

ISSUE 97 NOVEMBER 2022. LIVING, WORKING & SHOPPING IN GLEN EDEN

Homes for seniors



he new 41-unit apartment complex at 2 Wilson Road is providing affordable rental housing for older people in Glen Eden.

August, fully tenanted by the end of September, and officially opened on 7 October. Forty-five tenants (including four couples) now live there.

Built by Kāinga Ora Homes and Communities with support from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, the one-bedroom homes were designed by the Ministry of Architecture and Interiors to meet the specific needs of older people.

All are wheelchair-accessible and have heat pumps, wet-area bathrooms, dedicated garaging and charging for electric mobility scooters, lift access and safety features such as handrails.

Local MP Carmel Sepulon meets two of the tenants

The complex has a shared common room with outdoor patio for tenants' socialising and Continued on page 2

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Continued from page 1 is close to local shops, library, RSA, theatre and other amenities.

The complex has been leased to Haumaru Housing for 25 years initially; they will manage the tenancies and the building. All tenants qualify for the income-related rent subsidy.

Haumaru Housing is the largest community housing provider to specialise in providing affordable rental homes for older people. It was established in 2016 in partnership with The Selwyn Foundation charity and Auckland Council.



PINK RIBBON DAY volunteers in Glen Eden included proud Niueans Mavis and Tina, seen here outside Fresh Choice. Collection is for breast cancer research.





CONGRATULATIONS to Ken Turner on his election to Auckland City Council to represent Waitākere Ward. Here he is with Sharon 'Shaz' Davis at the Wheels Out West event in Glenmall Place last Saturday – see the photos opposite.







What is the heritage plan for Titirangi War Memorial Hall? When are writers moving into Maurice Shadbolt House? How does local modernist architecture inspire contemporary jewellery? Why didn't Auckland get a canal between the Waitemata and Manukau harbours?

You'll find the answers to this and more at West Auckland Heritage Conference. Four keynote speakers – Sandra Coney on women in the kauri timber industry, Lisa Truttman on David Bruce Russell the Canal Promoter, Graham Burgess on Titirangi War Memorial Hall and Shaun Higgins on Olav Petersen – will be complemented by fascinating short presentations themed Trailblazers and Troublemakers of the West.



Thanks to Chanel (Pet

Shop Boyz), Kirstie and Gary for the photos!

Mrs Avis McIntosh practising hurdling at Ranui while her two-year-old son Clive looks on, c.1964. Photographer:

everyone interested in the stories of our place, for locals and heritage buffs alike.'

There will be ample opportunity to ask questions and mingle with the presenters and other guests as the ticket includes lunch and nibbles. All speakers will be presenting in Titirangi War Memorial Hall, with projection on a wide screen for maximum enjoyment.

Tickets (\$20 excl. booking fee) include lunch and all the presentations. Full refund if cancelled due to Covid. As previous conferences were sold out, book early via www.westheritageconference or contact Sharon Davies for more information: go4shaz@outlook.co.nz or 0274 989 579.

The event is hosted by Waitakere Ranges Local Board in collaboration with Whau Local Board, libraries and the community.

www.westheritageconference.org.nz



Community means a lot to Nick

ick Magness started in the tyre business in 2003 straight from school, learning the trade "from some of the best old-school guys in their fields" as he puts it.

He's proud of the full-service Glenview Road business that bears his name.

It began as a mobile service in 2017 and that side of it recently expanded to include a mobile tyre shop.

The physical premises opened in 2020, a tough time to open as it was during the first year of the pandemic. As we slowly put the pandemic in our rear-view mirror, it's still tough.

"It's been really hard if I'm honest," says Nick. "The big companies have the backing we don't, and I want to thank everyone for their ongoing support."

The other services they offer include mag wheels, batteries, wheel alignment, wheel balancing, puncture repairs and nitrogen tyre inflation.

"We pride ourselves on our honesty, experience and knowledge in all aspects of the tyre industry. We are not a franchise. We are 100% Kiwi



owned and operated."

By we, Nick means himself as manager with nearly two decades of experience and Kaelen Van Vugt as the tyre and wheel alignment technician. It's a small team but one he's optimistic about expanding as the business grows.

Nick loves dealing with people and hearing their great stories, and after that it's probably some of the cool cars he gets to work on that he enjoys the most.

A love of cool cars is something he has outside work too. "My big hobby

is off-road racing which I started about 10 years ago. We have travelled around this beautiful country and have enjoyed a lot of success competing and winning events in Class 5, which is 1300cc."

Magness Tyre Service is a sponsor of Glenora rugby league club and Nick is a player in their masters team, so he clearly believes in giving back to the local community in whatever way he can.

His hope for Glen Eden is that the suburb thrives and continues to support locally owned businesses.

Glen Eden RSA

Notice of Extra General Meeting

An EGM will be held at 11am on Sunday 20 November 2022 at Glen Eden RSA, 9 Glendale Road, Glen Eden.

Business: Rule Changes

The Executive Committee has approved 6 Notices of Motion to be brought forward at this EGM. No other business will be discussed. Please see the Notices of Motion at either www.glenedenrsa.co.nz or displayed in Clubrooms.

All financial members welcome to attend.





Prices on the move again?



Robyn Rule of Barfoot & Thompson Glen Eden writes on property matters

n average around the country in September house prices as measured by the REINZ's house price index fell by 0.7%. However, this was the smallest monthly decline since a small 0.5% rise in prices in February. In both July and August average house prices around New Zealand fell by 1.3% after declining by 2.1% in June, 1.5% in May, 2% in April, and 2.1% in March.

