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From the Editor

Isn't it great to see more new businesses in the town centre, moving into bright new premises? Investment in the town centre by property owners who develop their sites, is greatly appreciated by the business community as it lifts the whole town centre, improving commercial spaces and ultimately the business mix that is on offer to the community.

TAPBA would like to ensure that investment in the public amenities – the footpaths, seating, gardens and infrastructure – keeps up with this private investment. We don't want to see public areas become shabby, compared to the new developments happening in the town centre. Last year, TAPBA requested that a full, town centre upgrade for Te Atatu Peninsula be included in the Henderson Massey Local Board, Long-Term Plan 2018-2028. Recently, we also gave the local board an overview of what we believe should be encompassed in a town centre revitalisation and requested that it be included in any planning and preliminary investigation, for their 2019 - 2020 annual plan. Most importantly though, we asked that any planning for an upgrade, be done only after seeking community feedback. We want a town centre where the community can work, live and play in an environment conducive to their well-being. We will keep you posted on progress.

Congratulations to our three autumn promotion winners - Abby Castillano (1st) who entered at Fuze Café, Hillary Campbell (2nd) who entered at Anna Thai Massage and Diane McLeod (3rd) who entered at Carevets. Thanks everyone,

for supporting our town centre and look out for our winter promotion, in stores now.

In this winter issue, we welcome to our business community, Charlene Borges of Opal Dental and Jackson Mulligan of Refill Nation, a new wholefoods refill store that offers customers a sustainable way to shop. We also meet Megan Gilbert of The Well, offering community support in the heart of the town centre.

On page 5, read about why our local Food Bank needs our help and on page 7, learn about plans to make positive changes for Te Atatu South. Winter is a great time to hunker down with a good book– get some inspiration from our regular Views on Books columnist Abigail Johnson on page 6. Views on Food offers you true comfort food recipes on page 11, along with Views on Wine, from the knowledgeable Sam Kim.

Winter is often a slower time for business areas – remember to support your favourite Te Atatu shops through the colder months, so that our town keeps getting better and better.

Robynne Pringle
Editor



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WELCOME to the Peninsula

The Well

Te Atatu has gained a community gathering space, right in the heart of the town centre. The Well, initially set up by the Peninsula Community Church, and now run by volunteers, can be found at 2a Harbour View Road.

Organiser Megan Gilbert says the aim is to help people connect with others in their community and to provide opportunities for connecting, learning, growing and exploring faith.

Megan says there is something for everyone, no matter their age group or situation and all are welcome.



Megan Gilbert.

For example, the Seniors Cuppa group is a drop-in gathering on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Then

Plunket has a drop-in clinic on the first Friday of the month, offering parents information and resources around particular topics such as sleep routines. Mums Supporting Mums is on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 10.30am, to provide a safe place for connection and encouragement to mothers who are struggling. The Well's craft group meets on the first Monday evening of the month, and on the third Monday, is Ladies' Night. This group recently made Bliss Balls to donate to local schools, for children who need something extra in their lunches.

Apart from the regular group gatherings, there are also one-off events at The Well, including movie afternoons.

Megan says if there is anyone in the community with aims that are a good fit with The Well, and who wish to run activities, they're welcome to get in touch by emailing her at teatatuwell@gmail.com or phone 022 355 7031.

"It's about connecting people so they can know the people around them and that they are not alone in what they are doing."

Refill Nation

New wholefoods refill store, Refill Nation has already received a warm welcome from Te Atatu shoppers.

Owned and operated by local Jackson Mulligan at The Point, 571 Te Atatu Road, Refill Nation stocks products in bulk,



Jackson Mulligan with store 'Refill Expert' Stacey Loose.

encouraging customers to bring their own reusable jars, containers and bags, with a focus on helping eliminate single-use plastics in New Zealand.

Jackson says the store has been very busy with lots of repeat customers.

"The community has really embraced us," he says.

