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Times have been incredibly tough for businesses, and on top of that Te Atatū Peninsula has experienced a significant drop in overall sales following the closure of our supermarket.

Marketview data shows that from the time the supermarket closed through to last month, sales in Te Atatū were down 31.3 percent compared with the same period the previous year. By comparison, most other areas mapped by Marketview have recorded only small declines of one or two percent.

When we look specifically at the Groceries and Liquor category, the drop is even more dramatic - a staggering 46.6 percent, equating to \$21.3 million. The flow-on effect to surrounding businesses has been substantial. When people leave the Peninsula to do their grocery shopping, they often fill up with petrol, grab a coffee or lunch, return their library books, get their keys cut, or buy garden seedlings - all in the same trip.

If ever there was a time to support our local retailers, it is now. Every dollar spent locally makes a difference. It keeps businesses open, staff employed, and our town centre alive. We will get through this, and your support truly matters.

Recently, TAPBA made a submission on Plan Change 120. We believe Te Atatū Peninsula cannot sustain further intensification. As a peninsula with a single access road, our infrastructure constraints are unique, yet our rate of development has been disproportionately high.

Between 2013 and 2025, there were 1,948 building consents issued within Te Atatū Peninsula. Using the geographical area listed by Stats NZ of 5.46 square kilometres, this equates to 356.7 building consents per square kilometre. If Harbourview–Orangahina Park (approximately 0.7 km²) is excluded, despite being included in the Stats NZ area map, the density increases further to approximately 409 consents per square kilometre.

By comparison, Mount Roskill recorded 302.8 consents per square kilometre, Glen Eden 233.9, and Point Chevalier 292. Despite lower consent numbers, these suburbs benefit from multiple entry and exit routes, distributing traffic and infrastructure demand more effectively.

Our regular Te Atatū Peninsula Community Planning meetings bring together agencies including NZTA, Auckland Transport, Watercare, Kāinga Ora, our Waitākere Councillors and local board members, along with community groups such as Rivercare and Bike Te Atatū. We met in February to discuss these issues around intensification. We remain committed to working collaboratively to improve quality of life for locals and to advocate for infrastructure that keeps pace with growth.

As a small business association, we feel setbacks deeply. Over the festive period, our two CCTV cameras which monitored an area prone to illegal dumping, were stolen. We also lost one of our new one-metre Christmas wreaths in early January when a light pole was struck by a vehicle.





◀ Te Whau Pathway, photo credit Adam Jones

When contractors arrived to make the site safe, the wreath had disappeared. These decorations are costly and help create a festive atmosphere for our community. If you or someone you know has the wreath, please drop it into Stitches Alterations - no questions asked. We would love to see it returned.

In this autumn issue, we highlight innovation and resilience. Meet Saveun Man, the West Auckland entrepreneur behind a new carpooling app designed to connect users through shared groups and clubs, making it easier to carpool with people you already know. It's a smart way to reduce congestion while

strengthening community connections. Read more on **page 4**.

We also bring you updates on two transformational local projects: the new Te Atatū station alongside the SH16 busway and the much-anticipated opening of the Te Whau Pathway boardwalk section in March. You'll find those stories on **pages 12 & 6**.

As the seasons shift, it's time to prepare gardens for the cooler months - enjoy Views on Gardening on **page 10**. And for a comforting family meal, try our Mediterranean Chicken Bake on **page 13**.

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Carpoolin app connects to combat congestion

A West Auckland entrepreneur has launched a new app designed to tackle traffic congestion while making carpooling feel safer and more community driven.

Saveun Man, of Glendene, says the idea for Carpoolin grew from a simple realisation- while congestion continues to worsen, most people are understandably uncomfortable sharing a ride with a complete stranger.

So, he created Carpoolin, a start-up built around a simple concept. Instead of matching random users, the app shows where you overlap with others through shared community groups, workplaces, sports clubs, schools, or events. The aim is to connect people who have already crossed paths in some way, making carpooling feel more familiar and trustworthy.

