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From the Editor

How lovely to see the sun in this beautiful and unique part of Auckland, that we call home. We are all gearing up for Christmas and the Te Atatu Peninsula Business Association is no exception. We have arranged for our Christmas banners to go up again, as well as our six-metre tree, outside the Te Atatu Union Church. Hopefully this helps get everyone into the festive spirit. We're also encouraging our retailers to out-do each other with their festive shop windows, by offering them a prize of \$500 for the best window! Our Santa's Summer Surprise promotion is also underway with the chance for shoppers to win one of three prizes - an iPad Pro 10.5" 64GB, an iPad 9.7" 32GB or a Kindle Paperwhite 3 4GB. Wouldn't they be great in your Christmas stocking?

On behalf of all our retailers, thank you for supporting our local shops when making your purchases this holiday season. Whether it's just tape and wrapping paper, Christmas gifts or food for the big day, your support is vital for our area.

Locals have been watching the development of The Point on Te Atatu Road with great interest and we look forward to welcoming the new businesses, some of which will be moving in before Christmas! You can read about progress on page 3, when we talk to developer Helen Moore.

There are some great initiatives in our area and you can read about the work that Community Waitakere and the Auckland Zoo are doing with school students, right on our doorstep, on pages four and five.

Another amazing initiative is Te Atatu Boomerang Bags. More than two years in, and they are still going strong, with almost 1000 reusable cloth bags in the community. Read about this amazing project on page six.

Te Atatu seems to be the favourite spot for Owha the leopard seal who has been enjoying the sun at Taipari Strand. Read about her and the organisation researching her and other leopard seals, on pages 12 and 13.

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As usual you can check out the latest views on books, food and wine and make sure you brush up on Community Safety, on page 18.

TAPBA would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people – the Henderson Massey Local Board, for their on-going support, Tasti Products for allowing us to store our Christmas tree on their premises every year and Rodgers Reidy who, until recently has been the venue for our monthly committee meetings. We are grateful for this assistance and for the community support our town centre receives.

Happy festive season and have a safe and wonderful summer.

Robynne Pringle
Editor

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Welcome to *The Point*

Te Atatu's newest commercial building is almost completed. The Point at 573 Te Atatu Road, will be home to several new businesses and an existing business, that will relocate to the new premises.

Developer Helen Moore says there have been some delays in the drainage, putting work behind a couple of weeks. However, some businesses are still expected to open before Christmas.

Businesses moving into The Point include café The Sugar Grill, a new beauty salon, Red's Traditional Barbershop and local real estate agency The Property Market. The Waitakere Licensing Trust is opening two new businesses on site – Village Wines, a modern store specifically designed to provide more interactive customer experiences, and Mr Illingsworth, a gastro pub, named after the owner of Te Atatu's first general merchant store.

The main street development is stage one of a ten-year plan by the Moore family and the Waitakere Licensing Trust and Helen Moore says they expect the building will be complete in early December.

"We're looking forward to the big day," she says.



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Students Wild About Te Atatu

For students from Te Atatu

Intermediate, science recently got a whole lot more interesting. They had a 'hands on' opportunity when they took part in Wild about Te Atatu, a new environmental education programme delivered by Community Waitakere and funded by Foundation North.

On a beautiful day at Harbourview Orangihina Reserve, the students studied water quality, pest biosecurity, as well as looking at birds and invertebrates in the area, all well away from the classroom.

Bronwyn Smith, Environmental Coordinator at Community Waitakere, says the programme is provided free of charge to local schools and designed to engage and inspire young people

to learn more about our unique coastal and wetland environments, and the pressures these areas face like pests and pollution.

Wild about Te Atatu is run in partnership with Auckland Zoo's Outreach Education team, taking place in parks and reserves around Te Atatu Peninsula and Bronwyn says the close proximity for schools means that travel costs are removed.

"The programme includes a range of activities including scientific monitoring, planting, and rubbish clean ups but most of all it's about young people spending time in the outdoors, and connecting with nature,"

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if they understand the areas and know how to take action." says Bronwyn.

Chris Burton, Community Waitakere's Environmental Team Leader says they are encouraging other schools in the area, to engage with the programme.

"This is a new initiative, and we will be contacting local schools over the next month or so to register their interest. Working with Auckland Zoo is a great opportunity to bring new knowledge and insights to our tamariki," says Chris.