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the store or they can use paper bags that are provided or even purchase a jar in-store. Jackson says more people are bringing their own jars than what he initially expected.

"It's really good to see," he says. "As kiwis, we have a chance to lead the world in reducing plastic pollution. To truly drive change, we need refillable and reusable alternatives for everyday shoppers."

From organic and non-organic pantry staples such as flour, nuts, spices, to protein powders, pet foods, grind-your-own coffee, and eco cleaning products, everything is paid for by weight.

Jackson came from a career in finance to open the business, which he says is the first of its kind in West Auckland.

"I'm all about giving customers a better, more mindful shopping experience. We're here to support people in their zero-waste efforts, whatever that looks like in the context of their circumstances and budget," he says.

"The dream is that everyone uses refillable jars and we become a nation of refillers. In the meantime, it's great that people can still use a paper bag which I urge them, to recycle or compost."

Refill Nation's Te Atatu Peninsula store is open seven days, with their online store opening in the coming months, offering delivery throughout New Zealand.

Opal Dental

After over 40 years of service to Te Atatu, Anthony Wong Dental has a new owner, a new name and a fresh face.

Opal Dental's Dr Charlene Borges grew up in Te Atatu, attended Rutherford College and studied a Bachelor of Dental Surgery at Otago University. Charlene has previously worked with Dr Anthony Wong, who she describes as a mentor, and has built her career in both the public and private sectors. Charlene says she was drawn back to the close-knit community of Te Atatu and took over full-time from Dr Wong, who still works at the practice two days per week.

While the practice offers the usual dental services such as check-ups, cleans, fillings,

dentures, extractions and whitening, Charlene also brings another dimension to the practice with crowns, bridges, veneers and implant work.

Charlene also offers appearance medicine to clients, such as dermal filler, cosmetic injectables and facial rejuvenation. She says she finds appearance medicine an enjoyable compliment to dentistry.

"A beautiful smile is not just made up of teeth," she says. "While it is common for dentists to offer cosmetic treatment in the U.K and Australia, it is only just starting to happen in New Zealand and apart from general dentistry, is an exciting aspect that I can offer to our community."

Apart from the additional services, the

new name and new sign, patients can still expect to see all the familiar faces and staff when they call in.

"The culture of the practice is fantastic and I'm going to build on that and make sure our clients continue to get the best treatment, and feel as supported and relaxed as possible," says Charlene.



Charlene Borges.

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Roy Wang of Delicious Food Store gives Jo Faulder (Food Bank Coordinator) a donation to the Food Bank.



Food Bank's

Call for Help

There have been more withdrawals than deposits at the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Food Bank recently, and they need help.

The Food Bank, which is a division of CARE Waitakere, gave out 71 parcels to local families during the first three months of the year, providing mostly staples like cereal, canned goods, spreads, tea and coffee as well as fruit, vegetables and meat when they are available.

The organisation is manned by volunteers, who make up the packages for families and individuals in temporary hardship situations, due to for example a family break-up, illness, redundancy or unexpected large costs. CARE Waitakere also helps families with free budgeting, advocacy, family support, social work and free or affordable counselling.

Of the 250 food parcels given out during 2018, 25% went to

individuals or couples, 55% went to small families with one to three children at home and 20% went to families with four or more children.

Coordinator Jo Faulder says the organisation has seen a gradual increase in need.

"While the increase overall isn't huge, we have experienced a decrease in supply which means we can't support our clients as best we'd like to," she says.

"We distributed approximately \$35 thousand dollars-worth of food parcels last year. Currently our donations come from food rescue from our local Countdown, Tasti, community groups and the kindness of individuals in our community. But recently we can't seem to keep up with demand and need more regular donations, which is why we are reaching out for help. No donation is too small, and if enough people get on board, we can help so many families and individuals."