The app is free to download and use; it offers optional extras.

If you have your own community and want to share commutes with them, you can create a Group for \$20-\$40/year. Events and Group Events will be coming later in the year.



Saveun with his daughter Scarlett

“I’m convinced that Government and Councils with resources won’t be able to fix these problems with infrastructure alone, and that the best solution lies with us, the people” says Saveun.

Born and raised in Upper Hutt, Saveun grew up fascinated by films like Jurassic Park and spent much of his childhood with a gaming controller in hand. After leaving college to study multimedia and later game development, he began what would become a 17-year career in the industry.

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“It was an awesome journey,” he says. “I was with the guys at Grinding Gear Games (a Henderson based Game Studio) for the longest time working on Path of Exile - probably NZ’s largest game success story, right up until my daughter showed up.”

Around the time of the last COVID lockdown, Saveun stepped back from full-time work to spend more time with his daughter, Scarlett. When he eventually returned to commuting between West Auckland and the North Shore, the daily traffic grind hit hard.

“I couldn’t believe this was still happening, that this traffic problem was a thing we were all putting up with.” He says those long solo drives, while frustrating, also became thinking time. “I could ruminate on things I thought were happening, and in the evenings, I could go more in-depth on the topic. This would repeat for some time before I started putting things into motion.”

Eventually, Saveun made the decision to leave his career in game development and pursue Carpoolin full-time. He acknowledges that safety is the first concern most people raise

when discussing carpooling.

“Nobody wants to share a ride with a stranger, that is clear. But what about someone you work with, go to University or play sports with?”

That thinking sits at the heart of the app’s design. In addition to highlighting shared connections, Carpoolin verifies users and allows members to report inappropriate behaviour and leave feedback - features people have come to expect from modern digital platforms.

Saveun is now actively connecting with business associations, sports clubs, and community groups, and hopes to partner with Auckland Council around major events to help reduce traffic volumes and parking pressure.

“I’m not trying to make the argument that we should all be doing carpooling, but for those who might be interested, this could be something for you. Sharing a ride with a friend, workmate or neighbour could be the start of rediscovering our neighbourhoods.”

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Public invited to Te Whau Pathway boardwalk opening

The long-awaited boardwalk section of the Te Whau Pathway, stretching from Roberts Field to the Northwestern Cycleway, is almost complete, with a public opening scheduled for Friday, March 20.

The celebration, hosted by the Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, will take place from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Roberts Field | Horowai Reserve, (111 Roberts Road, Te Atatū South). The whānau-friendly event will include a sausage sizzle, ice creams, fresh fruit, and children's entertainment.

The boardwalk has been designed to be fully accessible, with no steps at either end, making it suitable for prams, wheelchairs, and elderly users. Walkers and cyclists who want to skip the opening formalities can arrive after 2pm on opening day, once the ribbon-cutting ceremony is complete and final barriers have been removed.

Final touches are now underway, including the installation of three look-out pods, landscaping, lighting, and signage. A footpath reconnecting Tiroroa Avenue and a kayak ramp at Roberts Road will also be completed before opening day. Construction materials are being removed, timber off-cuts and pipes recycled, safety fencing dismantled, and temporary buildings taken to New Lynn for the construction of the Rizal Crossing section of the pathway in Avondale.



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The Te Whau Pathway Environmental Trust began work on the pathway ten years ago in partnership with Auckland Council.

When complete, the pathway will link 29 parks and reserves along the Whau River corridor, creating almost 13 kilometres of shared path from Green Bay to Te Atatū.

Trust Chairman Tony Miguel says West Auckland has long been underserved when it comes to cycling infrastructure.

“Compared to the rest of the region, it has fewer than anywhere else. This is why a pathway which is a combined walking and cycling path, would be of great benefit to West Auckland. Our mission is to continue to advocate for Te Whau Pathway so people can benefit from safer off road access and be able to walk to schools and shops, and to cycle safely,”

This newly opened section marks a major milestone in the project’s delivery.

