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FROM THE COMMITTEE

Can you believe Christmas is nearly here? With our Christmas tree, wreaths, and garlands now up, and the pōhutukawa bursting into bloom, it's beginning to look a lot like the festive season!

This year, TAPBA purchased new Christmas wreaths, which now brighten ten of the light poles throughout the town centre. We're very fortunate to be able to place our Christmas tree on the Te Atatū Union Parish lawn - a perfect central location for everyone to enjoy. A big thank you to the Church for their generosity in allowing us to use this space.

We're also grateful to Tasti Foods for providing free storage for our tree and wreaths during the year, and to Highwire Electrical, who once again went above and beyond to install and take down our decorations safely and beautifully.

Shop Local This Christmas

Please remember to support our local businesses whenever you can this festive season. Times have been incredibly tough for small businesses, and every purchase makes a difference. Don't miss our Christmas Promotion - you could win one of three amazing prizes simply by shopping at participating Te Atatū Peninsula stores!

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Car-Boot & Farmers Market - Sunday, December 7th
(9am-noon)

Our next Car-Boot & Farmers Market, held in partnership with Te Atatū RSA, is shaping up to be one of our best yet. We have a growing lineup of talented local stallholders and plenty of car-boot treasures to discover. It's a great way to enjoy a morning out, support our local producers, and help create a vibrant community event. Bring the whānau and come along - together, we can make the Te Atatū Market one of Auckland's finest!

In This Issue

You'll meet Grant Routen, a familiar face to many, known for his early morning litter collections and his stunning photography that captures the beauty of our Peninsula. Read about Grant's work to Keep Te Atatū Peninsula Beautiful on **Page 4**, and enjoy his gorgeous kayaker photo on our cover.

We also feature the Te Atatū Foodbank, established in early 2024 after the CARE Waitākere Foodbank relocated to Henderson. Find out how you can support their mahi this Christmas, or how to reach out if you or someone you know needs a little help - on **Page 15**.

In **Views on Food**, Jackson Mulligan shares his latest recipe, while Marisa Vodanovich offers great advice on how to get the most out of your summer garden. Plus, our Fire Service and Community Constable share important seasonal safety tips to help everyone stay safe over the holidays.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and relaxing festive season. Thank you for supporting our local community, and each other, throughout the year.

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The Green Florist is Getting a Sweet Makeover!

The Green Florist isn't going anywhere - it's just getting a fresh new look! Soon reopening as "Bingsu & Flower Dessert", the shop will feature a brand-new Korean dessert menu while still offering fresh flowers, so visitors can enjoy both beautiful blooms and sweet treats in a cozy, welcoming space.

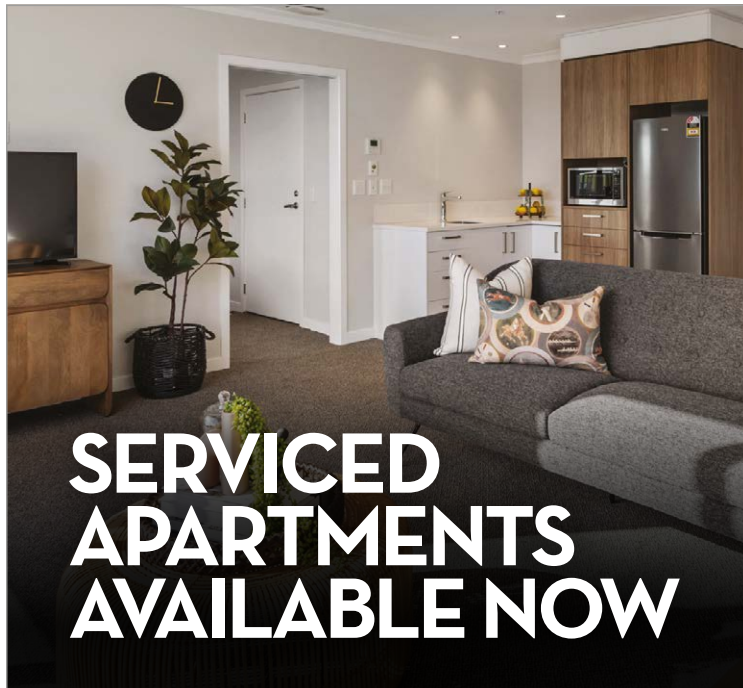
The highlight of the new menu is Bingsu, a popular Korean dessert made with a soft milk base, fresh fruits, ice cream and a variety of toppings. Traditional favourites like Patbingsu (red bean) and Injeolmi Bingsu are also available, giving visitors the chance to enjoy authentic Korean flavours right here in Te Atatu.