"Through Project Twin Streams, Community Waitakere has achieved some great community and environmental outcomes further up the catchment and Wild about Te Atatu is an opportunity to expand on these great outcomes," he says.

At Harbourview Orangihina Reserve with Community Waitakere's environmental team of Chris, Bronwyn, Belinda Studholme and Simon Grant, was Te Atatu Intermediate Science Specialist Teacher, Amber Aratema.



From left Belinda Studholme, Simon Grant, Bronwyn Smith and Chris Burton from Community Waitakere's environmental team.

Mrs Aratema says 'It is wonderful to have the resource right on their doorstep. For a number of students, it was the first time they have ever visited Orangihina. The programme allows our students to participate in citizen science activities and have an active role in surveying, monitoring and protecting this unique area.'

Mrs Aratema says next year Te Atatu Intermediate will be taking Wild About Te Atatu into the wider school. "We are so very fortunate," she says.

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Boomerang Bags Going Strong

It's two years since reusable bag scheme Boomerang Bags started up and volunteers now have 980 specially sewn cloth bags, out in our community.

Originally started on the Australian Gold Coast, Boomerang Bags has spread to communities across the world to help reduce single-use shopping bags. Te Atatu Boomerang Bags Coordinator Jaclyn Margules first saw the scheme featured on facebook and decided with some other locals, to start it up here. She registered as a Coordinator with the Australian parent group and they provided a toolkit to implement the initiative. Ecomatters Environment Trust provided a Neighbourly Grant to purchase basic equipment like a sewing machine and screen-printing materials.

The concept is that re-usable bags are made from re-purposed materials and lent out for free, to shoppers who have forgotten their own reusable bag. Shoppers then bring them back to a participating shop the next time they are passing or keep using them.

The group meets in the Tap Lab at the Community Centre on Thursday mornings and on a Thursday evening once a fortnight. Volunteer sewer Maria King says she had never been a sewer before and being part of the group has been a learning experience.

"We've actually become really good friends," she says.

Maria says they collect bags of donated materials from the Hospice Op Shop, so they can use the fabric from clothing that is not good enough for resale. They also collect left over pillow cases from the Give A Kid A Blanket cause for recycling and any stained fabric is tie-dyed so it doesn't go to waste. The group also sometimes puts a call out on the Te Atatu Frugal Mama facebook page and through this, was gifted an over-locker.

Tasks for the volunteers include screen printing, cutting and ironing and Maria says potential volunteers shouldn't be put off if they can't sew.

"We're more than happy to take the time to teach people," she says.

The bags are available at stores including Greens, Demolition Deli, Peninsula Unichem Pharmacy, Wine Villa, the Hospice Op Shop and at the library.

"The demand for our bags has always been great," says Maria "and people like that they have 'Te Atatu' on them."



Although not all of the bags are boomeranging their way back to participating stores, Maria says if they are being used, then they are meeting their purpose.

"The return rates are not fantastic but at the end of the day, if people are using them instead of plastic bags then we are happy."

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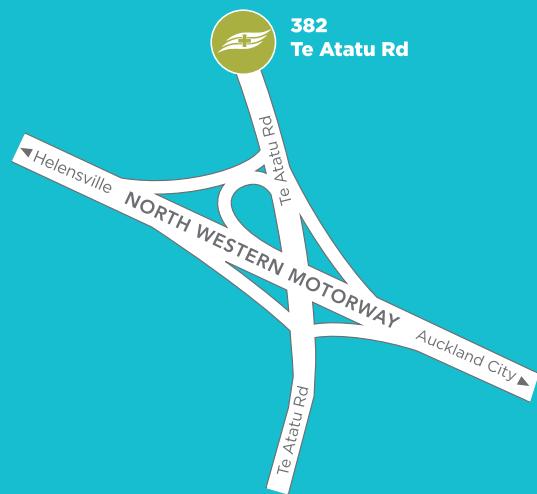
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Views on Books

with Abigail Johnson

Merry Christmas, and happy summer neighbours

What a summer it's turning out to be! Rather too hot at times, but with plenty of opportunity to sit in the shade with a novel. I'm only recommending one book this time, partly because I've been reading the Harry Potter series, and those books don't need any free advertising, and partly because the one I've got for you is just that good.