“The trust has been going for ten years, and by the time the Rizal Crossing section is finished, 41% of the pathway will be completed. So we’re nearly halfway there, and we look forward to finishing the rest of the pathway. I’m very excited. This is a major milestone for us and our Council partners, and we’re really looking forward to seeing lots of people using it

and enjoying the spectacular views, as well as the benefits of the pathway.”

The project also honours the historic portage route linking the Waitematā and Manukau Harbours.

“In the old days, Mana Whenua used the portage to transfer their goods between the Manukau and Auckland. So part of the pathway is about celebrating the portage.”

Beyond transport and recreation, the pathway has a strong environmental focus. Restoration planting and community involvement are central to the Trust’s long-term vision for the Whau River Catchment, home to nearly 90,000 residents.

Tony also acknowledged the support that has brought the project this far, thanking Auckland Council project management staff, and HEB Construction, as well as the New Zealand Government and Auckland Council for their funding contributions.

The Te Whau Pathway project has been strongly supported by the Henderson Massey Local Board since the establishment of the Te Whau pathway environment Trust in 2015, says Board Chair Chris Carter.

“Our local board, along with from the Whau Local Board, have provided funding and advocacy for the project,” he says.

“We recognize the pathway’s potential as an alternate transport link between Te Atatu and New Lynn and a clear recreational and environmental asset for local residents. When the previous government invited applications asking for shovel ready infrastructure projects in the post covid recovery period, our two local boards strongly supported the successful bid to get over \$50 million to construct a significant section o of the pathway in Te Atatu south.”

Looking ahead, government funding has been confirmed for a 400-metre section in Avondale known as the Rizal Crossing, which will connect Rizal Reserve to Ken Maunder Park via a new bridge over the Whau River. Construction is expected to begin soon, with completion anticipated in November 2026. The next priority after that will be securing funding for the Roberts Field | Horowai Reserve to McLeod Park connection. .

For now, the focus is on celebrating the opening of a boardwalk that promises safer off-road access, spectacular river views, and a significant step toward a connected green corridor for West Auckland. •

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Views on Gardening

Autumn Garden Journal 2026 with Marisa Vodanovich

There's something deeply satisfying about autumn in the garden. The frantic pace of summer begins to soften, the light shifts, and we're gifted cooler mornings that make working outdoors a pleasure again. While it may feel like the season is winding down, autumn is actually one of the most important times to set your garden up for a strong start next spring.

Reset and Rebuild Your Soil

After months of heavy growth and harvesting, your garden beds will be ready for replenishment.

Remove tired summer crops and add them to the compost (unless they're diseased), then gently loosen the soil and mix through compost, aged manure, or leaf mould. Autumn rain will help wash those nutrients down into the root zone, improving soil structure over winter.

If you have empty beds, consider sowing a green manure crop such as lupins or mustard. These protect the soil from erosion, suppress weeds, and can be dug in later to boost organic matter before spring planting.

Plant for the Cooler Months

Autumn is ideal for establishing crops that prefer mild temperatures. Silverbeet, kale, spinach, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower all thrive when planted now. Quick-growing salad greens can still be sown for ongoing harvests, and spring onions are another reliable option.

Herbs like parsley, coriander, thyme, and sage settle in beautifully at this time of year. Cooler conditions reduce stress on young plants and allow roots to develop steadily before winter.

Tidy Now, Relax Later

A thorough seasonal tidy-up now will save you work later. Remove spent plants, fallen fruit, and excess foliage where pests or fungal issues may linger. Check stakes and supports, and repair or replace anything that won't withstand winter winds.

Top up mulch around established plants to help regulate soil temperature and suppress weeds through the colder months. Autumn mulch also helps retain moisture if the weather turns dry.

Plan Ahead for Spring

As growth slows, take time to reflect. Which varieties performed well this summer? Where could crop rotation improve soil health next season? Order seeds early and sketch out your spring planting plan while it's fresh in your mind.

Autumn gardening is about thoughtful preparation rather than urgency. With steady attention now, your garden will rest well through winter and be ready to surge back to life when spring warmth returns.