In addition, the shop is introducing Croffles and Waffles. The croffle is made by baking buttery croissant dough in a waffle iron, creating a crispy outside and soft inside, perfectly paired with cream and ice cream.

These new desserts provide even more options for those with a sweet tooth.

The store is currently in the final stages of renovation and will reopen very soon. Whether you're coming for flowers, desserts, or both, the refreshed space promises a warm, comfortable spot to enjoy a little treat and take home some fresh blooms.

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Grant works to ‘Keep Te Atatū Peninsula Beautiful’

A familiar sight for Peninsula residents is local man Grant Routen walking our beaches and streets in the early morning, picking up rubbish. As he walks he takes fantastic photos of our special area and shares them with the community via Facebook, while wishing everyone a good morning.

Originally working for Commercial Interiors as a gib fixer, Grant suffered a serious work injury in December 2006. What followed was nine surgeries – eight on his left shoulder and one on his right shoulder, and three joint replacements on his left shoulder. Unable to continue working but still wanting to contribute to his community, he became involved in environmental work.

Not only does Grant walk the talk on a daily basis, he has been Chair of the Earth

Action Trust since 2022 and has been involved in varying capacities with other groups such as Down to Earth Kiwis (D-Tek), Rivercare, the Te Taiao Network, and the local Team up to Clean Up events, which come under the Earth Action Trust umbrella. The migrant-based environment group provides pick up sticks, gloves, and bags for the local clean up events, then brings the collected rubbish back to the designated meeting point, to sort through it.



▲ Grant Routen

Grant says the rubbish is first diverted from the ocean by being picked up, and then at the meeting point they try to also divert it from landfill.

He says recently, Te Atatū Peninsula has been recognised as a branch of Keep New Zealand Beautiful - described on their website as Aotearoa’s oldest and most iconic environmental not-for-profit organisation.

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Originally started in 1967, the national organisation progressed to branching off to different towns, encouraging people to get involved and tidy up their own area.

Grant says he and a group of other local people who are active in the conservation space, had a meeting and decided to apply to become a branch. They now have their own Keep Te Atatū Peninsula Beautiful facebook page and logo.

Keep Te Atatū Peninsula Beautiful will advertise and help promote the events of local environmental groups and also plan clean up events under its own banner.

For example Grant hopes to hold a post-Halloween event next year to pick up all the spent fireworks and sweet wrappers. Grant says Keep Te Atatū Peninsula Beautiful will also collaborate with other local groups, as there are lots of local groups with the same goal.

“If we want to get back to clean and green, it’s a team sport,” he says. “It’s just about creating the awareness that we all need to play our part, even if it is just changing what and how we buy.”

“The Peninsula is not so clean and green, you just have to drive down the road to see. It amazes me how many people walk past litter and not pick it up. To think ‘it’s not my issue’ is wrong, it’s everyone’s rubbish. We are all consumers and we need to connect back to nature. She needs our help.”

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▲ Grant on his litter collection walk

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Korean-inspired chicken



Korean-inspired chicken thigh recipe using our gochujang based Gotcha Good sauce. It's designed for the barbecue and works brilliantly over fresh coleslaw, in sliders, or tucked into fluffy bao buns.

