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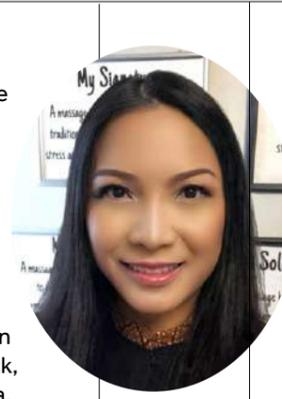
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Welcome to My Massage

by Robynne Pringle

When visiting My Massage at 4/556 Te Atatu Road, I was greeted by owner Punyada Khamsaard, who offered me a delicate cup of homemade ginger tea. The beautifully presented surroundings and the warm hospitality seem to be the perfect setting for a relaxing and restoring massage.

Punyada has had a long-standing passion for massage therapy and has been practising Thai massage full-time, for the last six years. She studied



▲ Punyada Khamsaard Owner of Welcome to My Massage.

and trained in Thailand achieving certification and says each time she visits the country she completes more training and learns new skills.

"I have many teachers," she says.

Punyada says Thai massage is about the wellbeing of the whole body and when working on a client, practitioners will massage to loosen up the whole body from feet to neck, and then focus on the problem area.

Punyada who is a Te Atatu resident, says since opening My Massage the response from locals has been positive and welcoming. While she has a range of clients, Punyada finds many come for help with everyday aches and pains, resulting from their work or from doing something around the house. Clients can choose from several treatments including My Active, My Intense, My Restore and the popular My Signature, which is designed to reduce stress.

Punyada says while most people book an hour massage, 90 minutes is an optimal time for a good result.

"An hour is not long. People always say it is not enough!" •

FROM THE EDITOR

Robynne Pringle

Our town centre and community have just made it through lockdown number three, and didn't we do well? Our businesses are so resilient, and the Te Atatu Peninsula Business Association (TAPBA) is proud of all our members and the way they continue to do business, serving their community in such trying circumstances.

Te Atatu has not suffered the business closures seen in other town centres and that is down to our strong and resilient business community and the incredible support of residents, who have embraced a 'Buy Local' approach. Thank you for supporting our town centre.

Last year, COVID-19 and our first nation-wide lockdown got in the way of our regular promotions, and we could not complete our Autumn Promo.



Hopefully this time, we will get to give away those great prizes, including a night for two at the Hilton and a night for two at Sky City Hotel. Just spend anything in participating stores to enter.

The whole of Te Atatu is changing fast, with housing developments appearing and with them, many new residents and inevitably,

more cars on the road. TAPBA is seeking a transport/traffic review for the Peninsula, to see if we can do anything to ease the bottle-neck situation that occurs in peak times. Intensification is an inevitable outcome of the current housing crisis and in this issue, you can read an interview with Waitakere Ward Councillors Shane Henderson and Linda Cooper, where we talk about the local changes.

Also in this issue, we read about new business My Massage, at 4/556 Te Atatu Road. Owner Punyada Khamsaard is a local resident, who is offering traditional Thai massage from the beautifully appointed premises. We give her a warm welcome to the town centre.

On page 3, read about how COVID affected popular Te Atatu family entertainers, Captain Festus Mc Boyle and His Travellin' Variety Show. They didn't let it hold them back and managed to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, in true pirate style.

Month-long festival, EcoFest West was also affected by COVID-19 last year, so let's hope that the more than 100 events that make up the 2021 festival, are all successfully staged. You can read an interview with organiser and EcoMatters CEO Damon Birchfield, on page 13.

Find out about the best weekend reads in Views on Books with Abigail Johnson, both on page 11, and stay safe by reading the advice from our Police, Fire Service and CPNZ contributors, on page 14.

Wishing you all a stunning, COVID-19 free, Te Atatu autumn •

All the best.

Local Pirates Keel Haul COVID

Te Atatu's notorious pirate, Captain Festus McBoyle and his Travellin' Variety Show, were left stranded by COVID-19 when all their live events had to be cancelled.

