

Security

- Lopeti has been actively patrolling on a daily basis, working in close collaboration with the Community Policing Team.
- Graffiti remains a persistent issue, appearing in cycles with tags spotted daily. The association remains vigilant, reporting graffiti as soon as it's spotted or informed about.
- Safer Speed signs, indicating a speed limit of 30kph, have been strategically installed around the town center to enhance pedestrian safety.
- The Security Forum has been consistently held every two months, fostering communication and collaboration on security matters.
- Thanks to the Auckland Council's Regulatory and Safety Committee's resolution, financial support was granted to BIDs for crime prevention activities. As a result, GIBA received \$13,000 and was able to procure three number plate recognition (NPR) cameras. These cameras have been installed at key locations: Apirana Ave, Line Road, and inside Bradley Lane.
- The association currently operates 43 CCTV cameras. A significant achievement this year was providing the police with footage of an individual deflating the tyres of a police vehicle.
- The upcoming year's priority is to upgrade the CCTV server. There are no immediate plans to install additional cameras.

Environment

- The association has been working diligently with businesses to maintain the cleanliness of Bradley Lane. While there have been successes, some challenges persist, especially with parking. Cars often block trucks, park in loading zones, or on yellow lines. However, with some persuasion, Auckland Transport has been engaged to enforce parking rules in the Lane.
- A new pedestrian crossing has been established outside PAK'nSAVE, enhancing safety.
- The rail network's rebuild is progressing as planned, with completion expected by January 2024.
- Vector has undertaken extensive cable upgrades around the town center. This includes the installation of new low voltage cables as the previous equipment was nearing its end of serviceable life. Additionally, electricity and gas network upgrades were carried out, impacting almost all businesses at some point.

Events

- The Emergency Service Careers Day was a notable event this year. Hosted by the NZ Police, it catered to around 60 students from various colleges. The event saw participation from several emergency services, and Glen Innes PAK'nSAVE generously donated sausages for the event.

- The Matariki Light Trail event surpassed previous records in terms of attendance, especially on the final night which featured performances and a fireworks display. Feedback from businesses has been overwhelmingly positive.
- Despite challenging weather conditions, the Winter Wonderland event received good support. The association played a role by hiring entertainers who performed exceptionally.
- The Bradley Lane Project underwent a change this year to commemorate its 10th anniversary. Instead of a single painting weekend, a mural was painted each month over five summer months, bringing the total to 51 murals.
- Te Oro continued its tradition of hosting remarkable events, including the World of Cultures and Language Week events. Similarly, The Good The Bad art gallery has been increasingly active, hosting more exhibitions, which has positively impacted the lower Mayfair Place area.
- The association is in talks with the Glen Innes Family Centre to potentially partner for health-related family events.
- Funding from the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board, which amounted to \$15,000 annually for the past three years, will unfortunately not continue due to budget cuts. This will impact some of the events the association has previously supported.

Business Changes

- Businesses located at 185-189 Apirana Ave are in the process of relocating as their leases expire. While Chocola and Eight Letters Café have already vacated, others like Dove Hospice and Fruit World are in transition.
- Work & Income closed in May 2023 for extensive remedial work and renovation. They are set to reopen in December.
- Demolition has commenced at 227 Apirana Ave, which is owned by Burger King/Starbucks. Notably, Starbucks is currently recruiting staff for its Glen Innes café.
- Discounter GI has relocated to 143 Line Road, the former location of Top Net Internet Café.
- Several businesses have either relocated or ceased operations. This includes Mays Fashion & Clothing, Mike Greer Homes, Luna Bakehouse, Stay Faded Barbershop, Beaurepaires, Café Eight Letters, Top Net Internet Café, Ren Ai Chinese Medicine Clinic, and Kebab Kitchen.

New Business

A variety of new businesses have opened their doors in the area. This includes Tamaki Zero Waste Hub, GC Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Lisa’s Kitchen, EyeLoveEyeCare, Dalaho Barber Shop, The Vape Joint, Tātou, Tamaki Health Radiology, BoxFit, Daaku Kitchen, AcuRelief Acupuncture, Celebrate Aotearoa, and Kiri Nathan