteen homes - 12 affordable and two public - have been built on Alamein Rd and Dunkirk Rd, Panmure, in partnership with Housing Foundation. They are a mix of one, two and three-bedroom homes.

One home has been specially designed to be fully accessible for a public housing tenant, close to amenities including the popular Tāmaki Loop path along the riverside.

Whānau have already moved into some of these homes and the last couple of houses will be handed over to their happy new owners in the next two months.

#### Hobson



Four larger, family homes – two affordable shared ownership, and two public housing are to be constructed on Hobson Drive, Panmure. They are close to Sommerville School and will be fully accessible and ready in April 2023.

#### Pirangi

Pirangi will be a new neighbourhood in Panmure North, starting off with 88 homes – 36 public and 52 affordable.

We are currently creating designs for the homes and infrastructure upgrades are underway. We are also working with local government partners to create safe and attractive streets. We envisage this neighbourhood to have a mix of apartments and terraced homes, located within walking distance to key bus routes, reserves and open spaces, as well as Ruapōtaka Primary School.

## PICK A NAME FOR NEW STREETS

If you've spotted a little lane with a long name off Taniwha Street, Glen Innes – that's in memory of pillar of the community Parbhubhai Makan Patel. His family has owned and run Fenchurch Liquor and Dairy for 40 years and support and sponsor dozens of local sports and community groups.

Parbhubhai Makan Lane is named after Mr Patel, who came to New Zealand as a refugee from Uganda with his wife Kashi and six children - and barely a cent to his name. He worked hard and built up the prosperous business while always caring for others. "Grandad always

said, 'Don't forget your roots and always look out for people'," says grandson Rupesh Patel.

Mr Patel died in 2016 aged 82, but Kashi, 84, still works in the dairy around the corner from the lane that proudly bears her husband's name.

There are new neighbourhoods being built in Tāmaki and we need your help to name the streets. Send us your suggestions and reasons to [info@tamakiregeneration.co.nz](mailto:info@tamakiregeneration.co.nz) or drop into one of our offices at 244 Apirana Avenue, Glen Innes, or 149 Queens Road, Panmure.



Mr Parbhubhai Makan Patel

# MĀORI ARTIST GETS OWN STUDIO

Celebrated artist Emily Karaka's roots lie deep in Tāmaki. Her whānau home once stood on the site of the Tongan Church in Maybury Street, Glen Innes, and she has whakapapa ties to Ngāpuhi and Waikato/Tainui.



Now Emily has a permanent working base in Glen Innes with her own dedicated artist's studio above a creative hub space in Line Road. "I have been joking that I've got the LA studio in GI," she says.

Emily, 70, feels like she has the keys to her own kingdom after 40 years as an artist, working mostly out of sheds and spare rooms, making works for collectors, art galleries and museums in New Zealand and overseas.

"I had outgrown my shed in the garden across the road. I really needed a better, more secure space to work from."

Tāmaki Regeneration is helping support Emily and the wealth of artistic talent in Glen Innes, Point England and Panmure, by creating a studio for her above a former \$2 shop and setting up an innovation start-up hub next door where makers and creatives can have a hui over coffee and kai.

Emily, who has exhibited at the Sydney Biennale (2020) and the Toi Tū Toi Ora exhibition of Māori Contemporary Art at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki (2020-2021), will hold an annual exhibition with Tangata Whenua at The Good The Bad Gallery in Glen Innes. Her work can be seen at [emilykaraka.com](http://emilykaraka.com)

Emily credits being awarded the art prize as a student at Tāmaki Intermediate School as the stepping-stone to becoming a professional artist. She now supports and encourages other creatives.

"I want to give someone else a chance, so I will paint one piece and give them the other gallery wall space to

showcase their talent. It doesn't have to only be emerging young artists; a lot of people take up painting at the end of their lives and do some brilliant work. It's about giving creative people a chance to exhibit their work, a hand-up."

Her paintings tell the story of Tāmaki Makaurau and her political activism. Emily says the studio, which she will lease for four years, will free her up to explore other subject matter.