The Captain, Miss Lucy Drawers and Ebenezer Strong, a.k.a. Richard Manic, Larissa Lofley and Gareth Price, are old hands when it comes to entertaining families with fun, interactive musical comedy performances. Rich says when COVID hit, they needed to think outside the box fast in order to keep going.

He says it led to them building a permanent indoor and outdoor film set and making their own music videos and digital content. They then focused more on social media and applied for multiple grants to fund new projects.

During lockdown they also wrote new material, including 'Bubble' a self-produced NZ on Air funded video and documentary, written, directed, production designed and produced by Larissa Lofley, looking at Lockdown life through the eyes of a seven-year-old child.

Rich says during this time, they also received an email from China, which they nearly disregarded.

"We actually thought it was spam!" he says.

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Living is about giving – and having fun

When Faith Collard walked into the Hospice shop on Te Atatu Road, she instantly loved the whole atmosphere.

"There is something special about this shop. The staff are so helpful and friendly, the way people treat each other is lovely," says Faith.

She enjoyed the atmosphere so much that she decided to volunteer in the op shop, one of seven run by Hospice West Auckland. The income generated from the shops enables the charity to provide end-of-life care at no cost to people and their families in West Auckland.

"Working here, I find absolute peace after my full-time job all these years, because there is no rushing, there is no pressure, you can talk to your customers, it's wonderful. The social interaction with people, I love that," says the 73-year-old Te Atatu resident.

Staying at home enjoying the quiet life was no

option for the great-grandmother of seven, who retired in May last year.

"You have to be active, it's not only good for you, it's good for your soul, and it's good for your body. It gives you something to do.

"And of course, there is fun. How can it not be? You are being social, you are being active, you are being out there, and you are giving back at the same time."

"Living is about giving, it really is - because what else is there? There are people all around us who do exactly that."

"You know, when people do so much for you, you feel you want to give back - no matter how little. Whatever little thing you do is giving back.

"Hospice does so much work, it's amazing, and there are a lot of areas for volunteering that I don't think a lot of people know about."

Faith says apart from retail work, Hospice offers volunteers to work with patients and families, fundraising and events, as well as transport and many other areas people are skilled in.

"This isn't only a job for retired people. We have got a 17-year-old here who has just left school and is looking for a job. She volunteers three days a week and she is brilliant. It gives her confidence and it'll look good on her CV," says Faith.

Donation Strikes the Right Note

A popular music programme for toddlers and babies has new resources, thanks to assistance from Barfoot & Thompson's Te Atatu branch.

Wriggle and Rhyme, a music-based programme promoting active movement and brain development for children two years and under, is found in community venues all over the city. Te Atatu's class, held at Te Atatu Peninsula Library had not received new resources in over eight years. So the Library approached Barfoot & Thompson Te Atatu and for assistance and Branch Manager Leonie Higgins says they were happy to help.

Bells, ribbons and beach balls and other items, were purchased and Leonie says this type of donation speaks to the heart of what is important to the branch, which is family.

"We like supporting groups on a local level as it has an immediate and intimate impact for those who live in the community where we do business," she says.

The items were presented to Children's Librarian Sarah Dunkley, who says they will be used for years going forward.

"We are so grateful to community businesses that donate to programmes like ours, helping with early development," she says.



▲ Sarah Dunkley (left) with Leonie Higgins at Wriggle and Rhyme

"We also have unemployed people who are looking for a job and I think it's great because they are out there doing something, it keeps their confidence up."

Faith says she is a big believer in the many benefits voluntary work brings, also for people who might have lost loved ones.

"It will help their mental health. It will help to get them out of the house. It will give them back something that is positive and gives their lives meaning. Because what is the point?

"Living is about giving, it really is - because what else is there? There are people all around us who do exactly that."



▲ Faith Collard loves her role as a volunteer for Hospice West Auckland.

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Housing Crisis Shapes Peninsula's Future

There is a lot of change happening in Te Atatu Peninsula, and Auckland Councillors Linda Cooper and Shane Henderson know that change can feel hard for many local residents.