Here's to crisp mornings, productive planting, and setting the stage for another abundant season ahead.

Happy Autumn Gardening!

Marisa Urban Floral Farmlet

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Auckland's festival for sampling sustainable living

After three years of offering 300+ events focused on people and planet, EcoFest has well and truly become the time and place to sample sustainability in action. The fourth month-long festival starts on March 22 and is a timely opportunity for everyone living or visiting in Tāmaki Makaurau to experience truly diverse examples of eco-conscious living.

North and West Auckland have a bevy of events to choose from too. Feel like a bike ride and coffee in Hobsonville with cycling locals? What about a coastal clean-up in Whenuapai, Greenhithe or the Whau area? You can take a sunset track walk in Piha to learn about coastal birds and how light pollution harms them or enjoy an after-dark adventure looking for our native Ruru.

A little closer to the city, you can take part in: a Worm Farm Workshop; several Women on Wheels; Learn to Ride courses; an Avondale Market activity focused on bird habitats called A Resting Place for Kuaka; clothing repair cafes; and food rescue at Fair Food Super Sorters events.

For those who want to learn from home, join a webinar to understand climate change anxiety, or learn to harvest rainwater from your roof.

EcoMatters have been bringing EcoFest to Auckland for over 23 years, and say these workshops are just a small example of experiences that are often free or low cost. Most only require a couple of hours and are whānau-friendly.

"Delivering this festival has taught us that attending even just one event can create a positive, impactful connection between each other and the environment," says EcoMatters CEO, Carla Gee. "Given the challenges happening in Aotearoa and in the rest of the world right now, we know that it's more important than ever to get involved in fun, light-hearted ways to sample sustainability together. We can't wait to kick-off the festival once more."

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Northwest Busway – bringing better transport options

Plans for a busway alongside SH16 are progressing and will improve transport options for Te Atatū Peninsula residents.

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) has lodged statutory approvals under the Fast-track Approvals Act (FTAA) for the Northwest Busway project.

The FTAA makes it easier and quicker to gain approvals for regionally and nationally significant infrastructure projects like the Northwest Busway. Obtaining the approvals will enable NZTA to construct the project in stages as further funding is made available.

The milestone moves the project a step closer to delivering faster, more frequent and more reliable public transport for the growing northwest.

Modelled on the successful Northern Busway and building on the popular WX1 service, the project will provide a dedicated busway between Brigham Creek and the city centre, with seven new stations connected to local bus routes and the road network.

One of these stations will serve Te Atatū Peninsula - a key connection that NZTA Project Director Emma Fisk says will make travel "faster, safer and easier" for locals.

"The Te Atatū Ōrangihina station includes a new bus overbridge that separates both local and city-bound express buses from other traffic, speeding up travel times and freeing up space on the road for other traffic," says Emma. "It also gives people walking and cycling a safe, direct way across the motorway."

The overbridge will allow buses to bypass congestion at the busy Te Atatū interchange and reduce travel times for local buses heading to the station to connect with the express buses. The bridge will link directly to the Northwestern Shared Path, improving safety and access for people walking and on bikes entering and leaving the peninsula.

Indicative design: Harbourview Ōrangihina Park



▲ The new bridge will span SH16 from the Te Atatū Ōrangihina station to the edge of Harbourview-Ōrangihina Park, located on the reserve's western boundary near Te Atatū Road. Between the interchange and the Whau River bridge, buses will operate within the existing motorway corridor, with no widening proposed.

"We've heard from the local community that Harbourview Ōrangihina Park is an important part of the local fabric and we acknowledge the disruption construction can have. We'll continue to engage with landowners and community groups as the project design progresses so the overbridge and station can be built as sensitively as possible," explains Emma.

Emma says the busway will be delivered in stages, as funding becomes available, with the station and overbridge still a few years down the track.

"We have funding for additional design and site investigations, the detailed design and construction of Brigham Creek Station and Park and Ride, and targeted property acquisition," she says. "Obtaining FTAA approvals will allow us to keep moving and build the project in stages."