"I have been involved in politics all my life and painted about it. Maybe now I'll paint self-portraits, or flowers and romance, or paint the Ngāhere and Tai Ao, our natural environment"

"I am at a mature stage of my career, and I need to paint what I want to paint. Some of the best artists have painted their best paintings, later in life, where I'm at now, the world's my oyster."

But first, Emily plans to paint Mt Maungarei o Pōtaka – the watchful mountain of Pōtaka (Mt Wellington) to celebrate the history of local iwi Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki.

Joanna Brain, Tāmaki Regeneration's General Manager Strategy and Master-planning, says this is one way Tāmaki Regeneration could support the arts in Tāmaki.

"Tāmaki has so much artistic talent, we wanted to support those communities by giving them a base to explore their ideas and be creative. This will help the re-energising of the Glen Innes town centre by building on existing links to Te Oro Arts Centre, The Good The Bad Gallery and the Bradley Lane Street Art programme."

# WHALES TAILS: PROTECTING OUR MOANA



If you've been out for a hīkoi past the Marist Rugby Club or Panmure Yacht Club recently, you may have seen a big sculpture of a whale's tail. It's part of a big kaupapa celebrating Aotearoa art, and marine conservation called Whale's Tales that is one of 80 around Tāmaki Makaurau.

There will also be a flock of Pēpi Pods (little tails) painted by Panmure Bridge Primary School, Point England School, and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Puau te Moananui a Kiwa. Tāmaki Regeneration is supporting the event which is run by Auckland Unlimited and WWF NZ.

'Recharting the Gulf' is the name of the tail at the wharf and it was designed by local Tāmaki artist Philippa Bentley. The sculpture re-imagines and re-charts the Hauraki Gulf's maps and seas. The concept of the design is about working with and caring for the moana and whenua.

"I wanted to say let's look at things in a different way. We're not above it or separate from it, we're not observing it, we're not using it and taking what we want, we're actually part of the ecosystem," Philippa says.

She's incorporated aspects of Te ao Māori – The Māori World view that resonates with her own beliefs and passion. She believes that the Hauraki Gulf and many of its taonga are places where people can rightfully stand, relating to Tūrangawaewae.

It's perhaps her inspiration from mother earth that is best depicted in her paintings. "I think they're all natural concepts for me that have come through my work. I wanted to convey that (Te ao Māori). Looking at my works with the painted human landforms, I have instantly gone "Papatūānuku".

# CARING FOR TĀMAKI WATERWAYS

Artist Chantel Matthews-Perawiti is combining art and community to raise awareness about Glen Innes' waterways.

When approached to do an artwork within Maybury Reserve, Chantel formed the 'Pou Ora' Project with a focus on awareness surrounding the conditions of local waterways in Tāmaki, in particular, the Ōmaru Creek.

With support from local organisations, including Tāmaki Regeneration, the project has given community access through an exhibit at Glen Innes library, a weaving wānanga with local Ko Tau Rourou Weavers at The Good The Bad Gallery (TGTB) and a temporary sculpture at Maybury Reserve.

"There is a desire to connect the community and assist in restoring the Maybury Reserve Ōmaru Creek as a clean and flowing waterway," the Tāmaki resident says.

## EXHIBIT AT GLEN INNES LIBRARY

The library window displays a large image from Auckland Libraries Heritage Collections that shows Chief Water Quality Inspector Stan Augustowicz and Technical Officer Dominic McCarthy checking the Ōmaru Stream for traces of contamination – taken in 1988.

Inside the library are a selection of curated books and items Chantel collected around Ōmaru Creek and Maybury Reserve, such as waste, water and a dead tuna covered in polluted waters and waste are on display.

Both displays show "not much has

changed in our waterways when you compare the image taken in 1988 to today, there is still a lot of work to do," Chantel explains

## WEAVING WĀNANGA

Pou Ora is about bringing life into our waterways, with the community's support. A steel sculpture symbolising three wāhine stand as kaitiaki with detailed hand-woven marine rope done alongside local weavers Ko Tou Rourou led by Karen Nathan and joined by Jamie Te Huia Cowell. Having the weaving wānanga on display at TGTB gallery meant the community could walk by and engage with the project.

