

Pre-school dancers take to the stage



Waitakere School of Dance held their annual Pre School Showcase in June at Blockhouse Bay Primary School Hall. The Showcase gives their youngest and cutest performers a chance to entertain family and friends and show off their talent and love of dancing.

Pre-school dance classes focus on building confidence, following instructions, learning left from right and working as a team. These skills then all come together for the show.

The dancers were aged between two and five years. For many of them this was their first experience of show-biz and being on a big stage with an audience. Back-stage there was the expected nerves and excitement



and a few tears, but they held their composure on stage to put on a wonderful show enjoyed by all.

A huge part of the fun is getting dressed up in costume, this year there were Penguins, Teddies, Butterflies and Cats performing to music specially chosen for the age group and their current interests.



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iDESIGN is a local Glen Eden Village based Architectural Practice, specialising in residential additions, alterations and new builds. Formed in 2007 by its Director, Bevin Mobberley, a qualified Architectural Draughtsman - His focus, to deliver outstanding design, documentation and process to its clients. All the while remaining personable and professional.

Initially locally home based, Bevin moved the business into its first office in the Village in 2011. This enabled room for the team to grow, space for clients to visit and an ability to provide on-hand product knowledge and samples.

Bevin is a born and bred Westie, having spent the majority of his life out here. There was nowhere else his practice was going to be located. Other staff members too have a strong connection to the West, having spent good portions of their lives also living locally. With this comes vast knowledge of the area, the tricks



of dealing with local sites, or Councils requirements for our area.

iDESIGN has a broad range of services under its belt, from design and documentation for individual clients, to Building Consent drawings for award winning Architects. Their specialist subject though - fitting that dream home or new addition on tricky local sites. Nothing pleases them more than bumping into happy clients in the Village, or driving past one of their projects.

iDESIGN has a real passion for delivering unique design that impresses every client from beginning to end. We love what we do. We strive for you to love what we do too.

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The Village Voice Newsletter Returns

Readers who missed the Voice these past few months will be glad to see it being published again. In March, David Blocksidge, the founding editor and publisher, moved urgently to Melbourne for family reasons.

"I regret I did not have the time to say a proper goodbye to all my friends around Glen Eden," says David. "I loved working on The Voice for nearly 11 years and I miss my involvement with this deeply satisfying community project. However, I know that Catherine will do a great job and I wish her every success as she takes the Voice into its second decade."

Catherine is a local graphic and web designer who has been involved in the production of various publications over the years and has a wealth of experience in visual marketing for small businesses. You'll notice that the Voice has had a makeover and is looking fresh and inviting.

"The *Glen Eden Village Voice* is a much loved publication showcasing the best of Glen Eden. I am excited to continue sharing the stories and successes of Glen Eden locals."

This is a newsletter for Glen Eden about you. If you would like to contribute an article, an advert or let me know about an event or a local achievement then please do let me know by email gevillagevoice@gmail.com.



A green advertisement for 'Organics Out West'. The logo features the word 'Organics' in a white script font with a leafy branch, and 'OUT WEST' in a bold, white, blocky font with orange accents. Below the logo, text reads: 'We are a family owned business in Glen Eden, specialising in Organic, Local, Sustainable & Eco-friendly products'. A list of products follows: 'Organic Fruit, Vege & Meats', 'Gluten Free, Vegan & Keto products', 'Organic Bulk-bins & Refills', 'Natural Health Supplements', 'Eco friendly Home & Giftwares', and 'Naturopath Service, and great coffee!'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: '39 Glenmall Place, Glen Eden, 09 813 6678'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. A map of the area is visible in the background with a red dot indicating the location.

Two parks win international award again in Waitākere Ranges

Parrs Park and Waikumete Cemetery in the Waitākere Ranges have once again been awarded the coveted Green Flag award, an internationally recognised quality mark for parks and green spaces.

The Green Flag Award scheme evaluates parks based on criteria such as service quality, safety, maintenance, community involvement and sustainability. Both parks have been recipients of this award multiple times since 2014, with Waikumete being the first cemetery in the southern hemisphere to win the award.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board Chair, Greg Presland, is delighted with the acknowledgment that these cherished taonga are among the best in the world.

"I'm very glad that Parrs Park and Waikumete Cemetery have won the Green Flag award again," he says.

"On behalf of the board and our community, I'd like to congratulate and thank those who tirelessly work to ensure our parks are well cared for. This award is a testament to their remarkable mahi and we appreciate their efforts in preserving and safeguarding the Waitākere Ranges we all love.