Construction is already underway on the new Westgate Te Waiarohia station which will open later this year, and work on Brigham Creek Rarawaru station is expected to start next year.

Once complete, the Northwest Busway will enable a reliable 25-minute journey between Brigham Creek and the city centre at any time of day.

The project is also expected to increase the capacity of SH16 by nearly 20% during peak times by freeing up space on the motorway for freight and those that need it.

NZTA says it's also working with Auckland Transport to make the popular WX1 service faster and more reliable through refinements to intersections and motorway lanes over the coming years.

NZTA will hold further community engagement sessions in March. Details about the events and the wider project are available at: www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/northwest-busway ●

Mediterranean Chicken Bake

with Bridget Van Soest

Autumn for me is a season to re-charge. Warming, comforting foods are an indulgence after the summer salads we all enjoyed. This Mediterranean Chicken Bake using store cupboard ingredients and herbs is perfect for a family dinner.



INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4-6)

Chicken

- 6-8 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- 3 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 2-3 tbsp olive oil (for searing)

Vegetables & Sauce

- 1 large onion, sliced
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 zucchini, diced
- 1 tin chickpeas, drained & rinsed
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- ½ tsp sugar (just a pinch to balance acidity)
- ½-1 tsp dried oregano
- ½ tsp dried thyme (optional)
- ½ tsp chili flakes (optional)
- ¾ cup chicken stock or water
- ¾ cup pitted olives (Kalamata or mixed)
- Salt & pepper to taste

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 200°C and pat chicken dry.
2. Mix flour, paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, salt and pepper. Lightly coat the chicken thighs in the flour mixture (shake off excess).
3. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Sear chicken skin-side down for 4-5 minutes until golden and crisp.
4. Flip and cook another 2-3 minutes. Remove and set aside (it will finish cooking in the oven) and lower heat to medium.
5. Add sliced onion and cook 3-4 minutes until softened. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds until fragrant.
6. Stir in tomato paste and cook 1-2 minutes to caramelize slightly.
7. Add tinned tomatoes, sugar, oregano, thyme, chili flakes and stock. Simmer 3-5 minutes to combine. Stir in chickpeas and turn the heat off.
8. Spread zucchini slices in a large oven dish and pour the tomato-chickpea mixture over them.
9. Nestle seared chicken thighs on top (skin facing up) and scatter olives around.
10. Bake uncovered for 35 - 45 minutes
11. Serve on Cous Cous or mashed potatoes, with parsley or basil to finish •



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We encourage all residents to remain alert and take simple steps to protect themselves, their whanau and their community. As it is recommended to check our smoke alarms at daylight saving change over, how about inspecting the security in and around your home.

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- If a crime is taking place or there's a threat to life or property, it's an emergency so call 111
- Call 105 if it's happened already and/or to report non-emergencies.
- Go online to 105.police.govt.nz to report and/or get updates on certain types of non-emergency situations.

Lastly, do your young ones know what to do in an emergency? Do they know their address and phone number in case they must contact Police?

Take care out there.

Senior Constable Carlo de Martin,

Te Atatū/Glendene Community Constable •



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Are you that special someone? Join the Te Atatū-Glendene Community Patrol

Looking for a meaningful way to give back? Want to help make our neighbourhoods safer, friendlier, and more connected?

The Te Atatū-Glendene Community Patrol is made up of everyday people - just like you - who care about where we live. We volunteer our time to be a visible, reassuring presence in the community, working alongside Police and other local groups to keep an eye out for anything that needs attention.

We're on the lookout for new patrollers to join our team!

What We Do:

- Patrol streets, parks, carparks, and shopping areas
- Keep watch for suspicious activity and report it to the right people
- Help spot things like graffiti, illegal dumping, or safety hazards
- Support local events and emergencies when needed

What You'll Get:

- A closer connection to your neighbourhood
- Useful skills in teamwork, observation, and communication
- The satisfaction of knowing you're making a real difference
- New friendships, and a real sense of purpose

You don't need any experience - just:

- A clear Police vetting check
 - A few spare hours each month
 - A genuine passion for helping others
- We provide all the training, a uniform, and ongoing support. You'll always be teamed up with someone experienced, and we welcome volunteers from all walks of life.