"Working with Ko Tōu Rourou has been an amazing experience. They have been so supportive of the kaupapa, and they believe in it. They are a lovely bunch of wāhine."

The name Ko Tōu Rourou comes from the Whakataukī - or Māori proverb 'Ko tōu rourou, ko taku rourou kia ora ai te Iwi' which means with your basket and my basket, the Iwi thrives.

## ART INSTALLATION

The sculptures will be placed in Maybury Reserve for a year before a permanent location is secured.

"I would love to acknowledge and thank Mana Whenua, Ngāti Pāoa, Ngāi Tai Ki Tāmaki, Tāmaki Regeneration, Walkspace, Ko Tou Rourou weavers, Jamie Te Huia Cowell, Gary Silipa at TGTB Gallery, Glen Innes Library, Icon Signs, and Ben Cotton Fabricators," Chantel says.



## KO AU KO KOE, KO KOE KO AU

"Three wāhine watch on as pollution exists within our whenua, awa, and moana, harming ika, manu and ourselves, indeed te taiao katoa.

This mahi toi is an extension of Papatūānuku, te ūkaipō from whom we te irā tangata originates, and therefore we are an extension of the originating source. "Ko Au Ko Koe, Ko Koe Ko Au" – I am you and you are me."

# TONGA RECEIVES MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT

Tāmaki's Tongan community banded together quickly to organise collections following the volcanic eruption and tsunami which affected parts of Tonga in January.

The eruption from Hunga Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano left many without basic things like water, vegetation, sanitation, and access to communication. The villages of Nomuka, Mango and Fonoifua were hit the hardest. But one thing's for certain is that where there's a will, there's a way, and Tāmaki has shown that.

## **MALO 'AUPITO TĀMAKI**

A local group of Tongans and some from the village of Afa came together to help organise a collection that was set up at the Tongan Church on Anderson Ave. Former Tonga rugby captain Nili Latu (Afa) was the mastermind and leader of the response. Tāmaki Regeneration supported this amazing initiative.

Nili was born in Tongatapu and grew up on Leybourne Circle in Glen Innes. Over the years, he has humbly given back to the Tāmaki community and Tonga.

"Afa is always the last village to receive any help, so here we were making sure they don't miss out," says Nili.

They managed to raise enough funds to help fill two containers with non-perishable items that included bags of flour, boxes of noodles, trays of spaghetti, corned beef, thousands of litres of water, and other necessities.

Nili is thankful for the support. Quote from Nili's father - "It is always only

Tāmaki Regeneration that shows up and helps when times are hard for our community"

A special thanks to Caroline Koloamatangi (Fasi, Kolomotua), Selina Patia (Kuki Airani) Louena Ahki (Niuafuou), TJ Taufa (Niuafuou), Amelia Tae (Kolomotu'a, Fasi moe Afi, Kolofo'ou), Crystal Seluini (Sopu 'o Taufa'ahau, Leimatu'a), and Lolie Taiseni (Matahau, Tatakamotonga) for their support to help families in Tonga.

## **COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSE**

The Aotearoa Tonga Committee was established and is co-chaired by Panmure-Ōtāhuhu MP Jenny Salesa, and Labour list MP Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki. Tāmaki Community Liaison Committee chair Maria Meredith (Kolofo'ou & Fasi, Neiafu, Falaleu & Fungamisi) is also part of that collective that organised containers full of food, water and other necessities collected and dropped off at Mount Smart Stadium.

Maria, who is also chair of the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board says, "we put our heads together and talked about how we're going to respond. Our people need us."

A generous donation was contributed by Tāmaki Regeneration Community Liaison Committee. Maria says the money went a long way towards both the relief effort and feeding the volunteers who worked up to 11 hours



each day.

Tāmaki Regeneration is committed to assisting the Tongan community with any ongoing assistance for families back home.

"It's a great opportunity to say thank you to Tāmaki Regeneration for sending your aroha and contributing to the Aotearoa Tonga relief," Maria says.



