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Fit Factory's trainer Frankie and the Big Factory Boys...

...helping you get rid of that spare tyre!



Up with it



Heave!
and over she goes!

GLENMALL PLACE gym Fit Factory and the Big Factory Boys are running a fun 2-minute Tyre Challenge. One male and one female with the most flips in two minutes will win a Fit Factory T-shirt. Winners will be randomly drawn on 9 November. Flipping must be done in the gym's staffed hours with a staff member present. Couples are welcome. They encourage filming! Tag them: @fitfactory.gleneden #tyrechallenge #funchallenge #getitdone #fitfactorygleneden. Ask at the gym about entering. Sounds like flipping good fun!

Come and chat with our local police



"It's been nice to be able to walk around and talk to you all finally now that we are at Level 1. It is sad to see that Covid

took a couple of our small businesses away. But I know that we will all pull together to keep our small businesses running.

"I just want to let you all know that I will have some of the team from New Lynn and the mobile Police Bus in Glenmall Place from 16-18 November. Please come down and have a chat with us about anything you want to. We are open books! See you down at the mall very soon." – Community Constable Rob Manson

Special Sundays

GLEN EDEN RSA is starting all-new Summer Sunday Sessions from 8 November with music to entertain you from 2pm to 5pm and The Foothills family restaurant open from 1pm to 4pm.



Open Days: Saturday 21st and Sunday 29th November

Pay us a visit anytime between 10.00am and 4.00pm on either of these days to have a go at bowls, look round the club, and enjoy the sausage sizzle.

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Ask us about venue hire!



Making the most of available space



MORE PEOPLE are choosing to live in apartments these days, write Robyn Rule and Alan Hyslop from Barfoot & Thompson Glen Eden, and several developments are underway in Glen Eden.

That's a good thing because it gives people greater freedom of choice for where and how they want to live. But if you've been used to living in a house, moving to an apartment has its challenges, notably how to make the best use of the available space. Here are eight tips we learned from apartment dwellers:

- Declutter beforehand and only bring furniture you really need.
- If you're buying new furniture, make sure it's of a smaller, more compact design.
- Some furniture should be dual purpose – e.g. a coffee table with drawers underneath it.
- Use hanging wall shelves. And if you have a bookshelf, use it for things other than just books.
- Consider having no curtains or very light curtains. The more light that streams in your windows, the more spacious your apartment will feel.
- Get wardrobe organisers for your wardrobe and the back of doors for shoes and clothes.
- Consider removing wardrobe doors. This opens things up in your space and makes it feel bigger. Make sure it's tidy inside!
- Use plastic storage bins or wheeled boxes that will fit under your bed for extra storage. These space-savers can be accessed easily when needed.

September Glen Eden statistics
Sales: 38. Average price: \$739,000.
Average days on market: 50.

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Congratulations
to
Ngairė Lambarth, who has won dinner out at Little India and
Sarah Gill, who has won dinner out at LaRosa Restaurant.

Win a \$50 voucher to dine in Little India!

How many times do the words 'Little India' appear in total in this issue of *The Voice*? Email your answer and name and address to villagevoiceeditor@yahoo.com by the 15th. You could win a \$50 voucher to dine in Little India Glen Eden. Congratulations to our October winner, Richard Walton from Kaurilands Road.



Local projects are really important

It has been a frustrating year and I am sure that at a local level we are all keen to see the end of it.

Auckland Council's finances have been hit and there are repercussions everywhere. Thankfully the local board's locally derived initiatives funding has been preserved and we are able to continue to support local community groups the way that we have in previous years.

Our Transport Capital Fund and our Transport Safety Fund have both taken a hit, however. With our safety fund we had approved various projects around Konini School to make it safer for local kids to walk to school. The sooner we get away from the pre-school and after-school traffic jams the better. The cut to funding means that we can only do part of what we had publicly committed to.

Our Transport Capital Fund, which we were saving up for the Glen Eden improvement project and for our Greenways Plan, has in that bizarre way that Council's

budgets work, disappeared.

Auckland Transport decided quietly, logically, that it had to primarily support transport projects where there were legal risks if they did not support them. This meant that the big capital projects, primarily roads, had to keep going. It also meant that the lower-cost projects that are really important as we develop a more sustainable transport system missed out. And our funding, which seemed assured, is not so assured any more.