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4-6)

1 kg boneless chicken thighs
 4 tbsp Gotcha Good sauce (contains gochujang)
 1 tbsp soy sauce
 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
 1 tbsp runny honey
 1-2 tsp chilli oil (adjust to taste)
 2 cloves garlic, crushed
 1 tsp grated ginger
 ½ tsp sea salt
 ¼ tsp cracked black pepper
 1-2 tsp toasted sesame seeds (to finish)
 Optional - Spring onions, thinly sliced (to finish)

METHOD

1. In a bowl, combine Gotcha Good sauce, soy sauce, vinegar, honey, chilli oil, garlic, ginger, salt, and pepper. Mix until smooth.
2. Pat the thighs dry, then coat them evenly in the marinade. Cover and rest for at least 30 minutes, or refrigerate for up to 12 hours for better flavour.

3. Heat the BBQ to medium-high. Lightly oil the grill.

Cook the chicken for 6-7 minutes per side, or until charred at the edges and the juices run clear. Brush with any remaining marinade during the final minute.

4. Transfer to a board and let the chicken rest for 5 minutes. Slice or leave whole. Scatter with sesame seeds and spring onions.

Serving Suggestions (use the leftovers to do them all!)

Slice the chicken and serve over a fresh cabbage slaw with a drizzle of extra Gotcha Good sauce or a light sesame mayo.

or Add sliced chicken to soft slider buns with coleslaw, pickled veg, or quick cucumber ribbons.

or Tuck warm chicken into steamed bao with shredded lettuce, herbs, and a spoonful of the sauce.

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Celebrating a milestone with community, learning, and inspiration

To mark a significant milestone, we proudly hosted our very first Open Evening on September 10th - a vibrant celebration of learning, connection, and community spirit.

The evening featured inspiring kōrero from two distinguished guest speakers:

- **Hannah Pia Baral** – CEO of ACE Aotearoa
- **Mrs Erihapeti Ngata-Aerengamate**, Kaitiaki of Te Kotuku Marae and Deputy Chair of Board of Trustees
- **Mr Gary Moore**, Principal of Rutherford College.

Their words resonated deeply, setting the tone for an evening filled with pride and community spirit.

A highlight of the event was the Award Ceremony, honouring the exceptional achievements of our adult learners and dedicated tutors—a heartfelt recognition of perseverance, growth, and mentorship.



Guests also enjoyed a range of hands-on, free workshops designed to spark curiosity and creativity, alongside a classic sausage sizzle and a lively raffle.

This Open Evening was more than an event—it was a celebration of life-long learning and the power of community. We look forward to many more!



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Hospice West Auckland has just opened the doors to *He Whare Korowai – Home From Home*, a new and innovative service offering 24/7 palliative care right here in our community.

The ground floor of Hospice House in Te Atatū Peninsula has become home to three beautifully appointed patient rooms with a fourth bed available for short-term respite care. Designed to feel welcoming and familiar, this space is much more than a facility - it's a home-away-from-home for patients and their whānau when round-the-clock care is needed.

Care That Feels Like Home

Hospice West Auckland has long supported people to remain in the place they call home for as long as possible, surrounded by comfort, love and community. However, there are times when 24/7 care is necessary, such as when care needs become too complex, when the home environment isn't suitable, or when a person simply prefers some support away from home

Until now, patients needing 24-hour care had to travel to Harbour Hospice's inpatient units. *He Whare Korowai - Home From Home* changes that, as West Aucklanders can now receive the same level of compassionate, professional care much closer to home.

A New Model for Palliative Care

What makes this initiative unique is its community-based approach. The people staying at *He Whare Korowai* continue to receive care from the same specialist Hospice West Auckland community teams who have been supporting them at home - ensuring vital continuity of care when it is needed most.

Registered Nurses and Healthcare Assistants provide 24-hour generalist care on site, while the wider hospice team - including doctors, social workers, counsellors and rehabilitation specialists - continue to support each person as part of a truly integrated model.