Jo says they have also had some support from local businesses. Recently for example, Delicious Foodstore owner Roy Wang arranged to regularly donate frozen, left over scones and muffins from the business, to boost the Food Bank freezer stores.

Businesses who support the Food Bank in this way will be given a small poster for their shop windows, and promoted through the Food Bank social media channels, annual report and local Facebook page.

Want to help? You can purchase an extra item during your weekly shop and drop it into the depository at Countdown checkout, or make a one-off donation or you can even set up an automatic payment for as little as \$3 per week. To find out more contact Jo by email: foodbank@carewaitakere.org.nz

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Views on Books

with Abigail Johnson

Hello neighbours,

Here we are again. Winter. I've always considered myself a summer girl but I'll happily admit that winter has its appeals – lying in bed with a book being chief among them. There's something quite delicious about diving into a story while the rain paints the windows, isn't there? Conversely, it feels a bit wasteful spending a summer's day inside reading.

I find that winter stokes my creative energy something wicked. In summer I like to spend my free time swimming or taking walks, but in winter? That's when I find myself attempting to write poetry. Most of what I write ages like milk by the time I read it back, but occasionally I'll turn out a gem. So, I thought I'd recommend two poetry collections for this issue. No, don't run away!

Look, I wouldn't blame you for harbouring a secret (or not so secret) poetry-aversion. Poetry can be dense and high-brow, and it can make you feel stupid when you *just don't get it*. But I've come to learn that poetry doesn't demand to be *got*. Poetry simply demands to be *read* (or heard). What you make of the words, the feelings they evoke, the images they bring to mind – that part is up to you. I don't pretend to *understand* much of my favourite poetry, all I know is I *like* it.

The first collection I'm recommending is Hera Lindsay Bird's self-titled debut. You might have heard of Hera – in fact, she's kind of a big deal. First published

in 2016, Hera Lindsay Bird is a collection of love poems, hate poems, and viral-on-the-internet poems. My favourite piece, *Having Already Walked Out On Everyone I Ever Said I Loved* includes the line: *things do not bode well for you*. And still, I imagine it being read at a wedding. If you don't yet own this collection, I invite you put that right.

The second collection I'm recommending is Tayi Tibble's *Poūkahangatus*. Born in 1995, Tibble's work references Kim Kardashian, Keisha Castle-Hughes, Captain Cook, and Game of Thrones. And if that puts you off – I think you should try *Poūkahangatus* anyway. These are the kinds of poems that will sit with you for days. These are the kinds of poems you'll want to forget – in the hopes of reading them for the first time once again.



Both collections are available in independent book stores.

Happy reading.



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Bold vision for Te Atatu South

The Te Atatū South of the future will contain a more attractive town centre, better spaces and connections along with support for community services, according to a new Henderson-Massey Local Board plan.

Developed in consultation with the community in November, the Te Atatū South Plan contains a vision, four themes, three key moves and a range of projects to guide the future improvement of Te Atatū South for the next 30 years. The key moves are titled 'A heart for the community', 'Access and connections' and 'Activity and environment'.

Projects and actions identified in the plan will guide future funding decisions and advocacy by the local board, the council and the wider council family for the area. It also identifies various delivery partners across a range of projects including community groups, mana whenua and landowners.

Henderson-Massey Local Board Chair Shane Henderson says that the Plan marks a step-change for the area.

"As a resident of Te Atatū South, this is close to my heart", he says.

"It has been clear for a long time that the area, and especially the centre of Te Atatū South, needs attention.

"I'm pleased to say that the Plan will better support the community and develop the centre in a way that will benefit the area.

"It also identifies a number of projects to deliver three key moves over the next 20 to 30 years. The board is committed to working with council teams, the community and mana whenua to advocate for and deliver these projects over time.

"I want to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback on the plan, and who helped us to shape it.

"The vision for Te Atatū South is bold, but it is absolutely right. A place to go to, not just drive through."

The full plan will be available online in July.