## GETTING BEHIND

# TĀMAKI WHĀNAU BUSINESSES

The warm heart of Tāmaki can be found in our vibrant town centres, local businesses and awesome community. Here in Tāmaki, there are hundreds of independent, whānau owned businesses, many with long standing connections to the area. Recently, Tāmaki Regeneration ran a prize draw called Awhi, which profiled four locally owned businesses. Read on to find out more about the inspirational people behind them.

### TIPPETT ELECTRICAL

Tippett Electrical is a 100% Māori owned business, based in the Employment Precinct in Tāmaki. Lance Tippett, director of Tippett Electrical, and the eldest of four brother's - Leroy, Tahana and Danyon - has 20 plus years of experience within the electrical services industry.

The Tippett family's connection to Tāmaki dates way back through whakapapa links to local iwi, Ngāti Paoa. Allen Tippett, father of the Tippett brother's, was one of the very first residents of Glen Innes in the early 1960's. To honour this longevity, a well known Tāmaki street, Tippett Street, was named after them.

Te Ao Māori values are at the forefront of Tippett Electrical's service approach. Principles of whanaungatanga, which emphasise the importance of building strong, trusting relationships are at the core of Tippett Electrical's commitment to delivering successful results for their clients and their community.



### NASI KANDAR

Nasi Kandar is an exciting new Malaysian Indian restaurant on Queens Road in the heart of Panmure town centre. This traditional and inexpensive eatery serves delicious homestyle food and is owned and operated by talented chef Joel Singam and his wife, Alexandra Kumaran.

Chef Joel, was born in Malaysia but spent his teenage years growing up in Tāmaki. After a short time living back in Malaysia, Joel and Alexandra decided to return to Aoteroa, New Zealand and put down roots in Tāmaki, the warm multicultural community they love.

Standout dishes at Nasi Kandar include a classic beef Rendang, and a specials menu that changes daily. All Nasi Kandar dishes are prepared with love using the freshest New Zealand and traditional Malaysian Indian ingredients.





## NICOLA JOHNS HEALTH - PROBIOTICS STORE

Nicola Johns Health - Probiotics Store on Mayfair Place, in Glen Innes, was originally one of the longest standing community pharmacies in Tāmaki. Independently owned and operated by pharmacist Nicola Johns, the Probiotics Store now offers Tāmaki locals a warm welcome, selling high-quality natural healthcare products and supplements.

Nicola Johns has over 30 years experience as a community pharmacist in Tāmaki and is passionate about natural health and the local community she serves. Nicola, and her daughter Sophia (who also works at the Probiotics Store) are well known amongst Glen Innes locals, who frequently stop into the shop for health advice and a kōrero.

The Probiotic Store offers Tāmaki locals caring, one-on-one health support and advice to fit their circumstances. They also stock quality gifts and children's toys.

## THANK YOU TĀMAKI WHĀNAU!

Tāmaki Regeneration would like to thank everyone who helped support local businesses by entering the Awhi prize draw. Hundreds of entries were processed and received. A special shout out to Sheree Martin who won the grand prize - a brand new LG washer and dryer valued at over \$4000! Warm and heartfelt congratulations to all our \$500 Prezzy card winners, and a special mihi to featured business owners for sharing their stories and for their amazing mahi.



## ICON SIGNS

Delano Atai is a signwriter, talented designer and owner of Icon Signs. Delano grew up in the Tāmaki neighbourhood of Glen Innes, and still lives there today. Creative flair, over 25 years of signwriting experience and genuine professional humility are the values behind the success of this awesome East Side business.

The Icon Signs motto 'Let's create', is evident the minute you enter Delano's workshop. Delano and his Tāmaki whānau team always strive to deliver standout design, production and installation across a range of innovative and traditional signwriting projects.

Responding to ever changing technologies and industry trends gives Icon Signs a unique creative edge. Delano and his team can help with vehicle signage, wraps, building signage, illuminated signs, flags, banners and more. They provide their customers with a full service from creative conception to installation.



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**THANK YOU TĀMAKI WHĀNAU,  
FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL!**

A heartfelt mihi to everyone who entered the Awhi prize draw, and helped us get behind independent Tāmaki businesses.