Normal People, the second novel by Irish author Sally Rooney, has been described as 'a future classic', 'an elegant love story for a cynical age', and 'the book that should have won the Man Booker Prize'.

This year's Man Booker went instead to Anna Burns' Milkman – a book described as challenging, experimental

and creepy. Don't say I didn't warn you.

Normal People, by contrast, is a smart and breezy page-turner.

There's a bit of a divide in literature, between easy page-turners like Harry Potter and serious award winners like Milkman. The idea is, if a novel is a page-turner it can't be serious, and if it's serious it can't be a page-turner. Rubbish, I say – though some naturally fall on one end of the spectrum or other.

Rooney's Normal People is one of those intoxicating works that effortlessly mixes the two. It's engaging enough to be read in two or three days (which is what I did), while filled with turns-of-phrase that'll have you sighing, ah, yes, that.

The novel follows Connell and Marianne, two Irish youths, through their final year of high school and into

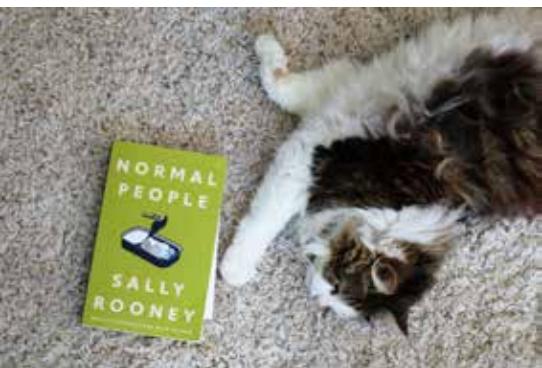
their first years of college. It doesn't spoil anything to reveal that this is a love story, but to say much more is to tread on a very delicate plot.

All I'll say is that, once I take some time to think about it, Normal People may find a spot on my (admittedly blurry) personal top 10. To those of you seeking gift ideas, this is a decent one. I'll be asking Santa for Rooney's apparently just-as-great debut novel Conversations with Friends.

Look out for Normal People in the library and most bookstores.

Oh, and who cares, I also recommend Harry Potter.

Happy reading!





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The team at Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre

There are two teams based at the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre & Library. Aside from the library services staff there is a team of three community programmers who are based in the office of the community centre; Christine McFarlane, Kathryn Schuster and Kurt Timmins.

In addition to manning the office and fielding enquiries the centre team is responsible for activating the centre and facilitating programmes that are relevant to the community. These include community badminton and pickleball, tai chi classes, korowai, te reo, end of term blow outs, after school and school holiday activities, music mentoring and digital programmes in the Creative Lab. We also collaborate with other organisations to support their initiatives for example, the recent Matariki and Tech Week events at the centre. We work with local schools and often exhibit the work of students in the gallery space.

The team have three centres to programme across the Henderson Massey Local Board area including Kelston Community Centre and Te Atatu South Community Centre. However, Te Atatu Peninsula is our biggest facility and we are committed to keeping the office doors open 5 days a week. While we don't manage room bookings (this is done through the Auckland Council's Venue Hire team) we do everything else to manage building operations in partnership with the Library. We also facilitate the Te Atatu Community Network meetings which run on the third Wednesday of the month (excl Dec-Jan).

We are always interested in feedback from the local community about what they would like to see and do in their community centre. We are also interested in talking to people who may want to share their skills to deliver programmes.

To find out what is happening in the centre or to connect with us go to our website: teatatucentre.org.nz or facebook page. You can also swing by and say hi – the office is open Mon-Fri – 9am-4.00pm.



L to R: Christine McFarlane, Kurt Timmins and Kathryn Schuster.

Christmas Hours

The community centre office will be closed from midday Friday 21st December and will reopen Monday 21st January 2019.

The Library will remain open and only closed Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th December and Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Majority of our programmes/activities will take a short break over this period and will recommence in the New Year, for start back dates please refer to our website.

Booking your function in your local community centre

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Upcoming Christmas Event here in Te Atatu Peninsula

We hope you enjoyed the local Christmas Parade and Fun Day. Keep the Christmas spirit by coming along to Carols in the Centre 9th December 5pm – 8pm. All welcomed to this free, community run event.