Designed With Whānau In Mind

Every part of *He Whare Korowai - Home From Home* has been carefully designed to feel warm and welcoming. Each patient room has space for a family member to stay with their loved one, and there's a shared dining and living area where families can relax, share meals and spend precious time together as well as enjoy the



▲ Cutting of the ribbon – from left, Peter Larmer (Board Chair), Dr Celia Palmer (Clinical Director) and Hon. Phil Twyford (MP for Te Atatu)

▲ Group standing in front of welcome sign – from left Reverend Fred Holloway (Kaumātua), Dean Kelly (CEO), Wyllowe Poata (Kaiārahi), Dr Celia Palmer (Clinical Director), Blanka Schuster (Chief Operating Officer) and Stella McFarlane (GM Health Services)



Rongoā and Spiritual gardens. With a focus on comfort, dignity and belonging, the facility offers people the kind of care they would want for their own family, right here in West Auckland.

Community Care, Community Support

As a charitable trust, Hospice West Auckland provides its services free of charge, thanks to the generosity of the community. The organisation is immensely grateful to the many supporters, donors and sponsors whose kindness and contributions have helped make this 24/7 model of care possible. It truly is a community caring for its own, reflecting who we are in West Auckland: practical, compassionate, and always looking out for each other.

The opening of *He Whare Korowai - Home From Home* marks an historic step for Hospice care in New Zealand with a sustainable model of care blending the comfort of home with the reassurance of professional, 24-hour support.

If you would like to support *He Whare Korowai - Home From Home* or help us continue providing free Hospice care in our community, you can learn more about how to get involved at www.hwa.org.nz/support-us. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference close to home. ●



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Tamariki and their whānau can register from Saturday 6 December at their local Auckland Libraries branch to begin the challenge, which runs until Sunday 1 February. **Stay tuned to <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/> for all you need to know!**

Te Atatū Stage of Te Whau Pathway Nears Completion



The Te Atatū stage of the transformational Te Whau Pathway project, creating almost 14 kilometres of shared path along the Whau River from Green Bay to Te Atatū, is now 90% completed, with the section's opening planned for early 2026.

Te Whau Pathway Environmental Trust (TWPET) began work 10 years ago for the pathway in partnership with Auckland Council. Te Whau Pathway will connect a total of 29 parks and reserves along the Whau River corridor.

The project focus has been on building two sections of boardwalk in Te Atatū South which are the Northwestern Connection (SH16) and the Horowai Connection. The Northwestern Connection links Bridge Avenue by Te Atatū Boating Club, with the Northwestern cycleway, while the Horowai Connection is the boardwalk section linking Roberts Fields and Bridge Ave.

Trust Chair Tony Miguel says the opening of the Te Atatū section is currently planned for February. Auckland Council is also installing viewing pods between the Northwestern Cycleway and Bridge Avenue. It is also building water access at Roberts Field to replace what was there.

"There used to be an old rickety wooden structure which is being replaced so people can get into the water with kayaks and so on," he says. Tony says the whole project is ahead of schedule and ahead of budget, and attributes much of that to the amazing work of the construction company and the council project team. "HEB Construction has been very supportive."

He says the original aim of the project was to connect communities with each other and connect people to the awa and says one of the best ways to do this was to make it easy for them to participate in activities like kayaking, and waka ama. This has been achieved by a programme aimed at getting children out on the water and has resulted in 2500 students taking part since the programme started in 2022.

▲ View of Te Whau Pathway over the Whau River.
Photo credit: Amy O'Donnell from HEB Construction

This programme is being delivered thanks funding from the government, council and The Trusts.

A major milestone has also been reached in construction, with piling now complete. The piling crew installed 246 piles across 920 metres of the pathway, over 21 months.

The team is now moving into the next phase, to complete decking, substrate, balustrades, and lighting. The start on finishing work means they are getting closer to delivering a safe, accessible, well-lit pathway along the awa, connecting neighbourhoods, and supporting walking and cycling in the suburbs surrounding the Whau.

