

Security

- Our priority this financial year has been upgrading our ageing CCTV server. Our new server has a 5-year warranty, and a 7-year life expectancy. In addition to the new server, we were able to squeeze one new camera within this year’s budget. This new camera takes our tally to 43 cameras. We now have about 31 days storage capacity – and increase of 9 days compared to our old server.
- Between 21st May and 31st August, we have supplied Auckland Council with the number plates of 104 vehicles driven by people who have illegally dumped in front of Salvation Army doorway.
- Sergeant Shaun Warin has left our Community Policing Team and has returned to Mt Wellington Police. We welcome Sergeant Daniel Ross. Dan has already met some business operators at the recent Coffee With A Cop, and looks forward to connecting with businesses in due course.

Events

- **Coffee With A Cop** – this popular networking event was held every two months and will continue again next year.
- **Matariki Light Trail:** By all accounts, this year’s Matariki Light Trail was the most successful yet. It really is improving every year and is very popular on the Auckland-wide Matariki events calendar. This signature event is a collaborative project between stakeholders, GIBA, Te Oro, Glen Innes Library, Ruapotaka Marae, and would not happen without the financial and contributing support from our Committee, Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board, Tamaki Regeneration, The Lion Foundation, PAK’nSAVE, Ngāti Paoa, E tipu e Rea Whanau Services and Mānawatia a Matariki.

Environment

- Community Notice Board was vandalised again, and Auckland Transport arranged for the structure to be removed and the footing holes filled with concrete.
- Major roadworks surrounding the town centre – On behalf of Auckland Transport, Downer Construction have been installing cycle lanes and rebuilding the roads, Pt England Road, Merton Road, Apirana Ave, and are currently on Taniwha Street. The main motivation was the installation of cycle lanes, but the works included a rebuild of underground infrastructure which means we won’t see roadworks again for 20-25 years. Also installed at the same time, is the signalised pedestrian crossing on Apirana Ave at the train station.

Businesses are being kept informed of progress as soon as we receive updates from Auckland Transport/Downer. Almost all businesses have suffered financial harm to some extent and would like to thank everybody for continuing to support their businesses. We are all looking forward to an end to the roadworks.

Business Changes

- Glen Innes Bakery & Café have new owners
- Dove Hospice moved across the road into the ex-Beaurepaires building
- Aotearoa Literacy moved to 111 Apirana Ave
- Morrisons Funeral Home is under new management
- Work & Income returned after an 11-month building remedial and renovation
- Mayfair Salon sold and the new owners have rebranded to Bryan’s & Ezel Pinoy Barber

Businesses closed since our last AGM:

- Regent Fisheries
- Lisa’s Kitchen
- Roast World
- GI Miss
- Huckleberry

New Businesses opened since our last AGM

- Naturally Organic opened at 150 Apirana Ave
- Strat Productions opened on Apirana Ave
- Prime Range Fresh opened at 140 Apirana Ave, specialising in frozen bulk meat and vegetables.
- Burger King opened on Apirana Ave
- GI Dental opened on Apirana Ave

Residential developments

- 8,024 sqm of land on the corner of Line Road and Taniwha Street is under construction. The project will build 68 public and shared homeownership homes.
- 18,372 sqm of land on corner of Taniwha Street and Concord Place will be transformed into 84 public and shared ownership dwellings.
- The Epping/Evandale area is going to result in approximately 134 new homes across two stages being a mix of apartments and terraced homes.
- Corner Taniwha Street and Elstree Ave (the site of the form Girls School) will see approximately 168 homes, being a mix of apartments and terraced homes.

Other updates

- We continue to produce and deliver a monthly newsletter to keep the business community updated. The 2025 calendar will be distributed at the end of November 2024.
- Staffing – we farewelled Leanne Martin, and welcome to Moana Wieldraaijer. Lopeti continues as our Security Ambassador and works 20 hours per week. Moana is helping Debbie with administration tasks, and liaison with members.
- Tamaki Job & Skills Hub celebrated 10 years in June 2024. And 2025 is the 10th Anniversary of Te Oro.