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Wheel enjoyment for everyone!



It's Grace behind the wheel...



Skateboarding for beginners



Dean Jamieson

WHEELS OUT WEST is back! In Glenmall Place on a recent Saturday were wheels of every kind, including some much-loved vintage cars.

The Cycle Blend team were helping youngsters to create unique pieces of art and make delicious smoothies.

Then there was Dean Jamieson and a colleague from The Bike Maintenance Shop in neighbouring Glendene. Among other things, they sell electric bikes with an amazing

range of 180km. They can even convert your pedal-power bike to run on batteries.

People who had never been on a skateboard before were able to try their hand – or foot! – at it.

But the biggest set of wheels by far was a huge truck brought by the Share The Road team to let people sit in the cab and imagine cyclists from a truck driver's point of view.

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What was the Housing Minister doing in Glen Eden? Story inside

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From page 1... **Wheel enjoyment**



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It wasn't all wheels at Wheels Out West: there was a clown, face painting, candy floss and a bouncy castle too. Top right: people were invited to get a truck driver's view of the road – bikes seem very small from up in the cab.



Glen Eden hosts national jujitsu seminar



GLEN EDEN Recreation Centre in Glendale Road was the venue for the recent New Zealand Jujitsu Federation Auckland Seminar. Participants came from across the country – national chairman Simon Ogden (above centre in blue, kneeling), for example, lives in Masterton. The teachers (right) were Terry Evans, Warren Masters, John Haanstra, Gary Trail, Christian Buijsers and Hannes Van Niekerk, who between them have about 200 years of experience in their martial art.



Visique wins again!



NIGEL SOMERVILLE and the team at Glen Eden Optometrist are proud of the great service they offer. They are part of the Visique chain, which for the fourth year running has won the coveted Canstar Blue Most Satisfied Customers award in the Optometry section. Canstar Blue surveyed over a thousand Kiwis who had used a national chain of optometrists and had them rate their satisfaction in seven categories: after-sales service, customer service, range of eyewear, service and advice, store accessibility, value for money, overall satisfaction. Visique came top...again. It pays to shop local for your specs!

Making cycling more appealing

THE LOCAL BOARD is trialling the creation of a cycleway along Captain Scott Road between Savoy Road and Oates Road. The intent is to join up the current cycleway that goes from Kaurilands Road through Ceramco Park and along Waikumete Stream to the centre of Glen Eden.

Currently our roads are far too dangerous for cyclists and we want to change this. The overwhelming experience overseas is that if you build cycleways people will use them.

Work is scheduled to start after completion of the Glen Eden safety projects. We thought it best to get over the congestion caused by the current road work projects before starting this project. It will cause some disruption while it is being built and this part of the road will not be available for car parking.

The estimate is that 60 car parks will be lost on the road. The net effect will be less. Changes to the Captain Scott West Coast Road intersection will create a few new parks and others will be released once the safety project is complete.

But there will be gains caused by some of us changing our mode of travel. Every person who rides into Glen Eden will not only free up a car park but reduce traffic congestion if they catch the train.

The Climate Change Commission's draft advice anticipates that over the next 10 years the distance we travel by walking and cycling will double and that this has to happen if we are to meet the goal of becoming carbon neutral. This is why we have to take these steps now to making walking and cycling safer and more attractive.

The trial will be assessed and if it does not meet expectations the road can be reverted to its original layout. But I am confident that it will increase cycle usage and become a permanent



feature of our local greenways network.

Greg Presland
Co-chair

Waitākere Ranges
Local Board
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‘My Whare’ shortlisted for architectural award



Brooke Turner (left) and Pat de Pont (right).

SLEEP-OUTS for VisionWest’s My Whare project were shortlisted in the New Zealand Institute of Architecture 2021 awards. Taken by trailer to the property of a suitable host, these small whare (dwellings) will be launched this year as part of VisionWest’s response to youth homelessness.

This remains a key issue in New Zealand – over half the homeless population is under 25. This is driven largely by rangatahi (Māori youth) transitions out of care, youth leaving the justice system with inadequate support, and increasing mental health struggles among vulnerable youth.