Funding from the government has also now been confirmed for a 400m section in Avondale known as the Rizal Crossing which is a project priority. This area will connect Rizal Reserve to Ken Maunder Park via a new bridge crossing over Te Whau River. It will connect the Kelston and Avondale communities and build on the existing walking and cycling network.

Construction is expected to begin soon, with an anticipated completion date of November 2026.

Tony says the priority for the Te Whau Pathway Environmental Trust is to secure funding to get the rest of the pathway completed before their current funding runs out in 2026.

If further funding is not found, completion will not be achieved, he says. "It won't connect the communities it is meant to connect. ●

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Growing Demand for Te Atatū Foodbank Support

Demand for the Te Atatū Foodbank is rapidly increasing as more local families reach out for help.

The foodbank was established in February 2024, after CARE Waitākere relocated from the Peninsula, leaving a gap in support for residents struggling to make ends meet. Volunteers Angela Wicks, Jess Ford, Leonie Parrant and Marissa Bell stepped in to ensure the community wouldn't go without a local service, but demand is now stretching their capacity.

Angela says it was important that assistance continued on the Peninsula, and when Te Atatū Baptist Church offered space to house the foodbank, the service was able to get up and running, with the amazing help of their volunteer team. Since then, the need has grown significantly.

Angela says in the beginning not

all the available order slots for parcels were booked.

"Now we're over-booked," she says. "People contact us saying they've been caught short and tried booking online but can't - we only have so much capacity."

The foodbank began with 10 weekly bookings each Thursday, slowly increasing to 18 bookable slots.

"But we frequently do 20 or more," Angela says.

Many requests come through referrals from other services, including Plunket, who alert the volunteers when a family is in urgent need of food.

Family Fun Day - December 18

To celebrate the families they've supported this year, and to thank their regular volunteers, the foodbank volunteers are planning a Family Fun Day on their final operating day of the year, Thursday 18 December, 11am–1pm.

Angela says they are grateful for any help the community can offer to make the day special. They are seeking:

- Sausages & bread for a BBQ
- Ice cream & cones
- Face painter
- Candy floss machine
- Bouncy castle
- A hairdresser or barber willing to provide free haircuts for clients



▲ Jess Ford (left) & Angela Wicks

"Anything people can contribute would be gratefully received," she says.

Email the team at teatatufoodbank@gmail.com

Town centre tree replaced



The crepe myrtle tree that was cut down in an act of vandalism has been replaced by Auckland Council, whose Urban Forest Specialist searched far and wide for a similar tree. The new crepe myrtle is a Souvenir D'Hubert Puard (*Lagerstroemia indica*).

The original tree was one of several planted along the Peninsula, with blooms ranging in colour through the full spectrum of the colours available, in white, pink, mauve, and magenta.

This new tree has mauve flowers rather than the magenta blossoms of the one destroyed. However, it has the added benefit of having not just beautiful blooms but also varying leaf colourations through the seasons.

How You Can Support

The foodbank will also be at the Te Atatū Christmas Parade Fun Day, with donation collection bins available. Angela encourages locals to come along, meet the volunteers, and learn more about how the service helps the community. Financial contributions can also be made to: **Te Atatu Foodbank**

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- Tuesdays: 9.30am–12pm
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Non-perishable items (tins & packets) can also be left in the collection bin at the Te Atatū Peninsula Library.

Views on Gardening

Summer Garden Journal 2025 with Marisa Vodanovich

Summer arrives with long, golden evenings, buzzing bees, and gardens bursting into growth. After the steady build-up of spring, this is the season when everything accelerates – and with a little care, your veg, herbs, and salads will reward you with abundance right through the warm months.