But the local projects are really important. To create a carbon-neutral Auckland we will have to build a huge number of walkways and cycleways. Which is why the local board Transport Capital Fund is so important. And why I hope that we

can get it reinstated.



Greg Presland
Co-chair

Waitakere Ranges Local Board
Auckland Council

'West is best' is the saying in their household

DRAINRANGER is a local family business run by Derek and Kelly Horan. Their most popular services are drain laying and drain unblocking.

For the latter, they use their purpose-built unblocking truck and hi-tech equipment to examine drains using CCTV before they hydro jet them.

"You would be surprised what we've seen blocking drains," she says. "An orange, toys, shuttlecock, caulking cartridges to name a few."

Kelly reckons the most rewarding part of the work is the relief on their clients' faces when they have unblocked their toilet, and they no longer have "unmentionables" all over their lawn.

"This year being a dry year has seen a lot of tree roots blocking drains as they dig deep for water," explains Kelly. "We've also had more water tank installations due again to the dry weather – more people are wanting to be prepared and collect their rainwater. Since Covid-19 there's been a surge in building and we have seen an increase in the number of people wanting CCTV and drain plotting and locating."

"This year has been a difficult time for many people. We have put even more effort into doing the best work we can on every job and we are grateful that this has created lots of referrals which is very humbling and kept us in business."

The support in the Glen Eden community is heartwarming. Locals supporting locals has made a huge difference in these trying times.

"It would be nice to see the community continue to evolve. It's nice that locals contribute time and energy to causes in our community like VisionWest and our Pataka Kai. If everyone that is able to continues to support these worthwhile organisations, it can only benefit our people in our community."

MEET THE LOCALS

The family on a well-earned break. They liked this post from a clearly happy client: "Worst time ever to get a blocked toilet. I spent half a day with a plunger trying to unblock it. Two broken plungers later I had to give up. I found the Drainrangers and next morning Derek and his sidekick Sai were at my door. Fixed the problem quickly with some magic water jet thing and the loo was good to go again. I highly recommend the Drainrangers! Ye Ha!" – Marc Larsen, Titirangi



Derek was born and bred here and the saying West is Best is strong in their household, especially when watching gorgeous sunsets from their deck, and going on bush walks or to the local beaches.

'We have two gorgeous children, a puppy and four cats that adopted us,' says Kelly

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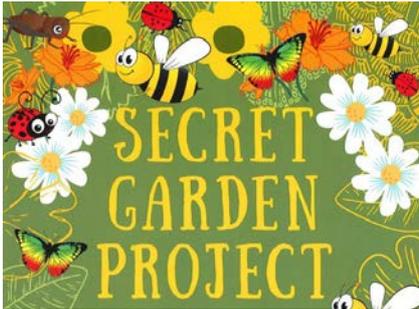
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Secret Garden Project

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Book Chat

First Wednesday of each month
10.30am–11.30am
Come and share what you've been reading.

Job Cafe

Wednesdays 1pm–3pm
(except school holidays)
Whau Ace Adult and Community Education offer free drop-in sessions helping you to:

- Prepare a CV
- Search for a job
- Apply online for jobs

- Write a cover letter

Rhyme Time

Thursdays 10.30am–11am

Lego Club

Thursdays 3.30pm–4.30pm

Saturdays 2.30pm–3.30pm



Wriggle and Rhyme

Fridays 11am–11.30am



ON Friday 16 October, Glen Eden Library staff wore pink in support of Pink Shirt Day. Established in Canada in 2007 to discourage bullying, it has taken off internationally. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day works to create communities, workplaces, schools and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected – a description that surely fits friendly and welcoming Glen Eden village.

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Recent events

GLEN EDEN Library had the wonderfully vibrant Carribeannz Southern Sound musicians (inset photo) play outside the library on a sunny Saturday morning.

“During the school holidays we had young scientists learn the basics of coding robotics and a fun super hero scavenger hunt that brought in our heroes from the community,” said Va’ai Tai, the Community Engagement Librarian. “We loved seeing you all!” she enthused.