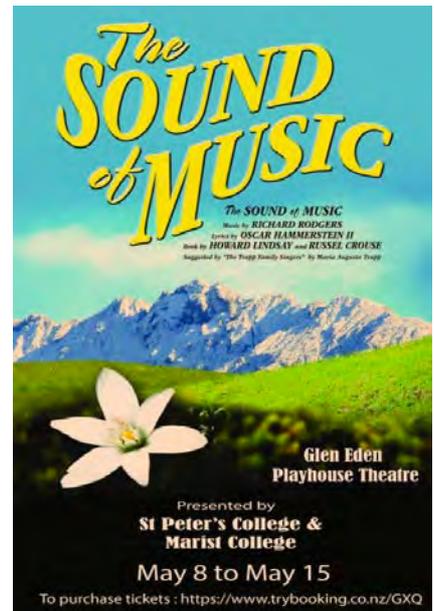
The My Whare project seeks to overcome these challenges by providing a stable home life and positive role modelling by those

who host a whare at their property. Eligible youngsters will be allocated a sleep-out and expected to build a mentoring relationship with their hosts.

VisionWest’s Head of Services Development & Partnerships, Brook Turner, said, “The challenge with youth homelessness is real and urgent.

“My Whare is part of VisionWest’s answer and focuses on helping a young person transition from homelessness to independence over a four-year period.”

The cabins were designed by Pat de Pont, a director of the Strachan Group Architects (SGA) practice with a passion for community projects. He and SGA have long been supporters of VisionWest.



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 April’s winner, Ruby Dragicevich from Oratia.



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James has lots to smile about

DENTIST James Philpott took the huge step in January of buying the entire Dental Care West business, having been its co-owner since 2011.

Through different owners, the business has been looking after Glen Eden for more than 55 years.

It may come as a surprise that they have a staff of 29 these days, which makes Dental Care West one of the suburb's larger employers.

"Our services range from general check-ups and hygiene cleans to orthodontic treatment and implants," says James.

"With 29 talented people on our team, we are able to offer dental care for the whole community."

The best part of his job? "Helping my patients achieve the smiles they want, not what we tell them they should have. I love to create a comfortable, healthy smile for someone just as much as I like to create 'Hollywood smiles'.

"I pour my heart and soul into my work, and I love to teach and am involved in mentoring and workshops around New Zealand to help other dentists grow their skill and passion."

Although he doesn't currently live in Glen Eden, you get the feeling he'd like to if the opportunity arose.

"Having worked in Glen Eden for over 10 years, I have seen so much change in that time. I love that Glen

MEET THE LOCALS



James enjoys a well-earned break

Eden is still a family suburb with people creating young families here.

"When we rebuilt the clinic six years ago to expand our space, I made the commitment to stay in Glen Eden because I truly believe it's a great part of Auckland. I really

enjoy working in Glen Eden and can't see myself being anywhere else."