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Bob Dylan is a poet. Tu Pac is a poet. The Dalai Lama is a poet. Poetry is everywhere and accessible to everyone!

Come and create some poems of your own using simple prompts and writing exercises.

Suitable for teens and adults.

When: Thursday 22 August

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Where: Te Atatu Peninsula Library, 595 Te Atatu Road



Celebrate Matariki at Te Atatu Peninsula Library!

Come and learn from experts Jaqueline Snee Poukokiri Rangahau Maori from the Central Auckland Research Centre, and Dena Jacob Poukokiri Rangahau Maori from the West Auckland Research Centre, share their knowledge on using online and local resources for Maori Genealogy research.

Where: Te Atatu Peninsula Library, 595 Te Atatu Road

When: Tuesday 25 June 2019 at 2-3.00pm

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So raid that wardrobe and bring along some friends for that 80's dance-off and support a worthy cause at the same time. Funds raised will support Hospice West Auckland to help ensure that end-of-life services remain free to patients and their families across the West.

Tickets are \$25 each and will go on sale on the 4th June. Purchase your tickets at iTicket by searching 'Back to the 80s'. This event is strictly R18.

Bar snacks will be provided as part of the ticket cost or you can contact The Riverhead  (09) 412 8902 for prior dinner bookings.

Get in quick as the first night sold out fast!



TE ATATŪ PENINSULA COMMUNITY CENTRE

What's new @ Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre

As the temperature plummets, the Indian summer comes to a close and Autumn is finally upon us. Never fear for there is heaps to do at the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre!

We're keeping things cozy with lots of bean-bags and free WIFI. There are large tables for laptops or meetings as well as smaller ones for informal gatherings.

The centre has recently had a bit of a spruce up with refreshed plants and a newly created Kids Zone adjacent to the Little Library. Here parents and children are welcome to relax, rest and play with toys or do some colouring in.

The start of the second school term has also seen a host of new programmes, events and activations. **Maori Mindfulness** classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 6.15 in the Kotare – Kingfisher room. This free course focuses on wellbeing and is based on both Maori principles and Eastern mindfulness practices. For registrations contact daniel.pigden@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Also on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 are **Hoop for Fitness** sessions. Held in the Kotuku-Heron Hall this free activity is led by an experienced

hula-hoop instructor. All those aged 10 and up are welcome to attend, hooping is great for overall health and wellbeing, it is social and fun as well as great for fitness!

On Sundays at 4pm also in the Kotare-Kingfisher room we host **New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)** Classes for Families. This is a rare opportunity for Deaf children to learn NZSL with other children. Also suitable for whanau with deaf children at home. For more information contact info@mergenz.co.nz

The **Living Stories series** of local history talks has also begun at the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre. The first two sessions were led by Research West librarian Raewyn Robertson. Raewyn discussed saw-doctors and log jams as part of the "Kauri Logging in the Waitakere Ranges" and explored "Historic Te Atatu" in the second session. Stay tuned for more events in this series!

Celebrating awareness weeks at the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre

In April **Gumboot Friday** was celebrated at the community centre. For many, having depression is like walking through mud each day. Gumboot Friday was a chance to walk in their shoes for a day, visitors dropped in wearing their wellies and made gold coin donations to the I Am Hope campaign which raised money for free counselling for any kid who needs help.

Pink Shirt Day falls in May this year, this event is all about stopping bullying as well as spreading aroha and kindness. The idea is that everyone wears pink shirt with the aim of helping to create communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected. All those who make a gold coin donation will receive doughnuts or pink cupcakes! Did you know that Pink Shirt Day first started in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a fellow student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt?