Te Atatu South Community Centre Christmas hours

Grey Power is located inside the Community Centre 247 Edmonton Road will close Tuesday 18th December and reopen Monday 4th February 2019. For any urgent requests during this Christmas period please phone the office on 09 838 5207.

HOTAS – Book Exchange

This great community managed book exchange will be taking a break over the Christmas period from Monday 17th December 2018 – Monday 21st January 2019.

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message board



Te Atatū South

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Te Atatū South is home to around 15,000 people. It is 10km from the CBD, has access to good transport links and is an attractive place to live.

The Henderson-Massey Local Board is putting together a plan for the future of the Te Atatū South centre and surrounding area, and we want your help to make sure we get it right.

Tell us what you think the Te Atatū South of the future needs to thrive, to be a place that is vibrant and safe, a place that people love to call home.

What do you want to see here in the next 30 years? How should we grow? Is it parks, public spaces, transport or something else that we should focus on? We want Te Atatū South to be a place that you drive to, not drive through.

Have your say

Consultation is open from **14 November until 3 December 2018**. Have your say:

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11pm - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday 25th

9.30am- CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Wednesday 26th

8.30am - Lotu Talosaga
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Monday 31st

10pm - New Year's Eve Service

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The Te Atatu Union Church is also grateful for the collaboration with the TAPBA for bringing the beautiful Christmas tree into the village centre each year.

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From Antarctic to Te Atatu

Owha the leopard seal looks like she couldn't care less about the fuss her appearances cause, around Te Atatu.

The spotted visitor seems to like the Peninsula and in particular the busy Taipari Strand. Despite playing children, kayakers and dog walkers, Owha has been seen a few times sunning herself on the pontoon, sometimes all day.



When leopard seals lift themselves out of the water to relax, it is referred to as 'hauling out' and Owha has been doing a lot of it lately, to the delight of locals and leopardseals.org research assistant, Brittany Mathias.

Brittany says Owha particularly likes hauling out and resting on marina pontoons. She has been documented at the Auckland Outboard Boating Club Marina, Westhaven Marina, Bays Water Marina, WestPark Marina, Te Atatu Boating Club, Gulf Harbour Marina, Sandspit Marina, Tutukaka Harbour Marina and Marsden Cove Marina.

Owha is short for her Māori name "He owha nā ōku tūpuna" which translates to mean 'treasured gift from our ancestors'. She received this name from Ngati Whatua ki Orakei, after she spent more than a year in their home waters. Since Owha was first spotted in Dunedin in 2012, there have been over 200 sightings of her. She is thought to be between 6 – 8 years old and despite there being other leopard seals in our waters, Owha has never been seen with a pup so it is not known whether she is interacting with the other seals.

"Leopard seals are typically solitary, only coming together to breed, but because they are from the Antarctic, not a lot is known about their breeding habits," says Brittany.

Leopardseals.org was co-founded by Doctors Krista Hupman and Ingrid Visser, who saw a need to move towards better protection for the seals around New Zealand, through research, advocacy and education.

The organisation has now collected reports of more than 2000 sightings in New Zealand, going back to the 12th century, with information and archaeological evidence even gathered from middens. They are working closely with the Department of Conservation, to monitor Owha's movements.

Brittany who is one of just three volunteers in the Auckland region, says leopard seals are classified as a vagrant species, meaning theoretically there are only 15 individuals in New Zealand in any given year. However, it seems the seals are more common than previously thought.

"Many of these seals are turning up in very public areas, providing us with a fantastic opportunity to gather more data and educate members of the public how to interact safely with these seals," says Brittany.

Leopardseals.org are asking anyone who sees a leopard seal to report the sighting their team by calling 0800 LEOPARD (0800 536 7273). Record the date, time and location and if possible, take a photograph.

If Owha is present in the area, they ask that you follow the following guidelines:

- Always stay at least 20m away.
- If Owha is hauled out on the pontoon please launch your boats from the adjacent boat ramp instead.
- If approaching, walk slowly and quietly.
- Always keep a clear path between the seal and the water.
- Keep your dogs on a lead and hold the hands of small children.
- Never attempt to feed or touch a seal.

If you come across Owha while out on the water, try and remain at least 20m away. If she does approach you, do not panic and treat her with respect.

