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## Local charity wins top award



AT the Auckland Westpac North-West Business Awards, Visionwest won not only the Excellence in Strategy and Planning Award but also the Supreme Business Excellence Award.

A ceremony in April saw 500 people gather for an evening designed to celebrate the very best businesses in north and west Auckland.

Covid protocols meant attendees were at five venues; four watched a videostream from the live event.

Glen Eden-based Visionwest is a registered charity and this is the first time a not-for-profit organisation has won the top award.

They provide several wraparound services including Visionwest Home Healthcare, whose 1300 support workers enable the independence of 7000 elderly and disabled people. It is New Zealand's largest not-for-

profit home healthcare provider.

The award is a tribute to everyone on the Visionwest team nationwide as it recognises excellence in all aspects of their work, from planning and admin to frontline service delivery.

Despite extreme challenges during the Covid pandemic, Visionwest continued to support the elderly and disabled; provided housing for those experiencing homelessness; ensured budgeting, counselling and employment services were available for those finding things tough; and distributed food to those who were going without.

Over 1200 businesses entered the awards. Visionwest was also a finalist in the Excellence in Community Contribution category.

Arvind Dayal, Visionwest board of

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Members of the Visionwest team celebrate their success. Holding the awards is Visionwest trust board chairperson, Arvind Dayal. Beside him is Michael Barnett, chief executive of Auckland Business Chamber, which hosts the annual awards.

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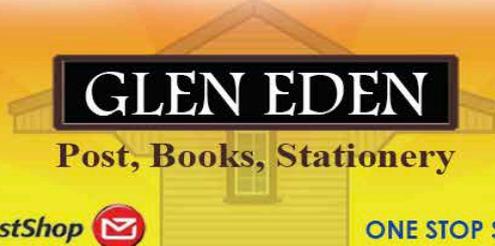
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trustees chairman, accepted the awards. He spoke of how humbled Visionwest felt as an organisation; all the businesses there were worthy finalists and to be named winner was a huge privilege.

Auckland Business Chamber chief executive Michael Barnett said, "They [Visionwest] have shown resilience and innovation through both stable and unprecedented times and are deserving winners. It is important they are recognised."

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### Tuesday

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### Wednesday

Pisces Rd Playgroup  
Watercolour Painting with Leesa  
**FREE Community Dinner**  
4th May, 1st June & 6th July

### Thursday

Busy Fingers *Social & Learning Group*  
U3A Poetry Appreciation  
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### Friday

Pisces Rd Playgroup  
Friday Chit Chat Coffee Morning

### Saturday

Pre-school Birthday Party  
*Sessions Available*  
8.30am to 12.30pm OR 1pm to 5pm  
The Word Church Ministry Prayer Meeting

### Sunday

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Pre-school Birthday Party  
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Wednesday: 4th May, 1st Jun & 6th Jul  
Meal served at 6pm - 2 courses - Home time at 7pm \*Limited seating\*

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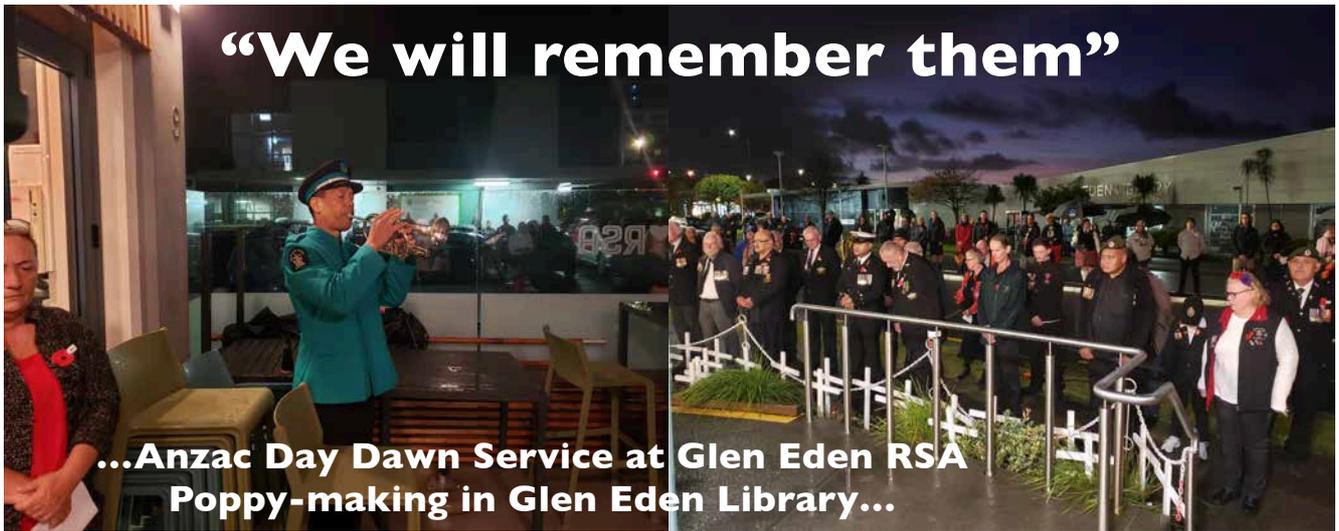
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# “We will remember them”