Keeping Your Garden Hydrated and Happy

As temperatures rise, good watering habits make all the difference. Early morning or late evening is the best time to water, giving plants a chance to drink deeply before the heat of the day. Mulching becomes especially helpful in summer – a generous layer of organic mulch (straw, pea straw, wood chips, or bark fines) helps **retain moisture, reduce evaporation, and keep soil cool** around thirsty roots. It also suppresses weeds, which compete for water during the hottest months.

Seedlings and young plants may also benefit from a little temporary shade during scorching afternoons. A piece of shade cloth, an upturned crate, or shelter from a taller nearby plant can help protect them until they establish well.

Veggies, Herbs & Constant Harvests

Summer is peak season for fast-growing favourites. Keep picking lettuce, rocket, beans, cucumbers, and courgettes regularly – the more you harvest, the more they grow.

Tomatoes will be racing away now; remove their small side shoots (“suckers”) to channel energy into fruiting, and tie plants securely to stakes or frames as they get taller. Herbs love the warmth too. Basil, mint, coriander, chives, and dill flourish with frequent pinching and trimming. If coriander bolts in the heat (as it often does), sow a fresh batch every few weeks to keep the garden well-stocked.



Summer Garden Maintenance Tips

- **Stay Ahead of Pests:** Warm weather brings aphids, caterpillars, and whitefly. Check plants often and act early with natural solutions like neem, insecticidal soap, or even a strong spray of water to knock pests off.
- **Feed Little and Often:** A fortnightly liquid seaweed or compost tea feed keeps soil life active and plants strong.
- **Weed as You Wander:** Summer weeds grow fast. A quick pull while you're outside makes a big difference and keeps beds tidy.



Bring on the Summer Colour

Summer is the season when the flower garden truly sings. Bright favourites such as zinnias, sunflowers, cosmos, and marigolds attract bees and butterflies while filling your beds with colour. Deadheading spent blooms will keep them flowering for longer, and if you love having fresh flowers indoors, summer is the perfect time to harvest freely – cutting encourages plants to produce even more.

Summer is the moment to enjoy the rewards of your year-round gardening – crisp salads, fragrant herbs, sun-warmed tomatoes, and flowers at their colourful best. Make the most of the long days, spend time among your plants, and soak up the joy that a thriving summer garden brings.

Happy Summer Gardening!

Marisa Urban Floral Farmlet

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Tēnā Koutou,
I hope that you are all
enjoying the good weather
and longer days.



I have a reminder for you with the updated advice for smoke alarm installation for new buildings and major renovations.

With all of those new presents sitting under the Xmas tree, it's a good idea to check you have working smoke alarms. In rental accommodation, smoke alarms are provided by your landlord, but it is your responsibility to check and maintain your smoke alarms. If you are in anyway unsure of placement or installation of your smoke alarms, just call your local fire station (0800-3545-170), and we'll be more than happy to assist you.

If you have any further questions, you can always stop into the fire station or check out our website www.fireandemergency.nz.

A recent update to the NZ Building Code brought in a requirement for homeowners to install interconnected smoke alarms in new builds and homes undergoing significant renovation (which would usually require a building consent). As a result, Fire and Emergency personnel is receiving requests from the public to install interconnected smoke alarms during the homeowner's new build and/or significant renovation process.

Background

Fire and Emergency personnel conduct Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) as part of our commitment to help make New Zealand communities safer. The purpose of a visit is to provide advice to residents on home fire safety, smoke alarms, and escape plans. Residents are encouraged to purchase their own smoke alarms prior to Fire and Emergency personnel's visit, however, if this is not possible, Fire and Emergency personnel will install standalone photoelectric smoke alarm(s) where required.

Does the new building standard impact smoke alarm installation provided by Fire and Emergency?
No. The new Building Code standard (NZS 4514-2021) (external link) requiring all new builds and significant renovations to install interconnected smoke alarms does not impact Fire and Emergency's HFSV programme and the type of smoke alarms we install. While Fire and Emergency supports the use of interconnected smoke alarms, we are not able to provide installation services for these during the homeowner's new build and/or significant renovation process. Fire and Emergency is not responsible for alarms that are not installed correctly as per the building code specifications.