All seals in New Zealand are protected in New Zealand by the Marine Mammal protection act 1979.

If you are concerned that a seal may be danger, injured or being harassed by people or dogs, please call the Department of Conservation Hotline (0800 DoC HOT) and report the issue and please report the same, to leopardseals.org (0800 LEOPARD, 0800 5367273).



Paddling with A Purpose

Local Te Atatu Peninsula man Barrie Baker took up kayaking just one year ago but already uses the sport, to raise money for causes dear to his heart.

At the time of writing this story, 67-year-old Barrie was one of 555 paddlers competing in the 50th anniversary, Massive Murray River Paddle in New South Wales, Australia. But he wasn't just paddling the 404kms over five days, simply for the challenge. Barrie is raising money for Motor Neurone Disease, to help a friend who has been diagnosed with the devastating condition.

His paddling for a cause started last year, when Barrie entered the Waikato 100 race and had to name a charity. He chose the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ, because his wife Jenny had been through the illness and is now cancer free.

He says kayaking was also initially a way to cope during a difficult time, when the Bakers were dealing with a leaky home.

"I started just to help my sanity, and relieve the stress," says Barrie.

Barrie's focus is now on helping to find a cure for Motor

Neurone Disease, which is fatal to sufferers within two to four years. The disease causes nerve cells that control muscles we use to move, speak, breathe and swallow, to degenerate and die. There is currently no cure for MND.

Reporting in after the first day of the Massive Murray River Paddle, which he tackled in 34-degree heat, Barrie said he started off in the first wave with 71 other paddlers. Remarkably he came in 2nd and 11th overall, 7hrs and 38min later, saying he was "a bit sore and heading to bed early".

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Views on Wine

with Sam Kim

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What to drink this summer? On Christmas Day, the casual easy January barbecue, or the long lunch at the waterfront with gossiping friends.

It is easy to stick with the same same wine we always drink, regardless of the season or the occasion. Good fun though, is to try diverse styles of wines that offer different flavours and mouthfeel that can surprise you with a delightfully satisfying ummm.

If you haven't discovered the joy of sipping vibrant rosé, you could be missing out on one of the most pleasingly refreshing drink this summer. It is no longer the tipple just for the 'ladies', I regularly see men in suits and in overalls drinking rosé over lunch or at the end of a day as they wind down. The wine makes a terrific food partner, from fresh salads to cold meats, sushi to antipastos, and to the good old ham sammies. You can also make it into a tall drink with ice and soda, or with ginger ale if you want a light spicy bite.

Big reds certainly have their places even on a hot summer's day. Flame grilled meats, sticky ribs, pulled pork and spicy fried chicken are all good friends with a bold sturdy red. However, these opulent reds can also be great with vegetable dishes: grilled eggplant, beetroot, tomatoes and other summer veges, the classic Margherita pizza, or Mezze platter.

Speaking of pizza, Robynne Pringle has given us a lovely recipe to make your own. I can safely say (having worked

at a small Italian-owned pizzeria when I was a student), that once you make your own pizza dough, which is pretty easy, you'll have endless fun creating your own topping combinations, even if it's tinned spaghetti and canned pineapple combo made infamous by a certain politician. Whatever the topping, I tend to drink red wine with it, such as pinot noir. Pinot is a good allrounder as it goes well with the tomato base and various tasty toppings including feta and olives. Rosé is good too if the topping is light and simple. Go for a heavier red if you have loaded with spicy pepperonis and salamis.

Christmas Day can be a pressure-filled exhausting day. If you are hosting the extended family, you'll have your hands full all day. Whether it's a small gathering or a large one, you should start the day, before the crowd rolls in, with something that is gratifyingly delicious. Comfort food never gets old. French toast (another gorgeous recipe by Robynne) is indulgent but you deserve it on a day like Christmas Day. Sparkling wine is of course a fabulous choice, whether it's a special bottle of Champagne you've been saving, or a light Asti with lively fruity sweet flavours. You'll be nice and chilled and able to grapple the task with less stress. Don't worry about the turkey being over-cooked, ham under-glazed, potato salad tasting bland, or salad leaves wilting before guests arrive. Serve food with love and offer wine with confidence.

Relax and hope you enjoy a long Indian summer!

