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## Many ways to show your love



Dine out with your loved one at one of Glen Eden's choice restaurants like La Rosa, the RSA's Foothills, or Little India...



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Special occasions call for a celebratory drink but it doesn't necessarily have to be alcohol, as West Liquor duty manager Ella will be happy to show you...

WE should not need an excuse to show our love for our nearest and dearest but if you need one, Valentine's Day is as good an excuse as any.

There are some great restaurants, cafes, and shops selling exquisite gifts in all price ranges in Glen Eden – check them out at the website [www.glenedenvillage.co.nz](http://www.glenedenvillage.co.nz). Why look further afield when you can 'shop local'?

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is of course celebrated annually on February 14 but no country makes it a public holiday.

It began as a Western Christian feast day honouring one or more early saints named Valentinus.

Several martyrdom stories associated with the various Valentines who were linked to February 14 were added to later

martyrologies, including a popular account of Saint Valentine of Rome indicating he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire.

According to legend, during his imprisonment Saint Valentine healed the daughter of his jailer Asterius and before his execution he wrote

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...and Emma Raven's Book Exchange offers way more than just books – as enjoyable as it is to browse those!



You could also show your love for your pet with a treat from Ian at Pet Shop Boyz...



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her a farewell letter signed "Your Valentine".

The day was first associated with romantic love within the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their mutual love by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").

In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children, rather oddly in order to ward off epilepsy (then called Saint Valentine's Malady).

Contemporary Valentine's Day symbols include heart shapes, doves, and Cupid.

Since the 19th century, hand-written valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

Saint Valentine's Day is an official

feast day in the Anglican Church as well as in the Lutheran Church.

Many parts of the Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrate Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on 6 July and 30 July, the former date in honour of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and the latter date in honour of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni, a city near Rome in central Italy).

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## Karegar's kebabs



**KAREGAR at 166 West Coast Road now sell kebabs in addition to their daily fresh bread and other goodies. Word is that they are absolutely delicious. Check them out!**

## Transport projects get green light

Two transport projects in Glen Eden have been given the green light following decisions by the Waitākere Ranges Local Board.

Funding was agreed for construction of the Verdale Circle to Glendale Road walkway, at a cost of \$600,000, and a raised table crossing on Glendale Road is to receive \$200,000.

Money was also allocated for the Parrs Park to Sunnyvale shared path, and the proposed walking and cycleway from Glen Eden Train Station to Upper Waikumete stream for investigative work and consultation.

We have allocated this funding to practical, construction-ready projects that will improve the safety of our communities, as well as looking forward and providing funding for investigative work to be done on others to see how feasible they are.

Constructing the walkway from Glen Eden Town Centre to Verdale

Circle will provide people with an option to leave their cars at home and safely get into the centre of Glen Eden. This will enhance the area and provide a formal pathway on the route, improving the morning commute as well as helping families with young children.

We are really excited about this project and look forward to seeing it get underway in 2022. At the same time, we are moving forward with investigative work for a number of other projects, which will help enable us and the community to understand what the costings and next steps will be and is a positive step in progressing these projects.



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# Play Junction is a big hit

SISTERS Prisha and Mihika are absorbed in their play. The Glen Eden Library Pop-Up Play Junction was installed over the Christmas holidays. It's designed to promote free-form play for families visiting the library or just passing through. Activities include games, play and crafting. It's a collaboration between Glen Eden Library and Sport Waitakere. Designed by The Open Fort with input from local school students. Funded by Waitakere Ranges Local Board.



## Library getting back to normal

FROM FEBRUARY, the library is restarting programmes and events.

“Glen Eden Library would like to wish the community a very happy and safe new year,” says librarian Va'ai Tai.

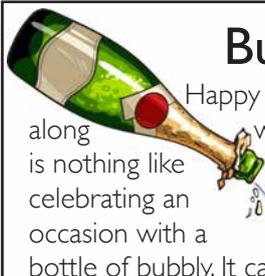
“Our events and programmes will start again from February.

“We will be following all health and safety guidelines from the Government to ensure that we can offer a wide range of safe sessions and events for you all.

“Things will look a little different as we start to offer our services, so we thank you for your patience and support during this time.

“Please check in with our Facebook page, the Auckland Library website or at the library to find out what wonderful things we will be offering this year.