If you've ever thought, "Someone should do something about that," - maybe that special someone is you.

Join us today and help make Te Atatū and Glendene safer, stronger, and more connected.

To find out more, get in touch at **0274 108 549** email: teatatu@cpnz.org.nz, or visit our Facebook page: Te Atatū/Glendene Community Patrol •

▼ Local CPNZ volunteers joined a recent CPNZ expo.





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About Face	84 Gunner Dr	834 4018	NZ Home Loans	28 Vera Road	027 2056393
Absolute Plumbing and Gasfitting	6 Mickle Street	021 1372810	Odessa's Mini Mart	615 Te Atatū Rd	834 2544
Aligned Media	7 Yeovil Rd	213 31652	OME Build Limited	1/667 Te Atatū Rd	027 252 5900
Allworkz Electrical Ltd	4 Holman Road	0508 ALLWORKZ	Opal Dental	518 Te Atatū Rd	834 6359
Anytime Fitness	543 Te Atatū Rd	950 8540	Orient Bakery	560 Te Atatū Rd	834 8382
Ashton and Gray Hair Design	T6, 547 Te Atatū Road	835 2247	Peninsula Hair Ltd	574 Te Atatū Rd	834 5120
Barfoot and Thompson Te Atatū	534 Te Atatū Rd	834 3570	Peninsula Medical Centre	382 Te Atatū Rd	834 6300
Berlin Clothing Company	548 Te Atatū Rd	834 6470	Peninsula Roast	572b Te Atatū Rd	834 0525
Between Sisters	2 Harbourview Rd	2108041111	Peppermint Twist Icecream	607 Te Atatū Rd	834 9941
Big Bang Burgers	7/80 Gunner Drive	021 233 0252	Pita Pit Te Atatū	543 Te Atatū Rd	834 6058
Bingsu & Flower Dessert	540 Te Atatū Rd	200 0552	Pizza Landing	578c Te Atatū Rd	834 7492
CareVets	520 Te Atatū Rd	834 4430	Pucker and Wink Beauty Lounge	3/460 Te Atatū Rd	216 08380
Cassidy Eyecare	84 Gunner Dr	834 9070	Radiant Nails and Beauty	571 Te Atatū Rd	214 7001
Chow Time	543 Te Atatū Rd	985 1985	Ray White, Buy West Property Management Ltd	1 Rhone Ave	834 3456
Chunky Chook	568 Te Atatū Rd	834 3638	Ray White Te Atatū Peninsula	530 Te Atatū Rd	834 6155
Churn Cafe & Thai Dining	617 Te Atatū Rd	218 2727	Refill Nation	571 Te Atatū Rd	218 6849
Clearstone Legal	1/547 Te Atatū Rd	973 5102	Restore Wellbeing	Suite 3, 552 Te Atatu Rd	600 1166
Deluxe Superette	568a Te Atatū Rd	834-6356	Rodgers Reidy (NZ LTD) Insolvency	Lvl 1 547 Te Atatū Rd	834 2631
Dominos Te Atatū Peninsula	543 Te Atatū Rd	948 0744	Sam's Roast	1/570 Te Atatū Rd	834 6638
Dream Nail and Beauty	538 Te Atatū Rd	834 4924	Shahi Dawat Restaurant	547 Te Atatū Rd	834 1239
Emperor Motors	4a Harbourview Rd	834 8649	Stitches Alterations	607 Te Atatū Rd	834 4688
Et Tu Bistro	532 Te Atatū Rd	834 5327	Supa Fruit Mart	3/1 Rhone Ave	834 2473
Fresh Beer Brew Company	532 Te Atatū Rd	27 310 1555	Sushi Ami	5/80 Gunner Dr	834 0010