If you need more advice or clarification?
Please contact the Waitematā CRR team:
WaitemataDistrict-CRRTeam@fireandemergency.nz

Have a great xmas and be fire safe.

He Waka Eke Noa

(Everyone in one canoe, no exceptions) •

Kia ora and welcome to the final Police Safety Message for 2025

Yes, it's summer! The weather is stunning, and it gives lots of us the happy vibes and energy to get out and about.

However, with this are naughty people who also get uplifted to commit crimes such as burglaries, theft, drink driving and assaults to name a few.

Following are some suggestions for keeping safe over the summer.

Burglaries / Theft

- If you can easily break into your home, then so can a burglar. In fact, it is probably easier for them because they have more experience.
- With the heat over summer, it is easy to keep windows and doors open. This also includes garage doors. Even if someone is inside your home a burglar will look for any opportunity. It only takes seconds for them to enter and take valuables without you knowing.



- Consider installing cameras that link to your cell phone. When the alarm is activated, it is very helpful for Police to know descriptions and details.
- Motion sensor outdoor lights on your property help with security.
- Record and take photographs of expensive and sentimental items. Engraving them with your driver's license number (which is yours for life) adds to the security.
- Ensure your vehicles are locked whether they are in the garage, driveway or on the street, don't leave anything valuable in them.

- Replace standard screws on your vehicle number plates with tamper proof screws. Neighbourhood Support and local Police regularly hold Safer Plates and Tool Engraving event at local shopping centres.

Heading away on Holiday?

- Firstly, make sure everything is locked and switched off! Double check it!
- If you are going for an extended

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time, consider using a house sitter or having a neighbour/friend go to your house daily. Make sure the lawns and gardens are being kept tidy and the mailbox is being cleared. Have the neighbours park their car in your driveway could be a deterrent as well.

- Having lights and electronics such as a television or radio on a timer can help deter the burglars.
- As above, installing cameras that are linked to your cell phone if you are unable to have someone check your property.
- Driving on holiday? Be patient, allow time. Everyone is entitled to use the roads. Have regular stops, take things for your children to do such as a "vehicle scavenger hunt". Have snacks and cold water ready. Remember it's better to get where you are going than not at all.
- Consider what you post online and the security of your social media accounts. If your account is not secured and you post that you are away, this can give criminals the opportunity to visit your house.



- Never leave your drink unattended in public spaces. This gives an opportunity for drink spiking to occur.
- If you are having teenagers over for a "party," set some ground rules, if they are drinking alcohol, ensure their parents know this and they have a way to get home safely. Securing car keys is a way to reduce drink driving. Remember if the said party is at your place, you need to be the sober/responsible adult.

- Ensure that you provide food, non-alcoholic drink and water.

Most of all though, enjoy the summer, take care and look after everyone.

Warm Regards.

Senior Constable Carlo de Martin,
Te Atatū/Glendene Community Constable •



Personal Responsibility

With summer comes the traditional kiwi BBQ's and more social interaction, including consumption of alcohol.

Here are some tips for keeping safe in these settings.

- Drink responsibly when out socialising.
- Be aware that drinking in the heat increases the risk of dehydration and illnesses such as heat stroke.
- Consuming Alcohol around water and boating can increase the risk of accidents such as falling in, impaired boat operation, disorientation and drowning.
- Plan ahead if you are drinking alcohol and arrange to have either a sober driver, taxi or uber to take you home.



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Barfoot and Thompson Te Atatū	534 Te Atatū Rd	834 3570	Peninsula Hair Ltd	574 Te Atatū Rd	834 5120
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Between Sisters	2 Harbourview Rd	2108041111	Peninsula Roast	572b Te Atatū Rd	834 0525
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Churn Cafe & Thai Dining	617 Te Atatū Rd	218 2727	Ray White Te Atatū Peninsula	530 Te Atatū Rd	834 6155
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