As Councillors, they have heard concerns about the fast-paced intensification, which is seeing many housing developments spring up quickly. Developments can be built with limited off-street carparks, or none. The concerns include worry that roads sometimes congest down to a single lane due to the extra cars, leaving reduced access for emergency services. High



▲ Auckland councillors Linda Cooper and Shane Henderson

blocks of housing are sometimes built either side of single-story dwellings, affecting the residents' quality of life and there is concern that infrastructure is not keeping pace with the changes.

Linda says it is human nature to find change difficult.

"When it was Te Atatu North and before the name changed to Te Atatu Peninsula, people who had lived here a long time would have also found all that change really difficult," she says.

"We are all comfortable with the way things are, but when we are making decisions, we have to think about future generations. The dilemma is that we want our kids and grandkids to be able to live near us, and to be able to buy a

house. We don't want change, but we want our future generations to have what we had."

Shane says we are 'retro fitting' because the streets are not designed for the number of people living on them. He says the intensification is not just a Unitary Plan issue, it is a housing crisis issue. "People are living in parks and in their cars."

He says he understands that because of being a Peninsula, there are challenges. But says if residents have worries about things like transport and storm-water, they should be addressed.

Linda says we are used to wide roads, and without cars parked on both sides.

"But it is a trade-off. Do we put no parking lines along one side to have enough room to get past, and lose car parks? She says other

people in the world have had to think about travelling on the bus and doing things differently.

"To adapt to this new way of living, maybe we don't automatically get every teenager a car?"

Shane says young people are looking at what is happening overseas, and some people concerned about climate change, are voting with their feet.

"Younger people are living differently to previous generations in our city. More and more young people are choosing to live without a car," he says. "People can't make that choice without proper cycling and public transport where they live."

He says every community has the same characteristic, of people who have lived there a long time and have a strong local identity.

"With more housing, people are asking what is the benefit for us? That is a valid question. For one thing we are going to have more consumers in the local town centre."

"If businesses are more successful, we've got more local jobs," says Linda. "There will be more spent by the local board, for a more concentrated population. Growth attracts Council spending and services."

Te Atatu Peninsula Business Association (TAPBA) has asked in submissions to the Henderson Massey Local Board, for investment in the town centre streetscape to keep pace with increased use from

"We understand it isn't easy, but we hope that changes can be exciting and provide opportunities as well."

population growth. TAPBA has requested a concept plan be drafted to upgrade the streetscape and for a review of our roading system to seek ways to ease congestion.

Shane agrees that a transport review is a good idea.

"Te Atatu needs attention," he says. "It needs to be met with public services, and transport is the major issue."

Linda says while the reality is that the Peninsula will always get congestion, just as Devonport and Whangaparaoa will, we can ask what we can do about it, and how can we work together to make it better. She would like to see a group of young professional new residents come together to build a platform for community engagement and help pull people together.

"How can we manage the number of cars in our street, what can we do? You can work with your local elected people getting pathways in, to make changes."

Shane and Linda say they are happy to work with anyone concerned about changes happening in their street.

"We understand it isn't easy, but we hope that changes can be exciting and provide opportunities as well," says Shane. ●

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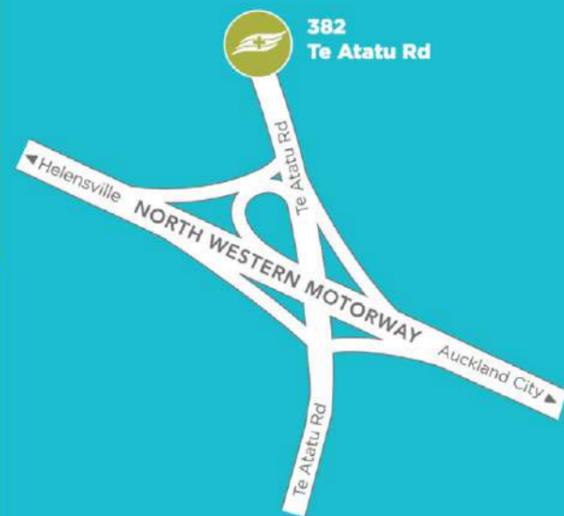
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Modern Sky Entertainment had handpicked their act among a group of eight family music acts from all over the world. Rich says the other artists in this group include Grammy award winners and multi award winners of international acclaim.