Views on Food

with Robynne Pringle

It's Christmas but it's also summer, so in Views on Food you are getting two recipes – one for the big day and one for summer dining.

Christmas is supposed to be relaxing, but all too often we find ourselves travelling between the houses of our extended family, eating a weeks' worth of calories in one day! For the last few years, I have been lucky enough to spend most of the day in the garden, following a relaxed brunch with my immediate family. My son Jack usually cooks, and we seem to have developed a tradition of having croissant French toast with berry coulis and maple syrup, with the meat eaters having crispy bacon on the side. This ridiculously rich indulgence is washed down with bubbly and we all consider it a great start to the day.





Croissant French Toast (serves 4)

Ingredients:

¾ cup of cream
3 eggs
½ teaspoon vanilla
4 day-old croissants
4 tbsp butter
1 tbsp mild tasting cooking oil

For the Berry Coulis:

2 cups fresh or frozen berries
½ cup sugar
1 tbsp lemon juice

Method:

Make the coulis by simmering the berries and sugar together for about 15 minutes. Strain through a sieve, return to the heat, add the lemon juice and either serve runny or reduce over low heat, to desired consistency before serving.

For the French toast, whisk cream, eggs and vanilla, split the croissants into eight halves and soak in the egg mixture. Heat two tablespoons of butter with half the oil and fry four of the croissant halves at a time on low-medium heat. Repeat the process for the other four.

Serve on heated plates, with grilled bacon, berry coulis, maple syrup and fresh berries on the side. Merry Christmas!



Real pizza dough

– yeasty, crisp and nothing like the hard cardboard-like discs you can buy at the supermarket.

Think it's beyond you? Think again – making your own pizza dough is easy and a fantastic option for summertime family dinners or entertaining friends.

I learnt how to make this dough at a Nelson restaurant I worked at in my youth, and it's what my kids grew up with. There are many versions, delivering different textures.

I used to pile on the toppings, but after a trip to Italy and sampling the real deal, these days I tend to go for a smattering of tomato passata, a few basil leaves and some parmesan on top. For this one I reached a middle ground – passata, smoked salmon, cream cheese, capers, capsicum, basil and mozzarella. Here's how you make the dough...

Ingredients:

3 cups 'double zero' flour (highest grade flour you can buy).
1 cup of warm water
1 dspn granulated yeast
½ tsp sugar
1 ½ tsp salt
2 tbsp olive oil

Method:

Activate the yeast by dissolving it with the sugar in the water and leave to sit until bubbling. Make a well in the dry ingredients and stir in the yeast mixture and the oil, using a knife. When the dough is coming together, turn out onto a lightly floured bench top and knead until the dough is smooth and elastic and doesn't stick to the bench. Leave it to rise in an oiled bowl with a damp tea towel over top, in a warm place. When the dough has doubled, turn out and knead again. Divide into balls and roll each ball out thinly. Top with tomato passata and your favourite toppings and cheeses and cook at the highest bake heat your oven will go to. The dough will be crisper if you pre-heat the tray or pizza stone – just have the dough already rolled out, lay it over the heated tray and quickly top with pre-prepared toppings.

Bake from five to ten minutes on the highest bake heat of your oven, until golden and bubbling.



From Left to Right:
Josiah Bain, Cade Morpeth,
Joshua Lochead,
Thomas Brouwer,
Luke Diack, Callum Vye

Fundraising Footballers' Entrepreneurial Efforts

Six local Peninsula boys are learning entrepreneurial skills while fundraising for their Rutherford College Football Tour to Europe in 2020.

To Fundraise, Luke Diack, Thomas Brouwer, Cade Morpeth, Joshua Lochead, Callum Vye and Josiah Bain are selling a range of eco-friendly products, like reusable jute bags, mesh produce bags, stainless steel drinking straws and glass coffee cups. They have been appearing around the community with stands at the local markets and festivals, selling their products. The boys say that the jute bags in particular, are very popular and they are expecting more supplies with new printed slogans, in mid December.

Their latest fundraising idea is the Peninsula Gold Card, which lets purchasers enjoy over \$500 worth of local savings on local restaurant, food and services.

The boys say Te Atatu Peninsula businesses have been very supportive of the Peninsula Gold Card and have offered some great deals.