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Stay connected to the Te Atatu Peninsula Community Centre

If you'd like to stay in touch be sure to like TeAtatu Centre on Facebook or follow us on Instagram @tatpenc



Views on Food with Robynne Pringle

Winter is a time for circling the wagons. Comfort food really comes into its own, when the temperature drops. Here are two recipes that will warm your belly and that the family will love. The first, slow cooked lamb chops, is a made-up one that I will attempt to put quantities and time to but be flexible with it. If you want to put more or less of an ingredient, that's fine and take the cooking time as a guideline. I am a vegetarian so have never tasted this dish, apart from the marinade, but I make it for my son who loves it. The second recipe was given to me by a friend more than 35 years ago. She was a single mum who raised a bunch of kids on a budget. This was her go-to recipe when she had a crowd to please. It is a huge self-saucing pudding, definitely not diet food, and it is sublime.

Slow Cooked Lamb Chops

You will need:

8 lamb or mutton chops

Marinade:

1 tbsp Lemon rind
2 cloves garlic, crushed
¼ - ½ tsp Salt
quarter cup Olive oil
6-inch sprig of fresh rosemary
2 tbsp. balsamic Vinegar

Method: crush the garlic with the salt, (I use the flat side of a knife) until the garlic is a clear paste. Strip the leaves off the rosemary sprig and chop finely. Take garlic and salt, rosemary and lemon rind and use a mortar and pestle to crush together until combined and fragrant. If you don't have a mortar and pestle, use a small bowl and a suitable implement like the handle end of a wooden spoon. Add the oil and balsamic, mix well. Place the chops in a baking dish and spread over the marinade. Let it sit for half an hour then bake in a slow oven, 150 C or less for 1 and a ¼ hours or until the meat is tender and the fat round the chops rendered.

Fudge Pudding

You will need:

2 cups flour
4 tsp baking powder
1 and 2/3 cup sugar
1 tsp salt
4 tbsl cocoa

1 cup milk
4tbsl melted butter
2 tsp vanilla essence

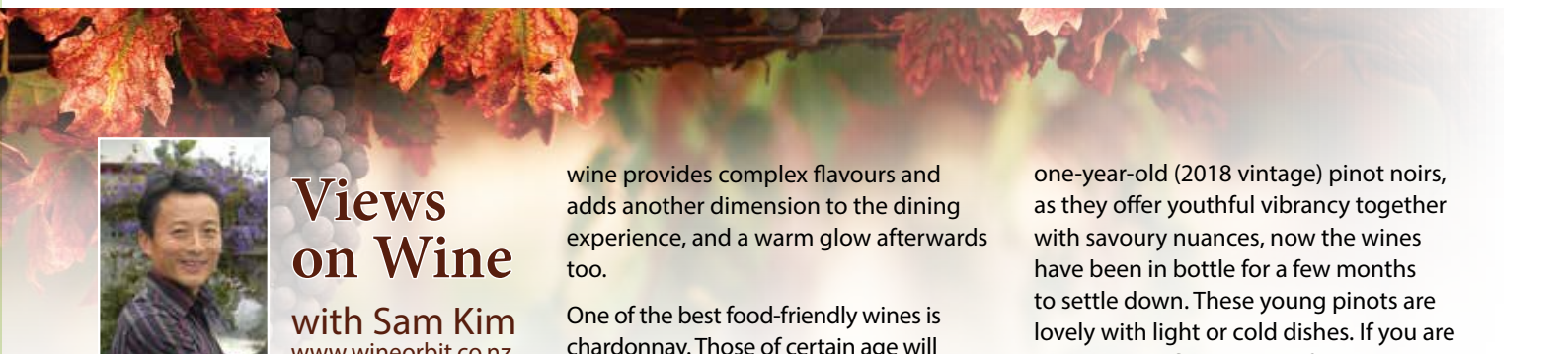
2 cups brown sugar
½ cup cocoa

Mix first five dry ingredients together. In a separate bowl, combine milk, melted butter and vanilla essence and mix with the dry ingredients and some chopped walnuts if you have them.

Grease a very large pudding dish or roasting pan and pour batter in.

Combine brown sugar with second measure of cocoa and sprinkle over batter.