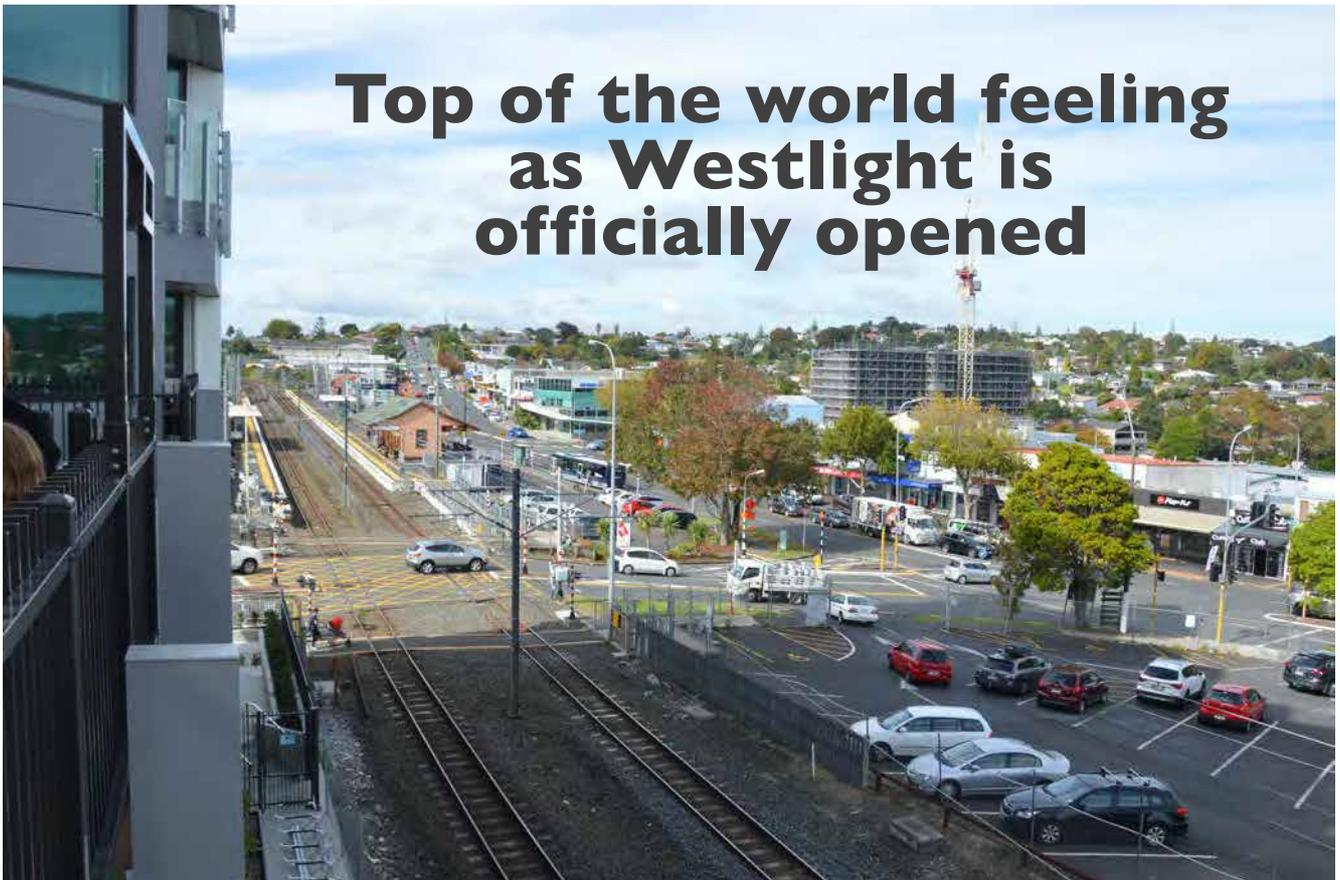
After speaking passionately about work, James admits to another passion: "When having a break from teeth, I love to cook and learn about wines from around New Zealand."



The signs of success are everywhere.

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Top of the world feeling as Westlight is officially opened



Ted Manson flanked by the team from Compass Housing, the management company for Westlight. To his left, in the long dress, is Sam McCloy-McKenzie, Manager of Social Housing Projects with The Ted Manson Foundation

HOUSING MINISTER the Hon. Dr Megan Woods cut the ribbon at the official opening of The Ted Manson Foundation's Westlight apartments on Friday 23 April.

There was a real family feel to the event, with many members of the Manson family present, but also from the warmth of the project's other supporters – people like Kelston MP Carmel Sepuloni, Waitākere Ranges Local Board co-chair Greg Presland, former Glen Eden Mayor Janet Clews and all the others who helped Ted Manson achieve his dream of a mixed development of community and private homes of high quality.

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Ted Manson is happy with his legacy, one he's worked hard to achieve for many years.



The Hon. Dr Megan Woods cuts the ribbon, assisted by Dr Bernadette Pinnell, GM of Compass Housing, and Ted Manson



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Library events

Book Chat

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Job Cafe

Wednesdays 12.30pm–2.30pm
(except school holidays)
Whau Ace (Adult & 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

Rhymetime

Thursdays 10.30am–11am



Tim Bray-themed Rhymetime
Thursday 6 May
A Lion in The Meadow with a Tim Bray performer

Wriggle and Rhyme

Fridays 11am–11.30am

Lego Club

Saturdays 2.30pm–3.30pm

Skinny Jump

Do you need internet connection for the kids' schoolwork or to connect with family overseas? The library is a partner for Skinny Jump offering flexible prepaid broadband. It is available to anyone who does not have broadband connection. There are no contracts or credit checks, the modem comes free and preloaded with 30Gb.