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Retro Quiz Night Fundraiser
Sat 7th November

Welcome to Glen Eden Community House's first quiz night fundraiser. Get a team of 8 together for an entertaining evening of fun, prizes and food. If you don't have a team, we'll add you to one. Email: admin@glenedencommunityhouse.co.nz

\$15 per person
(pre-sales only – no door sales)
Saturday 7 November
7pm–9pm (doors open 6.30pm)
Glen Eden Recreation & Community Centre, 44 Glendale Road

Bring cash to purchase raffles, refreshments etc. BYO alcohol. Prize for best-dressed.

How to stop glasses fogging up

You wear your glasses because you can't see without them or you wear your glasses for fashion. Then masks happen. And now you have to put two items on your face and make them work together as you run errands or take on a workday. Then your glasses fog up!

Here's the simple science behind it. When warm air hits a cool surface, condensation can form. The same thing happens with a mask. When your warm breath escapes through the top of the mask, it hits the lenses of your glasses and causes them to fog up.

To help prevent this you want to make sure your mask fits

securely over the nose. With glasses, a mask with a nose bridge will keep warm air from exiting up to your glasses as opposed to other face coverings.

There is also a solution called Stop-Fog Gel which you can put on your lenses.

We have the gel here at Glen Eden Optometrist and we have found it to work extremely well.

It is also suitable for any coatings that go on the lenses and is not expensive to buy.

So if you are tired of foggy lenses, come grab a tube of gel – it does work.

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How to dispose of weeds...Stihl Shop has one way

WEEDS and clippings being tossed over the fence are becoming a major problem for Glen Eden's streams and wetlands.

The team that works on Project Twin Streams Glen Eden say they have been disappointed to see more garden waste dumped along the Waikumete Stream, which runs from Kaurilands Domain to Harold Moody Reserve and passes through many backyards along the way.

"People probably think it will do no harm to throw their garden waste into a reserve, but we quite often see it mistakenly dumped on small native seedlings we've grown and planted," says Pamela Gill from the EcoMatters Nature team.

Some may assume that garden waste will compost down in the environment, but it often multiplies and spreads instead.

"The result is that we see more invasive weeds rapidly taking over if they get a foothold. Pest plants like wandering willy, woolly nightshade and tree privet end up smothering the native plants that geckos and birds rely on for food and shelter.

"We ask people to dispose of their weeds responsibly, for example by using a garden waste removal service or composting them on their own properties. Hardy weeds may require specific composting techniques to ensure that they do not spread further."



STIHL SHOP in Glen Eden is now selling all sizes of these handy Flexi Bins. They could be just the thing for putting your unwanted weeds in while they break down into useful compost.

The family team at Stihl Shop can advise you about all manner of backyard work and projects.

Trouble with your drains?

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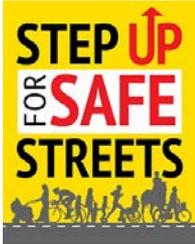
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Take part in Road Safety Week



THIS Road Safety Week (9-15 November) the organisers are encouraging everyone to 'Step up for Safe

Streets' and learn about, shout about and celebrate the design-led solutions that will help us all get around in safe and healthy ways. From safety technology in vehicles, to speed limits that reflect the safety of the roads, proven solutions exist for safe journeys.

Healthy journeys are important too. We need to make sure that

choosing to walk or cycle doesn't put us at increased risk and that the air we breathe on our journeys is clean. Individuals can step up by pledging to use roads safely, minimise vehicle use and shout out for safe system solutions.

- Schools can help young people step up and learn how to create a safe and healthy future and shout out for change
- Emergency service professionals can step up to highlight their vital role in helping keep us safe
- Policymakers can step up by developing and mandating safe systems solutions.

What are you like at decorating Christmas trees?

GLEN EDEN Protection Society (GEPS) is planning a Christmas event at Glen Eden Community Recreational Centre in Glendale Road on Saturday 28 November.

There will be a dress-a-tree competition with two categories – People's Choice and Judges' Choice. Sports clubs, schools, pre-school and not-for-profit groups that need to raise funds are encouraged to participate.

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All-new SUMMER SUNDAY SESSIONS start 8 November.
Music 2pm–5pm. Restaurant open 1pm–4pm.

Thursday Club Night

Happy Hour 5pm–6pm,
Jokers Wild, Monster Raffles,
members' attendance draw,
Aussie Rules 8-ball
competition. Check-in
7.45pm – all welcome.

Fridays from 5pm

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