Pour 3 cups of boiling water over the top and bake at 180 C for 45 – 50 minutes.



Views on Wine

with Sam Kim
www.wineorbit.co.nz

I often surprise or disappoint people when I say that I don't like wine as a 'drink', considering that I am a wine professional. If I'm at a party or out with friends, I would usually have a cool glass of larger, refreshing G&T, or a soothing whisky with a touch of water, depending on the season and mood.

However, I love wine as a food partner, something that is indispensable when eating delicious food. To me wine is a food enhancer, like salt & pepper, sauce or jus, something that makes food taste better. Wine has natural acidity that cleanses your palate when eating rich food, and the tannins in wine counteracts with protein in food to give you a smoother mouthfeel. Of course,

wine provides complex flavours and adds another dimension to the dining experience, and a warm glow afterwards too.

One of the best food-friendly wines is chardonnay. Those of certain age will remember chardonnays of '80s and '90s. They were powerful, oaky and buttery. We don't make it like them anymore. Although recently we are seeing more Californian chardonnays, which are still made in that retro style. But I love chardonnays made in New Zealand. Just the right balance of ripe stone fruit and citrus flavours with subtle nuances of vanillin oak infusion. They are comforting and generous with creamy mouthfeel, while delivering layers of delightful fruit flavours backed by refreshing acidity. If you have moved away from chardonnay for sauvignon blanc or pinot gris, it might be a good time to revisit an old friend, as New Zealand chardonnays have never been better.

With the change in season, it's good to change things up and explore richer food and fuller-bodied wines. I am enjoying

one-year-old (2018 vintage) pinot noirs, as they offer youthful vibrancy together with savoury nuances, now the wines have been in bottle for a few months to settle down. These young pinots are lovely with light or cold dishes. If you are having more flavoursome food, it's better to partner with an older wine, if you can find it, or go with fuller-bodied wine such as syrah (or shiraz) or cabernet.

Robynne's gorgeous slow-cooked lamb (or mutton) is surely one of the best winter comfort foods. A flavoursome syrah/shiraz or cabernet will brilliantly complement this savoury dish, as will two- or three-year-old pinot noirs. I find wines with age go so much better with any slow-cooked dishes. And what to have with decadent chocolate pudding? Port or sweet sherry for me. I know they have gone out of fashion, and can be expensive, but it's a treat drink that works so splendidly with desserts and sweet things. Just a small glass of lusciously delectable liquid and you'd be totally satisfied.

Happy sipping.

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Te haerenga o nga inanga Sculpture along Henderson Creek

If you have been out and about recently along the Henderson Creek Cycleway you may have noticed some new colourful additions to the area. Located in Coletta Esplanade, Te Atatu South *Te haerenga o nga inanga* represents the perilous life cycle and journey of the inanga.

These sculptures were created by some very talented local artists from Two4Nine – A supported life; in collaboration with Community Waitakere. The young artists had recently been learning about the unique life cycle of the inanga and the issues they face. They were inspired to take action.

Inanga are one of 5 species of native fish that make up what most people know as whitebait. They are a native fresh water fish, found only in New Zealand. Adults are long and slender, with tiny leopard like spots along their body.

Inanga lay their eggs in grass and vegetation at the high tide mark in creeks and estuaries. Many of these sites have been cleared of vegetation and are no longer suitable for spawning. Their eggs are also often eaten by mice, slugs and rats before they have a chance of developing.

Like many of our native species inanga are under threat, with their conservation status currently 'At Risk – Declining'. This is the same status as the Brown Kiwi!

Despite pollution, pests and habitat loss, inanga are found in Henderson Creek and tributaries in low numbers. *"It's so important that we protect and preserve this precious taonga for future generations"* says Sophie Barclay, Community Waitakere. *"We need to ensure these spawning sites are*

protected, well planted and free from predators like rats and mice"

To view the sculptures, follow the Henderson Creek Cycleway along Central Park Drive towards Henderson.