"This is also a reminder that we need to keep investing in these public

spaces and ensure that everyone, no matter where they live, has access to quality parks and green spaces.

Parrs Park

Located in Glen Eden, Parrs Park is popular with young people, joggers, walkers and cyclists. The walkway inside the park meanders around the sports fields and through the macrocarpa.

The park features a playground, parking (including designated mobility parking), picnic tables and seating, accessible toilets and changing rooms, sports fields, fitness equipment, a skateboarding area, half basketball courts, barbecues, and drinking fountains.

There's also a 1.2km pathway around the park.

Waikumete Cemetery

Waikumete Cemetery is a place of beauty, tranquillity, quiet reverence and rich history, which has served greater Auckland and Waitakere since 1886.

It is the largest cemetery in New Zealand – the final resting place for over 70,000 people, occupying a site of 108 hectares in Glen Eden, Auckland. It's also one of the largest public parks in the Auckland region.



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CAB Here to Stay

The Citizens Advice Bureau is safe for another year! The Auckland Council recently confirmed the Auckland CAB's funding will continue for another year. And they are already starting work on securing other funding sources going forwards.

Everyone is welcome at the CAB. It doesn't matter what your questions are, the friendly volunteers will help, and if they can't help you directly, they will find someone who can.

The CAB can help with a wide range of issues including consumer law, tenancy, employment issues, disputes, separation, immigration, budgeting, custody and much, much more.



You don't need an appointment, just drop into the Glen Eden CAB (in the library building), call 0800 367 222 or go online to www.cab.org.nz

Glen Eden Library News



Vegetarian friter cooking session



School visit

Recent Events

The library has been buzzing with exciting activities recently.

We had a special Rhymetime session with well-known New Zealand children's author Stephanie Thatcher, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. It was a great opportunity to engage young minds and foster a love for reading.

We also had the pleasure of hosting Prospect Primary school, providing them with an immersive learning experience at the library.

Additionally, we were invited to Kelston Intermediate for Book Week, where we had lively discussion about books, library resources and the importance of reading.

In celebration of Samoan Language Week, we embraced the language by offering Samoan bilingual storytime and creating Samoan Ula Lole (Lollie Lei). We also delighted in cooking delicious vegetarian fritters, creating a feast for both the senses and the mind.

Special Event



FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP
Thursday 24th August
10.30am – 11.30am

Join this free fall prevention workshop for older adults, run by a Harbour Sport community Strength and Balance Trainer, to ensure that you keep your independence.

No bookings required. Contact Glen Eden Library to find out more. Phone 09 377 0209 or email GlenEden.Library@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

EYE COLOUR

A person's eye color depends on how much of a pigment called melanin is stored in the front layers of the iris, the structure surrounding the pupil. Specialised cells called melanocytes produce the melanin, which is stored in intracellular compartment called melanosomes

Eye color ranges depending on how much melanin is stored in these compartments. In people with blue eyes a minimal amount of melanin is found within a small number of melanosomes. People with green eyes have a moderate amount of melanin and moderate number of melanosomes, while people with brown eyes have high amount of melanin stored within many melanosomes.

The amount of melanin stored is determined by genes that are involved in the production, transport and storage of melanin.

To date, researchers have discovered more than 150 genes that influence eye color, a number of which have been discovered through studies of genetic disorders. Others have been identified during genomic studies of mice and fish.

Some genes play a major role in determining eye color, while others only have a small contribution.

Due to the number of genes involved in eye color, the inheritance pattern is complex. Although a child's eye color can generally be predicted by looking at the color of the parents' eyes, the polymorphisms that can arise mean a child may well have an unexpected eye color.

The presence of genetic variants can also lead to a condition called heterochromia, where an affected individual has eyes that are different colors to each other.

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Inorganic Collection Bookings Open



Auckland Council's Inorganic Collection bookings for the 2023/2024 season are now open.

To find out the dates for collections in your area or to make a booking, go online to www.inorganiccollections.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/inorganic

If you live in an apartment, townhouse, gated community or retirement village with 10 or more occupancy on one site, your body corporate or property manager needs to make a bulk booking by sending an email to the collections team at inorganiccollections@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Glen Eden Business Association

I am often asked what the Glen Eden BID is and what it does for the Glen Eden area. So here are some of your questions answered. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

A business improvement district (BID) is a public-private partnership in which businesses within a designated district (in this case Glen Eden) collaborate to enhance the economic vitality and overall appeal of the area. BIDs can add significant value to a business district in several ways:

Enhanced Urban Environment: BIDs often focus on improving the physical appearance and infrastructure of the district. This includes activities such as beautification projects, street cleaning, landscaping, public art installations, and maintaining public spaces. By creating an aesthetically pleasing and well-maintained environment, BIDs attract more customers, visitors, and businesses, leading to increased economic activity.