Fuze Café	566 Te Atatū Rd	834 8536	Sushi and Bento	546b Te Atatū Rd	834 1060
G4U Dollar Store	556 Te Atatū Rd	880 4321	Tank	543 Te Atatū Rd	834 0200
GM Legal	3/1-3 Rhone Ave	839 4000	Tass Print	534 Te Atatū Rd	834 6338
Go Bananas Childcare Te Atatu	543 Te Atatū Rd	0800 462 626	Te Atatū Bakery & Cafe	543 Te Atatū Rd	212 4678
Gold Star Takeaway	564 Te Atatū Rd	834 8838	Te Atatū Butcher	1/1-3 Rhone Ave	834 5158
Golden Key Takeaways	546c Te Atatū Rd	834 6690	Te Atatū Chiropractic	550a Te Atatū Rd	834 0440
Golden Touch Barber	3/538 Te Atatū Road	020 4093 7797	Te Atatū Dental	40 Te Atatū Rd	3939989
Greens	572 Te Atatū Rd	834 6176	Te Atatū Discount Superette	542 Te Atatū Rd	834 2089
Haddad Takeaways	538 Te Atatū Rd	834 6429	Te Atatū Engraving & Gifts	562 Te Atatū Rd	834 6143
Hammer Hardware	568a Te Atatū Rd	834 6210	Te Atatū Fisheries	613 Te Atatū Rd	834 6998
Happy Island Variety Store	552 Te Atatū Rd	027 3058016	Te Atatū Health	544b Te Atatū Rd	900 11 11
Harcourts Te Atatu	568a Te Atatū Rd	839 1333	Te Atatū Memorial RSA	1 Harbourview Rd	834 3698
Highwire Electrical Ltd	2 Waikura Dr	027 244 9473	Te Atatū Union Church and Op Shop	2 Taikata Rd	834 3228
Hohepa Chartered Accountants	42 Spinnaker Dr	834 3712	Team Gopal - Creative Mortgages	1 Rhone Avenue	021 666 490
Hospice Op Shop	568 Te Atatū Rd	834 1291	Thai Flavour	572a Te Atatū Rd	834 0646
Insurance Supply	3/1 Rhone Ave	834 8682	The Delicious Bistro	547 Te Atatū Rd	834 6635
Jayde Marie Lashes	4/556 Te Atatū Rd	021 026 61965	The Great Scott Company	107 Tiroroa Ave	21553388
John Chan Takeaways	578b Te Atatū Rd	834 5246	The Sugar Grill	571 Te Atatū Rd	834 0333
K&A Bargains	542a Te Atatū Rd	834 8986	The Tattooed Heart	571 Te Atatū Rd	379 2662
Khawhom Thai Restaurant	80 Gunner Drive	834 9998	Top Well Bakery	3/82 Gunner Dr	834 2328
KJ Nally Barristers and Solicitors	534 Te Atatū Rd	834 9995	Uneek Cutz	6/547 Te Atatū Rd	834 0100
Lil Reds Traditional Barbershop	3a/571 Te Atatū Rd	930 6261	Unichem Peninsula Pharmacy	550 Te Atatū Rd	834 6303
Liquorland Te Atatū Peninsula	571 Te Atatū Rd	834 7825	Urban Floral Farmlet	10 Karamu Street	21879056
Loaves and Fishes Catering	570 Te Atatū Rd	817 2285	Vivo Hair and Beauty	546A Te Atatū Rd	834 6020
McDonald's Te Atatū	543 Te Atatū Rd	215 5542	Waitakere Foot Podiatry	84 Gunner Drive	834 0198
Mi Physio	84 Gunner Drive	264 0105	West Auckland Counselling	552 Te Atatū Rd	274395957
Mr Illingsworth	571 Te Atatū Rd	953 4377	Wildflours Cakery and Coffee	6/80 Gunner Dr	2041155245
Mortgage Supply	3/1 Rhone Ave	834 8682	Wine Villa	544a Te Atatū Rd	834 4992
My Laundry	3/570 Te Atatu Rd	021 022 92894			