“Thank you all for your continued smiles and support.”



Happy new year, and along with this there is nothing like celebrating an occasion with a bottle of bubbly. It can, though, have serious consequences when ones opens the bottle.

## Bubbly and the eyes

According to a retrospective review of serious eye injuries caused by bottles of pressurised drinks, champagne corks are responsible for 20% of eye injuries caused by bottle tops or caps.

Champagne bottles are highly pressurised, and an uncontrolled cork can travel at speeds up to 64kph, causing serious damage to the eye such as rupture of the eye wall, sight-threatening contusions and fractures to the bones around the eyes.

In addition, there are long-term effects of serious traumatic damage that can occur from a high velocity cork hitting the eye.

It can result in damage to the retina or optic nerve, leading to permanent visual impairment or blindness. Over time, patients may develop glaucoma, cataract or retinal detachments.

Open champagne bottles safely by first chilling them to prevent pressure buildup, pointing the bottle away from yourself and others, holding the cork down when removing the wire wrapping and then gently pulling the cork out to prevent flying corks.

We must admit it is fun watching a cork fly out but always be aware of safety, especially with the eyes.



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# Fighting the war on weeds



Visit [ecomatters.org.nz/war-on-weeds](http://ecomatters.org.nz/war-on-weeds)

FROM 22 February to 31 March, Glen Eden residents will be able to dispose of invasive weeds for free.

Weed bins are returning for the annual War on Weeds, supported by the Waitākere Ranges and Henderson-Massey local boards and Auckland Council.

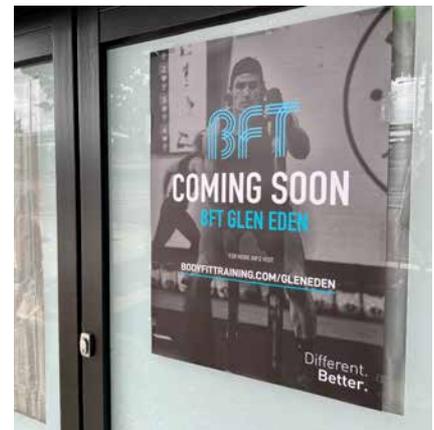
“We’re very excited,” says Mel Ward (above) from EcoMatters Environment Trust. “This is a golden opportunity for everyone in Glen Eden to scan their backyard for pest plants, save money on disposal, and help keep them out of our shared forest, parks and reserves.”

Weeds accepted include moth plant, wild ginger, tradescantia, Japanese honeysuckle, climbing asparagus, jasmine and woolly nightshade.

“Moth plant is one to look out for, because their infamous pods are visible around this time,” Mel says. “Pods can contain up to a thousand seeds that get dispersed far and wide by the wind, so ideally they need to be removed, bagged and disposed of in the weed bins before they get the chance to spread.”

War on Weeds will be accompanied by the Pest Plant Roadshow, to be held next to the weed bin at Kōwhai Reserve, 28 Withers Road on Saturday 26 March, 10am–1pm.

“If you want to find out which weeds you should bin, bag, or put in a barrel, come along for a chat with the EcoMatters team. We’ll be sharing tips on weed identification and control, and other resources.”



## Glen Eden’s getting another gym

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The Regional Parks Management Plan is the council's plan that guides their management of these parks to both protect them and to enable people to enjoy them.

Last published in 2010, they are updating the plan to guide the parks' management over the next 10 years.

They want your comments and feedback. Make your submission at [akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](http://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) – just follow the links. You have until 4 March 2022 to do this.

## Orlando credits his wife for the new look



ORLANDO LOBO (above) is the new owner of Glen Eden Dry Cleaners, a business that's been serving Glen Eden and neighbouring suburbs for about half a century. He's quick to credit his wife with overseeing the designs that have given the shop such a fresh new appearance.

# RSA



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Marie, 8pm. Free entry.

**Foothills Restaurant**  
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Dinner: Thursday–Saturday  
5.30pm–9pm and Sundays  
from 5pm.

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Tickets for events are available at the bar beforehand or at the door on the night. New members and visitors welcome. Provisional membership lets you 'try before you buy'. Full membership now \$40. Lounge available for functions.

# EcoMatters had a great 2021...



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Robyn Rule of Barfoot & Thompson Glen Eden writes on property matters

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