Marketing and Promotion: BIDs actively market and promote the district as a whole, rather than individual businesses. They organise

events (such as Wheels Out West), festivals, and marketing campaigns to raise awareness and attract a larger audience. By promoting the district collectively, BIDs can generate more foot traffic and increase sales for all businesses within the area.

Safety and Security: BIDs often invest in public safety initiatives, such as improved lighting, security patrols, and surveillance systems. By creating a safer environment, BIDs instill confidence in customers and encourage them to spend more time in the district. Increased safety measures can also reduce crime rates, vandalism, and other negative incidents that can deter businesses and customers.

Advocacy and Representation: BIDs serve as a unified voice for businesses within the district. They advocate for the needs and concerns of businesses to local authorities, (Auckland Council and Waitakere Range Local Board), and other stakeholders. By having a collective voice, BIDs can influence decisions that directly impact the district, such as infrastructure improvements, zoning regulations, and transportation planning.

Business Support and Development: BIDs often provide additional support services to businesses within the district. This can include offering training programs, workshops, networking events, and access to resources and grants. By facilitating business growth and development, BIDs contribute to the overall success and sustainability of the district.

Collaboration and Networking: BIDs encourage collaboration and networking among businesses within the district. By fostering relationships and partnerships, businesses can benefit from shared knowledge, resources, and marketing opportunities. Collaboration can lead to innovative ideas, joint initiatives, and a stronger collective identity for the district.

Overall, business improvement districts add value to an area by creating a cohesive and attractive environment, promoting the district as a whole, ensuring safety and security, advocating for business interests, providing support services, fostering collaboration, and driving economic growth.

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BID Manager
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Keeping it local

Glenora Netball Club goes from strength to strength

Glenora Netball Club has a long history in Glen Eden, established over 50 years ago with their mission to encourage and support players through community, family, loyalty, and development. Many members have multiple family generations supporting the club in various ways.

This year, the club has received fantastic support through sponsorships from ANZ Good Sports Grants, The Trusts Your West Support Fund, Triton Transport and AML Home Loans.

Club President, Marie-Rose is proud of the club's achievements so far this year and grateful for the community's support. "We've had a lot of previous members, friends and whanau come forward to contribute towards the success of our club and we're very

grateful for their contribution. We love that we're such a family and community focused club", she said.

The 2023 season kicked off to a great start with all teams ending the season's first round at the top of their grades, so they've moved up into the next grade for the rest of the season. Glenora Force, the grade 1 intermediate team, recently had the opportunity to play at the North Harbour Player Development Tournament. Force coach Helen Perkins was pleased with the team's performance and how well they represented the club. "It was a great opportunity for them to play against teams from another Auckland region and continue their development."

To meet the club's growing needs and support player development, Glenora



Our College team proudly wearing their new hoodies sponsored by Triton Transport and AML Home Loans.

is looking for umpires and coaches. If you have previous experience and would like to support a local community focused club, then head to the Glenora Netball Club website, www.sporty.co.nz/glenoranetball and get in touch with the committee – they would love to hear from you.

Glen Eden Intermediate train with the Tottenham Hotspur Coaches

Glen Eden Intermediate School were one of 5 Auckland schools and 2 football clubs to win a visit from touring AIA Tottenham Hotspur Global Football Development Coaches, Shannon Moloney and Tegan Burling.

GEIS took part in an Australasian competition to win the training session for their football teams.

The Coaches are both FA qualified Tottenham Hotspur Football Club International Development Coaches, and are accredited teachers. Shannon also played for Tottenham Hotspur Women for seven consecutive seasons (2013-2018) and was part of the side that began the team's promotion journey to the Women's Super League (WSL).

The students got to learn some new skills and tactics through these coaches and we are grateful to the Tottenham club for providing us with this opportunity.



Go GEIS Football!



Manaaki Kai opening

On Thursday 8 June, Visionwest Community Trust opened the first social supermarket of its kind in Auckland. Named Manaaki Kai, the supermarket has been established in partnership with Foodstuffs North Island and will serve West Auckland residents.

Throughout West Auckland, many people live with ongoing food insecurity, that is they struggle to afford good, nutritious food. In fact, 19% of our New Zealand children live in food insecure homes.