...Anzac Day Dawn Service at Glen Eden RSA  
Poppy-making in Glen Eden Library...

## What is a squint?

Squints are a visual problem in which the eyes do not look in the same direction. One eye may look straight ahead, while the other eye turns inward, outward, upward, or downward. It may happen all the time or only when the person is tired, unwell or focusing on a near or distant object. Another name for a squint is strabismus.

They may arise in the first few months of life or they may appear later in childhood. In early onset squint, the child has a poor ability to use the eyes together (known as binocular vision).

If left untreated, squints may:

- cause a child to develop a lazy eye (poor visual development), which if not corrected will lead to poor sight in that eye

- cause a child to lose binocular vision
- cause adults to develop double vision
- affect physical appearance.

Treatment options may be just glasses, which will be prescribed if there is a focusing error, particularly with long-sightedness.

If a child squints with one eye only, then this eye will become lazy. To fix this, the other eye is patched so the child has to use the 'lazy' eye. The aim is to build the vision in the lazy eye to achieve a state where the child will see well with either eye.

If the appearance of a squint is obvious then surgery is carried out to move the eye muscles and thereby straighten the eye. In some cases surgery is performed early in an effort to achieve binocular single vision.



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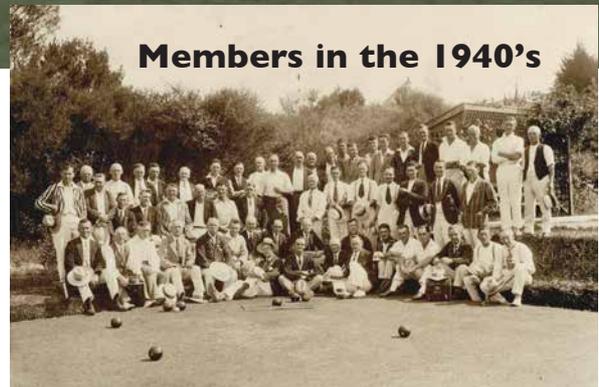
# Glen Eden Bowling Club celebrates centenary



**Present-day members**



**Winners**



**Members in the 1940's**

GLEN EDEN Bowling Club Inc (GEBC) was established in 1922 using land given to the club by George Frederick Charles Hosking, a local school headmaster.

A lot of bowling has happened since, and as part of the year-long programme of centenary events, the club ran a two-day fours tournament on 16 and 17 April.

Planning began several years ago, but members were working right up to the starting bell to make sure the club looked its best – if you stood still too long you were liable to be painted red!

Covid's impact on events over the past two years had given the centenary committee cause for concern, but happily the team of 5 million got the

country to Orange Level on 13 April and 132 players came from across Auckland and beyond to compete for the \$10,000 prize pool.

Play got off to a great start under beautifully clear skies on Saturday morning with serious bowling skills on display right from the first roll.

Players and guests sampled the local hospitality with the club's chef

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## 8pm Saturday 7 May: Sweet n Salty band fundraiser for Wayne Thomson

Ticket sales, wish well box and raffles will support Wayne's fight with cancer.

**Thursday Club Night**  
Happy Hour 5pm–6pm,  
Jokers Wild, Monster  
Raffles, members' draw.  
Aussie Rules 8-ball  
competition check-in  
7.45pm – all welcome.

**Fridays from 5pm**  
Happy Hour 4pm–6pm,  
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big-screen TVs, spot  
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Marie, 8pm. Free entry.

**Foothills Restaurant**  
Dinner  
Thursday 5.30pm–8pm.  
Friday 5.30pm–8.30pm.  
Saturday 5.30pm–8pm.  
Sunday 5pm–8pm.