For example, purchasers can get great discounts off dining, takeaways, hair, massage and many other services. Cards are \$20.00, valid until 31 August 2019, and the boys are happy to deliver.

The boys are also offering a range of promotional products to local businesses, such as printed pens, magnets, drink bottles and bags, which they hope will make great corporate Christmas gifts.

To contact the boys or follow their journey check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fundraisingproducts/> or email info@the peninsula.org.nz

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Shane Henderson and Junior Club members at the recent opening of WCC's new practice nets.

Get Into Cricket This Summer

Things are changing at Waitakere Cricket Club based in the Peninsula's Te Atatu Park.

Shane Henderson, Chair of the Henderson-Massey Local Board did the honours at the recent official opening of the refurbished cricket practice nets. Junior Chair Helen Borich says Auckland Council has completely revamped the old and decrepit nets into a fantastic new facility for club members and the wider community to enjoy.

Helen says NZ Cricket has now also introduced revised shorter formats for the game in an effort to get more juniors and seniors playing.

"This means that no matter what your ability, whether you're into competitive cricket or just want a social game, there's a format perfect for you. And it won't take all day either! So,

there's never been a better time to get into cricket," she says.

Helen says that Waitakere Cricket Club has much to offer.

"As well as the refurbished cricket nets, there are dedicated professionally qualified coaches offering top-class coaching. And the club is justifiably proud of its programme of womens and girls cricket which is going from strength to strength, as well as have-a-go-cricket which is aimed at pre-schoolers. What's more, the clubrooms are a vibrant hub on Thursday practice evenings with on-site caterers and a bar making for a very welcoming and social atmosphere."

It's not too late to get involved this season. Check out the website waitakerecricket.co.nz for more information or contact the Club Manager on 021 025 60181.



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Community Safety

Fire

Tena koutou,
Winter has left us and it's almost BBQ season!



Here are a few safety tips while partaking in one of our favourite summer past-times.

- Don't drink and fry, and avoid leaving cooking unattended.
- Ensure you regularly check and maintain any BBQ fittings and connections.
- Leave plenty of clear space around the BBQ.
- Supervise children at all times when using the BBQ.
- Make sure the cylinder is turned off when you've finished using it.
- Store and install cylinders in an upright position.

A common cause of BBQ fires is gas leaking from where the BBQ hose fits into the cylinder valve.

Whenever you connect a gas cylinder to a BBQ, make sure it's hand tight. You can do this by turning the gas cylinder on, and then pouring a little soapy solution (1/4 cup of water and a squirt of liquid suds) over the valve. If any bubbles are created, you may have a gas leak. Turn the valve off and replace the cylinder O-ring.

As always, remember to check your smoke alarms are working. If you have some and you're not sure where to place them, we'll gladly help. If you are renting, your landlord should provide them for you.

If you have any questions or queries about anything fire safety related, don't hesitate to call your local fire station (0800-3545-170).

Or you can simply go to <https://fireandemergency.nz/> to find information out for yourself.

He Waka Eke Noa
(Everyone in one canoe, no exceptions)

Police

Pop Up Station Aims to Educate

Many Te Atatu locals took the opportunity recently, to stop and engage with officers from the Waitemata West NZ Police's Area Prevention Team when they 'popped up' in the area. Based in Henderson, the team is setting up what they call pop up stations throughout the community, to educate the public on burglary prevention and to answer questions.



Sergeant Greg Wilson, Officer in Charge of the Massey Station, says as we are coming into the holiday season the last thing anyone wants is to be the victim of a burglary and there are some things you can do to help minimise the risk:

- Put yourself into the burglars shoes. If you can easily break into your home so can a burglar.
- Lock your doors and windows.
- Record the serial numbers and photograph expensive items.
- Keep valuables out of sight.
- Consider investing in an alarm system or getting sensor lights fitted.
- Don't give burglars a place to hide. Keep your plants well-trimmed around doors and windows.
- Use a chain on the door and don't open the door to strangers unless the chain is attached.
- Join your local Neighbourhood support group or community patrol.
- Register serial numbers with SNAP on www.snap.org.nz



Constables Maraeru Raion and Murray Farrell at their pop up station in Te Atatu town centre.

Wanting to do something about crime in your area?

Community Patrols patrol in pairs in a marked car and act as the eyes and ears of the Police.