Photo credit: Graham Collins

Kindy Kids Getting into the Outdoors

Te Atatu Peninsula Kindergarten has recently taken learning into their brand new outdoor classroom – Harbourview Orangihina reserve. The keen students have spent time learning about all the unique and wonderful wildlife that lives in the area through 'Wild about Te Atatu'.

Wild about Te Atatu is a project run by Community Waitakere in partnership with Auckland Zoo. The project aims to provide free opportunities for young people

to learn more about the amazing environment that surrounds the peninsula and beyond.

Students spent time searching the mudflats with binoculars; looking for shore birds including the migratory Kuaka or

Godwit. They also got down into the sandy shore, looking at the many crabs and shellfish that the birds come to feed on.

Parents also came along, with many commenting that this

was their first time learning about the unique mudflat ecosystem.

"It's great to see parents coming along and learning alongside their children," says Community Waitakere's Chris Burton.

Some of the children also had the chance to help out the local environment, through planting native flaxes in Orangihina.

"It is so important that we can offer these opportunities to our young people if we want them to look after these special places in the future" says Chris.

For more information on Wild about Te Atatu please contact Bronwyn Smith – bronwyn@communitywaitakere.org.nz



Community Waitakere's Bronwyn Smith helps students



Kindergarten children planting Harakeke and Ti Kouka in Orangihina Harbourview Reserve

Community Safety

Fire



Tēnā Koutou,

Here are some fire safety tips for your home. It doesn't take long at all, and could save you, and all those in your household.

Kitchen

- The stovetop is clean and free of any spilled fats or burnt foods.
- The rangehood filters have been cleaned recently.
- There's a fire extinguisher near the kitchen and know how to use it.

Living room and bedrooms

- Smoke alarms are working properly and have fresh batteries. It's your responsibility to make sure batteries are replaced regularly on smoke alarms that are not long-life smoke alarms. These usually have an easily accessed 9-volt battery. If the smoke alarm stops working you must tell your landlord.
- The fireplace has a screen with a proper fireguard, and the chimney has been checked and/or swept in the last year.
- Powerpoints or multiboards are not overloaded with high wattage appliances like heaters.
- Matches, lighters or other fire starting tools are stored out of reach of children.
- Lights are fitted with the correct bulb size and rating (in watts).
- Electric blankets are in good condition, and not more than 5 years old.
- There's a torch near every bed (in case of emergencies).

Remember, it is up to the landlord to install one working smoke alarm (on each level) within 3m of the bedroom/sleeping areas at the start of every tenancy, but it is up to tenants to maintain it, check it, replace the battery.

We also provide a free Home Fire Safety Check service. Just contact your local fire station (Te Atatu number below) and one can be organised.

Our website www.fireandemergency.nz is a great place for fire safety advice and there are also lots of activities for the kids.

Nā mātou noa, nā

Te Atatu Fire Station, 09-834-8471

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

Do you want to help make your community safer?

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, Glendene and Sunnyvale.



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

TeAtatu/Glendene Community Patrol

Police



Winter's been a bit later arriving this year but it's finally here, along with the expected longer, wetter and colder nights. Following, is some basic prevention advice from Police to help you get through the winter months without being victimised:

Burglaries

- Put yourself into the Burglars shoes. If you can easily break into your home so can a burglar.
- Lock your door and Windows
- Record serial numbers and photograph expensive items. Engrave your expensive tools with your driver's license number (a number unique to you for life)
- 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