It appears that the pace of decline in house prices is slowing. We can also see things changing when we look at sales of residential property around the country. We can adjust for seasonal factors, which clearly at this time of the year means a rise in activity because of spring, and see what is happening with the underlying level of sales.

In the September quarter the seasonally adjusted volume of residential sales around the country rose by just 1%. But this followed an 8% decline in the June quarter and 24% decline in the March quarter when the credit crunch was at its worst. It does appear that the period of worst decline in real estate sales now lies in the past and maybe for the moment things have stabilised.

Close observers of the property market believe that house prices will bottom out sometime around the turn of the year with small price rises likely to be recorded on average for the country over 2023.

If you're in a position to buy, now seems like an excellent time to do so before prices edge back up again.

- Robyn, 021 055 3667

Latest Glen Eden monthly statistics 19 sales totalling \$17,923,500. Highest price: \$1,650,000. Lowest: \$685,000. Average: \$943,000.

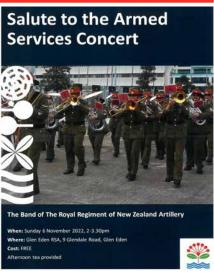


It's Stihl the same...

raham and Jane Hahn recently I retired from the shop they have owned since 1986. Originally called Mr Mowers, it became New Zealand's first Stihl Shop in 2003. We wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement.

The new owners are Anthony (above) and Taraneh McGill. Do drop in and welcome them to the neighbourhood. The owners may have changed but they're still offering the same great products and service that the shop became known for over the years.





What is digital eye strain?

Working at home is a great way to ditch your commute and enjoy more flexible hours, but there can be an unexpected consequence - digital eye strain. If you're like many workers, you probably spend most of your day on a computer or other digital device, and likely experience the headache, blurred vision, sore eyes or achy back so common with digital (computer)

In contrast to being in the office, where workers take coffee breaks and socialize, working solo at home often translates into spending more time on the computer without breaks, and often beyond the typical 9 to 5 schedule. This can increase the likelihood of developing digital eye strain.

Digital eye strain, also called computer vision syndrome (CVS), affects an estimated 70% of adults, especially those between the ages of 18 and 34. The eye strain results from

extended hours focusing on a computer screen, and may be worsened by hours of exposure to blue light, the high-energy visible light emitted by digital screens.

Blue light can cause short-term eye strain and discomfort, and scientists are researching whether it could also be linked to serious eye conditions, such as age-related macular degeneration (AMD, which we wrote about earlier) and cataracts.

Moreover, staring at a screen, or even a printed book, causes people to blink up to 66% less often. Blinking is essential as it hydrates your eyes and stimulates the release of oil from the tiny glands in your eyelids. This oil also prevents tears from evaporating too quickly, thus drying out the eyes. Dry eyes can cause blurry vision, which further exacerbates eye strain.

Next month, we'll talk about remedies.



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In the library over the coming weeks...

Special event



Johnny Green, the egg cup collector Wednesday 16 November, 12–1pm. World famous in Aotearoa' Mr Johnny Green will be in the library with 300 of his egg cup collection. He has more than 10,000 and some are rare and wacky and. Hear more about them and his colourful life. Koha entry – proceeds to Hospice.

Regular programme

Job Café

Tuesdays in term time, 12.30–2.30pm. Whau ACE (Adult & Community Education) offer free support and advice + tea, coffee and biscuits. Sessions cover:

- Preparing a CV
- Career guidance
- lob search
- Online job applications
- Cover letter

Lego Club

Every Tuesday 3.30-5pm.

Book Chat

First Wednesday of each month 10.30–11.30am in the library's meeting room.



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Sunday 13 November 4–7pm: Open mic RnB session
Saturday 19 November: Club prizegiving featuring Sweet n Salty
Every Thursday from 7pm: Believe It Or Not Quiz

Thursday Club Night
Happy Hour 5pm–6pm,
Jokers Wild, Monster Raffles,
members' draw. Aussie Rules
8-ball competition 7.45pm –
all welcome.

Fridays from 5pm Happy Hour 4pm–6pm, members' draw, sport on bigscreen TVs, spot prizes, meat raffles. Karaoke with Ben & Marie, 8pm. Free entry. **Foothills Restaurant**Dinner: Thursday–Sunday from 5.30pm.
Lunch: Fridays 12–2pm.

Tickets for most events are available at the bar beforehand or at the door on the night. New members and visitors welcome. Provisional membership lets you 'try before you buy'. Full membership now \$40. Lounge available for functions.

Invasive weed found in Glen Eden

M oth plant is starting to come into flower now, making early summer the best time to tackle this invasive weed. By autumn, the distinctive seed pods - similar to a choko - start to form and just one pod splitting open can spread up to 1000 seeds far and wide.

"We're noticing more of this invasive weed around Glen Eden," says Pamela Gill (right) from the EcoMatters Nature team, "and we'd love for everyone to pitch in to make sure it doesn't become an even bigger problem."

If you spot a moth plant and there are no seed pods on the vine, cut the plant at its base and leave the vine hanging. It will eventually die. To prevent regrowth, dig out the

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davidblocksidge@yahoo.com by the 15th. You could win a \$50 voucher to dine in Little India Glen Eden. Imdia

Congrats to our latest winner, Charlotte Lobo roots or treat the base of the cut vine with a 'cut and paste' herbicide. Wear protective clothes and gloves and avoid the white sap, which can irritate the skin and eyes.

You can work with others by

joining STAMP (Society Totally Against Moth Plant, on Facebook) or learn more about how to get rid of it at Auckland Council's Tiaki Tāmaki Makaurau (Conservation Auckland) website: https://bit.ly/mothplant.





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