Our popular Sunday sessions are still on – music from 4pm to 7pm.

Tickets for most 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.



Top: Action on the greens  
Centre: Entertainment from the visiting Cook Islands cultural group  
Bottom: Perfect playing conditions

## Results

Winners for the weekend were Mae Taurua, Jamie Hill, Kolani Maota & Peni Panapa, a team of players from multiple clubs who were the only ones to win all seven of their games, collecting 96 points.

2nd: Kevin Morris, Keith Earl, Graham Edwards & Henry Fane (Point Chevalier Bowls Club) – 6 wins, 85 points

3rd: Gordon Smith, Doug George, Duncan Whittaker & Bruce Catton (Riverhead Bowling Club) – 5 wins, 85 points, 2 draws, 112 scored

4th: Les McFarland, Robyn Fisher, Des Fisher & Leigh Singer (Royal Oak Bowls) – 5 wins, 85 points, 2 draws, 103 scored

Saturday's Best: Adam Wishnoski, Keith Ansell, Bruce Walters & Sean Hird (New Lynn Bowling Club)

Sunday's Best: Neville Hill, Glenn Newton, Caroline Dubois & Paris Baker (Composite)

providing lunch from the bistro. After a full day on the greens the club hosted karaoke in the evening.

Sunday saw a stiff breeze on the greens to keep the players honest with three games and lunch outside.

When play ended, match officials disappeared behind closed doors to tally up the points. In the interim a Cook Islands cultural group – volume

turned up to max – woke up the bowlers who had started to nod off after two days of competition.

Kerry Kirwan presented the prizes on behalf of major sponsors Barfoot & Thompson Glen Eden.

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# Easter hamper winners had plenty to smile about

MEET the happy winners of these lovely Easter hampers, courtesy of Glen Eden Business Association.

The association 'shopped local' (as we all should!) to fill the hampers with goodies.

Clockwise from right: Jin Yijun, Katie Loten, Tania Waddington and Rochelle Steeples. Below: winners who asked not to be named.

Congratulations to all of them!



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## Now may be the time to buy an apartment



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

APARTMENTS are springing up all over Glen Eden. They're increasingly popular. But the laws governing how joint assets (but sometimes competing interests) in unit title developments are managed have lagged behind.

About ten years ago, lawyers outlined a range of concerns with errors in the existing Unit Titles Act and cited "poor drafting".

It's made some people wary of buying an apartment – there might be something wrong with the building that they don't discover until after they've purchased it.

Then there are the difficulties in working with other unit owners on complex structural issues, and disputes with body corporate committees lacking suitable expertise to oversee the building.

A member's bill by Nicola Willis is seeking to address these problems by, among other things, introducing measures to improve governance of body corporate committees, giving potential buyers better access to information, and requiring more rigorous plans for maintenance.

Her bill gained unanimous support through its first and second readings, albeit with some significant changes (unsurprising given its complexity). With such support, it's likely to be passed into law.

Even modest improvements in transparency should help convince uncertain buyers that the benefits of an apartment can outweigh the risks.

Glen Eden monthly statistics  
 38 sales for the month of March  
 Highest price: \$2,400,000  
 Lowest price: \$407,000  
 Average price: \$929,336

## Sprucing up Glen Eden town centre

Kia ora.

I hope you all had a good Easter break. You may remember at the end of last year the board agreed a significant amount of funding for some transport projects in the area. One of them, the walkway from Verdale Circle to Glen Eden, is being brought to the board to decide on a potential change of route at the end of April.

The original proposal was investigated and found to be quite a lot more expensive than originally thought, as the route contained areas of private ownership, while part of the path would go through a contaminated landfill site that would mean any works would be costly and complicated, and it is also on a steep path.

The proposed solution is to change the pathway route and avoid most of those issues, meaning it will cost less and take less time to develop. We'll be making the decision on that at the end of the month.

Staying with Glen Eden, we also recently allocated \$10,000 to do more work in the town centre to

spruce it up. Deputy Chair Greg Presland and I went on a walk around the centre recently and looked at ways that the money could be used, and we will be coming up with a list of actions that will do that.

One of the things that will happen is that we will extend the footprint of the general maintenance budget to increase the daily street sweeping footprint in the town centre. This will be within the existing contract, so that's one positive step towards keeping the place in better shape.

Finally, we also noted a number of issues with some of the recent work completed by Auckland Transport. We will be discussing these with AT to get them rectified as soon as possible.



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