"The group is pretty special when you research who has been chosen, says Rich."

He says the act has now been signed to Modern Sky, who act as their agent/record label and are currently promoting and distributing their work under the Modern Sky Kids Label which is specific to international artists in the 'kid-indie' genre.

"We're now being fully marketed by China's biggest record company to what is one quarter of the world's population," says Rich. "We were chosen because we are different. We don't offer the usual sugar, we're more focussed on ruffage."

The group was to be touring China in October 2020, but this was cancelled due to COVID. Then a second scheduled tour in February, was also cancelled.

"In a lot of ways, it is an exercise in patience," says Rich.

The group recently secured their third NZ On Air grant and are now working on three music videos side-by-side, as well as recording their fourth album 'Look Wot the Cat Dragged In'. Rich was also recently nominated for his second Aotearoa Music Award (Tui), being chosen as a finalist for Best Children's Music Artist alongside entertainers Anika Moa and Chris Sanders.



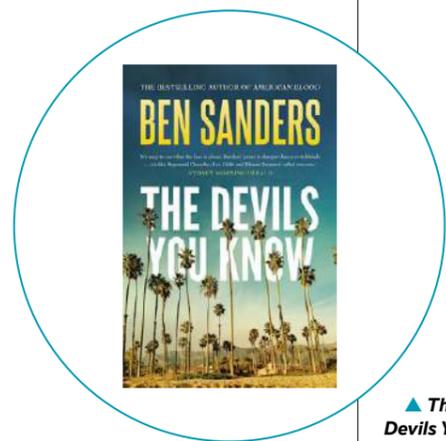
▲ Captain Festus McBoyle and His Travellin' Variety Show (from left) Miss Lucy Drawers, Captain Festus McBoyle and Ebenezer Strong, a.k.a. Larissa Lofley, Richard Manic and Gareth Price.

Photo credit: Serena Stevenson

New Zealand's relatively COVID-free summer meant that the group got to perform again live and were recently entertaining at the Hullabaloo Children's Art Festival in Northland and then at New Year's Eve in the Square to an audience of over 13,000, in Palmerston North.

"Without live work, COVID was challenging financially," says Rich. "But it did force us to upskill and adapt very quickly. We were also blessed to have a very tight and talented team of awesome creatives working alongside us. We have so much to be grateful for".

VIEWS ON BOOKS



▲ The Devils You Know by Ben Sanders

"The Devils You Know is a (pre-Covid) Santa Barbara affair, which is about as far from our current reality as one can get."

Hi neighbours,

Well, we're coming up a year on the historic decision to close our country's borders. That decision was enforced on March 15, 2020. On March 21, we were introduced to the Alert Levels. And on March 25, we moved into level 4 lockdown – a state we would stay in for a month and a half. It's hard to believe we've been living with the virus for a year, but, at the same time, Lockdown 1.0 also feels as though it took place a lifetime ago. It all happened so quickly, I often wish that I wrote it all down.

In The Covid Chronicles writer Paul Little recounts that recent piece of history. From March through June, 2020, Little interviewed a diverse group of New Zealanders about what was happening around them. Interviewees include funeral directors Francis and Kaiora Tipene, Science folks Siouxsie Wiles and Juliet Gerrard, and Finance Minister



Abigail Johnson

Grant Robertson. The story comes to a tidy end on June 8, with the return to Alert Level 1, but as we know now, the journey does not end there. Nevertheless, this is an important piece of history. I'm glad someone wrote it down.

Having said that, Covid-19 might be the last thing you want to read about – especially given recent flare ups and snap lockdowns. That being the case, you might be interested in Ben Sanders' The Devils You Know.

Sanders' is a New Zealand writer, but after the success of his debut novel The Fallen, a police procedural set in Auckland, he set his literary sights on international shores. The Devils You Know is a (pre-Covid) Santa Barbara affair, which is about as far from our current reality as one can get.