Thefts from cars

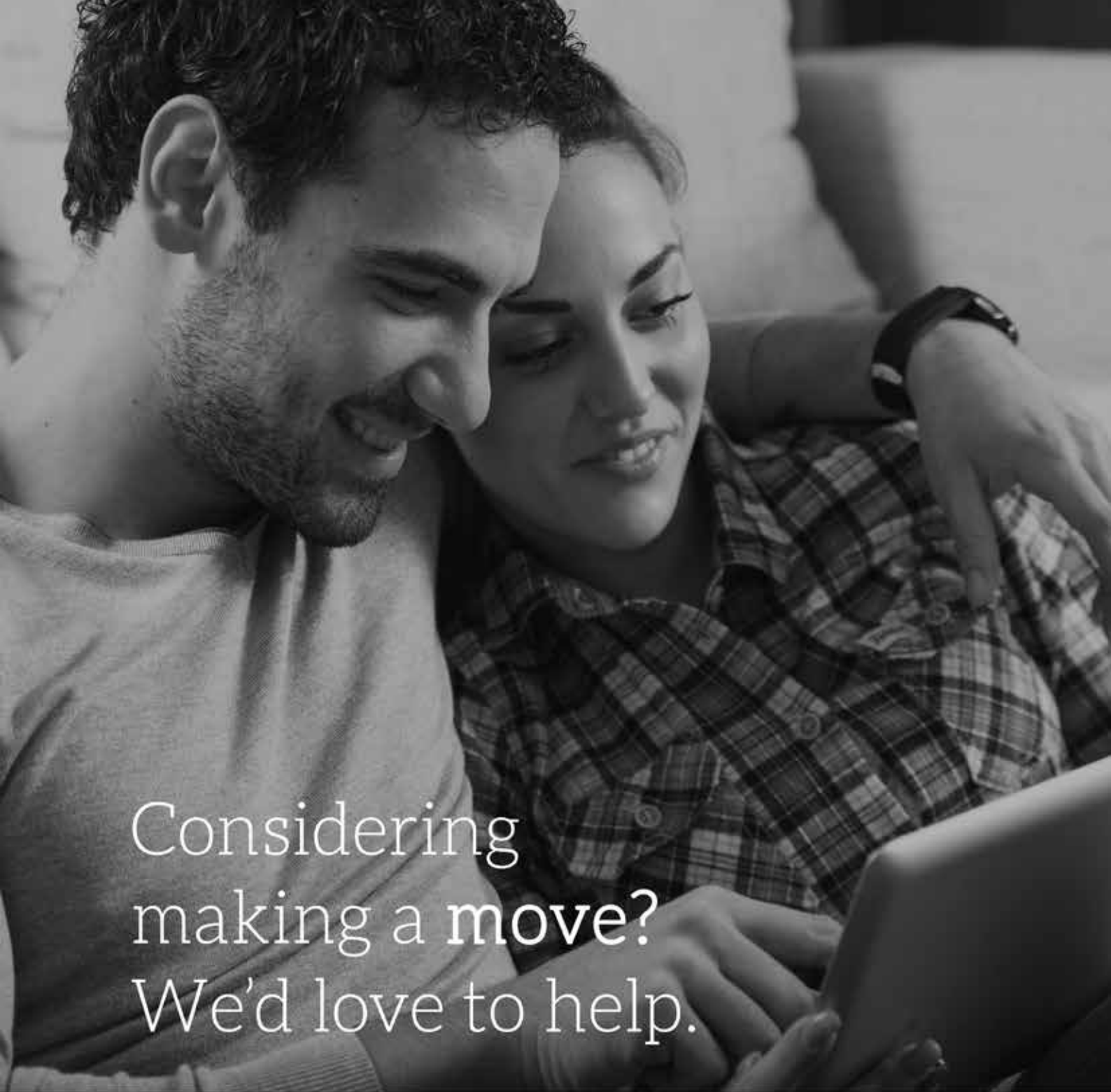
Some simple advice to help minimise the risk of you being victimised by a thief:

- Lock your vehicles and consider getting a car alarm fitted if your vehicle doesn't already have one.
- Don't leave anything valuable in your vehicle. Irrespective of whether you are parking on the street or within your property.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Don't ignore car alarms (the next one that goes off could be yours)
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