A social supermarket provides a dignified alternative a traditional foodbank where, rather than supplying

prepacked food parcels, those with a need for food support are able to self-select the goods they need. Shoppers are also guided through the shopping process so that clients can be supported with practical skills to plan and shop for healthy meals.

Operating like a small, regular supermarket, every grocery item in Manaaki Kai is given a points value. Shoppers are allocated a number of points depending on the size of their household. They can then select goods of their choice up to that points value.

Danielle Cleverdon, Head of Kai Services at Visionwest said, "It's about providing food support in a way that

retains the dignity and mana of those who are receiving it. Each shopper is asked to contribute to help sustain the work of Manaaki Kai. This contribution adds to that dignity."

Shoppers at Manaaki Kai must live in West Auckland and must prebook a timeslot by visiting Visionwest's Whānau Centre, 67 Glendale Road, Glen Eden.

More information is available on the Visionwest website; www.visionwest.org.nz/whai-manaaki-kai.



WHAT'S ON AT GLEN EDEN RSA

Saturday 2 September "West Breeze" Band

Thursday Nights "Believe it or not quiz" + Pool Competition

Friday Nights Karaoke with Ben and Marie

Thursday and Friday evenings Meat Raffles

Billy's Restaurant:

Lunch Fridays 12-2pm, Dinner Thursdays – Sundays from 5.30pm

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See Face Book for updates and weekly entertainment

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Exciting new playground at Harold Moody Park



Have you checked out the newest playground in our community?

The all new Harold Moody playground recently opened, with brand new play modules including single and double slides, a spider web, monkey bars, and a scaling wall!

For children with disabilities, there is a basket swing with access via an accessible ramp and surfacing. There will also be a pram crossing from the car park to help you access the playground more easily.

Empowering Glen Eden

Glen Eden Business Association's Community Initiatives

The Glen Eden Business Association (GEBA) is an active and dedicated organisation committed to enhancing the vibrancy and well-being of Glen Eden and its local community. With a focus on improvement, innovation, and community engagement, GEBA has been at the forefront of several transformative projects and initiatives. Here are some of the notable endeavors GEBA has undertaken to enrich our community:

Glenmall Place Improvements:

GEBA played a pivotal role in the revitalisation of Glenmall Place, working closely with local authorities and stakeholders to enhance the area's appeal. Our input and collaboration led to improvements including footpath upgrades, new streetlights, and pedestrian crossing markings in Glenmall. We organised the cleaning of shop fronts and facilitated a fresh coat of paint on tired buildings. Additionally, pigeon spikes were installed to address the issue of droppings.

Enchanting Fairy Lights: To add a touch of enchantment and ambiance to Glenmall Place, GEBA installed fairy lights on verandas. This initiative has brought an alluring charm to the area, making it more inviting and delightful, especially during nighttime visits.

Colorful Mural Collaboration: GEBA partnered with Youth Art New Zealand (YANZ) and Tag Out Trust to bring a splash of creativity and artistry to Glen Eden. A vibrant mural was painted on the side of Fiesta Kitchen, showcasing local talent and adding a unique visual appeal to the town center.

Roadworks Advocacy and Support:

When roadworks posed challenges to local businesses, GEBA took the lead in providing feedback, keeping businesses updated on timeframes, and advocating to Auckland Transport and contractors for resolutions. We made sure the concerns of impacted businesses were effectively communicated and addressed.

Environmental Responsibility: GEBA actively reports environmental issues, such as graffiti and property damage, to Auckland Council and other relevant agencies. By taking swift action and collaborating with authorities, we contribute to maintaining the cleanliness and aesthetics of our community.

The Glen Eden Business Association's dedication to community development, creativity, and advocacy has resulted in numerous enriching initiatives for Glen Eden. From fostering a welcoming

ambiance through fairy lights and colorful murals to supporting local businesses with promotions and advocacy efforts, GEBA continues to make a significant positive impact on our community. With ongoing commitment and engagement, we are excited to witness the continued growth and prosperity of Glen Eden in the years to come.

We now seek your feedback on what we should focus on next. Visit tinyurl.com/vta8usv6 or scan the QR code to give us your thoughts on the following three questions:

1. What's the next area for improvement?
2. We try to ensure GE have a variety of shops. What do you think is missing?
3. Any other suggestions on how we can improve GE?



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If you know of any local organisation, sports group, club or person doing wonderful things, have an event to promote, or information to share with the Glen Eden and surrounding communities please let us know.