Whatever you're looking for this autumn, I hope you find it. Both of these books are available at bookstores and in the library. Happy reading!

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EcoFest West - Celebrating sustainability and our natural environment

EcoFest West, an annual month-long festival, is about to kick off in West Auckland. Starting on March 20th, the festival celebrates sustainable living within our unique environment.

The festival grew from an EcoMatters' EcoDay event ten years ago and now offers a month-long program of interactive workshops and activities, aiming to celebrate and restore our natural environment, and teach participants ways to live more sustainably. Community organisations working within the sustainability space are invited to organise an event with an environmental or sustainability theme. They then register it to be included in the festival programme and the event is promoted Auckland-wide, by festival organisers.

EcoMatters Trust CEO Damon Birchfield says the festival grows every year and is very well received by the community.

"It's an opportunity for groups in the community that are passionate about or have an interest in the environment, to share that knowledge. The beauty of the festival is that so many people and groups get involved by hosting events, and we get the pleasure of publicising them to help make it all happen."

Damon says unfortunately the COVID-19 pandemic impacted last year's festival. Whereas normally organisers enjoy strong momentum during the first week with a number of events taking place, the first lockdown coincided with the first week of the 2020 festival.

He says however, that lockdown had the positive effect of encouraging some environmental and sustainability practices and feels the festival has become even more relevant in these times.

"Particularly since COVID, this is very much an event for our time," he says. "It's about coming together and celebrating all that nature offers on our own doorstep. People are getting interested in local places, walking in their neighbourhood and loving local-ness. I have noticed we are getting strong interest in hyper-local types of community activities. People want to be involved in looking after and caring for local places and what we can do in our own homes, to make a difference."

Damon says the events and workshops share both new ideas and skills in older practices such as composting or how to turn food waste into a great resource. There is a 90% satisfaction rate from participants within the workshops.



◀ Waka Hourua - Clean Transport



▲ Kīnaki Kai Reka - Foodies' Fix

"People adopt sustainability into their lives when it is easy, and yet making a difference," he says.

While climate change can be 'doom and gloom', Damon feels that people are not inspired by fear and the festival organisers aim to 'bring a bit of fun into the whole space'.

"People are inspired by enjoyment, community connection and joy, and we are trying to infuse that into the festival".

EcoFest West: SATURDAY 20 MARCH - SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021. Check out more than 100 events at ecofest.org.nz.

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With Autumn approaching, daylight savings ends on Sunday 4 April 2021.



Longer evenings mean you may be away during hours of darkness, over the weeks to come. It is time to focus on keeping your home secure by putting on your lights and maybe drawing some curtains. Without these simple tasks it may indicate to opportunists that there is no one home. It may be worth getting an automatic time switch for indoor lights, that can be seen from the road. Another quick tip is to put a time switch on a radio that has been tuned to a talkback station. This will give the impression that the house is occupied.

Inside your homes, be sure to keep valuables out of sight and locked away when you leave the house. Use locks and dead bolts and keep all your keys, including car keys, out of sight and out of reach. Make an inventory of valuables along with serial numbers.

A trend of thefts from vehicles has been becoming an issue and is a timely reminder for people to lock vehicles on driveways and not to leave valuables in cars.

Also trim your overgrown plants and hedges, as visibility plays a big role with unwanted strangers entering and leaving your property. We do not want to give them any hiding spaces.

Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secured. Don't forget to lock your garage and shed - your tools can be used to break in.

And please remember.

- Call 105 if it's happened already to report non-emergencies to Police
- Go online to 105.police.govt.nz to report and get updates on certain types of non-emergency situations (currently lost property, intentional property damage, shoplifting, general theft and theft from a car)
- If a crime is taking place or there's a threat to life or property, it's an emergency so call 111

Samuel Yerro Te Atatu Community Constable •

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Tēnā koutou, Happy New Year to you all!

It has been a fairly dry summer, but BBQ season is still upon us, so we have a few reminders to keep you and your family safe.

- Don't drink and fry, and avoid leaving cooking unattended.
- Clean out your drip tray, so the old oils/fat/food won't catch light.
- 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 check if it's leaking 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).

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