Volunteers Needed

The Te Atatu/Glendene Community Patrol covers Te Atatu Peninsula, Te Atatu South and Glendene.



If you're interested in joining, you need to be able to pass a Police check and commit to at least one x 3 – 4 hour patrol each month. Uniform and training provided.

Email: cpnzteatatu@gmail.com or phone 021 1399 127

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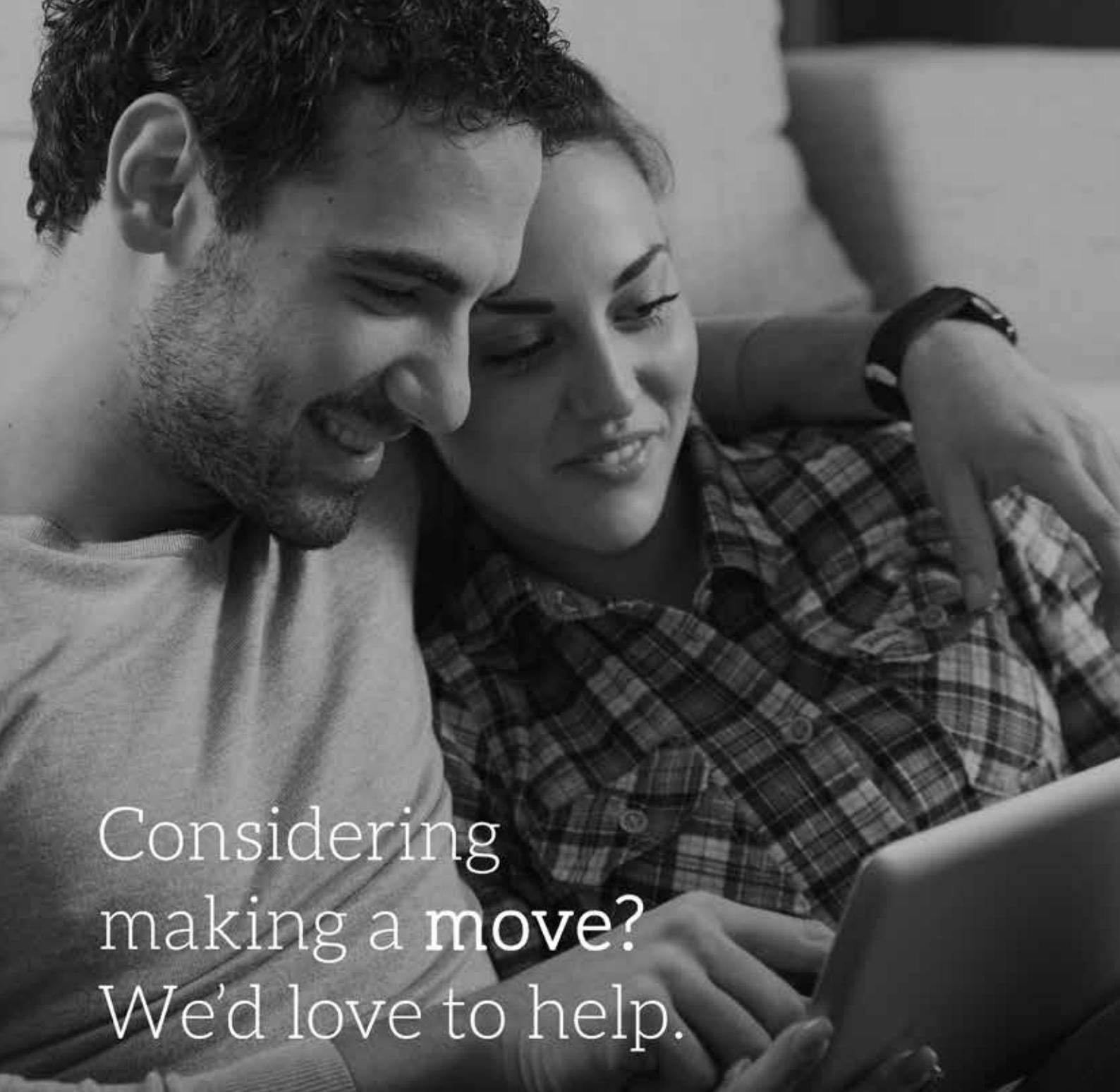
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