Join in a walk with a purpose

HERE IS your opportunity to go on a guided walk along the Waikumete Stream to learn how this urban stream has been restored as part of Project Twin Streams. You'll learn how to make a native planting plan, identify what's growing here and remove weeds so your native plants and birds can thrive. It's on Saturday 8 May from 10am–12.30pm starting at Atkinson walkway, 65 Atkinson Road. Wear covered shoes. Bookings are required – email alanah@ecomatters.org.nz.

Keeping your eyes on the road...

With the Wheels Out West fair in Glen Eden recently, we thought it was appropriate to discuss the vision driving standard.

To pass, one needs to be able to see at least the 6/12 line on a letter chart binocularly (with both eyes) and have peripheral vision of at least 140 degrees.

If you drive a truck or bus then the requirement increases to 6/9 binocularly but you also need to have vision of at least 6/18 with each eye.

On a letter chart the 6/12 line is often the 4th line up from the bottom line of letters while the 6/9 line is the 3rd line up.

When one goes to the licensing agents they will test for this, but it is only a screening test so it's a

simple pass or fail.

If you have reduced vision in one eye or your two eyes do not work together, you should get a driving certificate from your optometrist as you will fail the screening test.

The screening test can also fail people with good eyesight – the screening device is not long, which can cause you to think you are looking at something close to you so your eyes may turn inwards and you only see two of the three columns they show you. If this happens, try imagining you are looking at the end of the room.

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Anzac Day Dawn Parade
Soldiers' Memorial
Waikūmete Cemetery
Sunday 25 April



The Last Post



Kaikarakiia Geremy Hema



Rebecca Scott



Cllr Linda Cooper



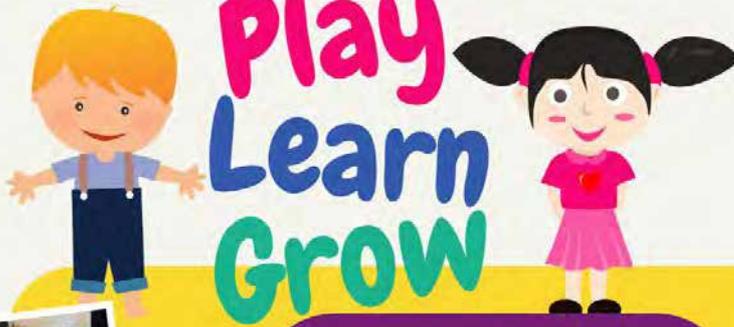
Breakfast at Glen Eden RSA



Dai Bindoff, MC

The national anthems *God Save The Queen*, *Advance Australia Fair* and *God Defend New Zealand* and the hymns *O God Our Help in Ages Past* and *Abide With Me* were led by Rebecca Scott. Devotions were led by Kaikarakiia Geremy Hema. The Anzac dedication was given by Councillor Linda Cooper, who also gave an address on this year's Anzac Theme, Women in Service. The act of remembrance was given in English by Gordon Driscoll, Glen Eden RSA president, and in Māori by Mackenzie Roskruge, Head Girl at Waitākere College. After the parade, many went to Glen Eden RSA for the customary refreshments.

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Helping the kids get into a home of their own



Part 2 of a series on this topic

THIS MONTH I am again exploring ways parents can help kids buy their first home, writes Robyn Rule from Barfoot & Thompson Glen Eden.

A limited guarantee is when parents offer their property as part of the security for the children's purchase, but the percentage is limited.

A young couple might have only a 10% deposit, so they can't benefit from the bank's offer of a cashback and lower interest rate without a low-equity premium margin.

If the parents provide a limited guarantee against their own property for another 10%, the kids will get these incentives and could get about \$12,000 extra over three years.

It seems a great solution because the parents haven't actually had to stump up any money. But lawyers, whom you should always consult, may not like it because even if you are named on the documents, you can't be sure your children are making loan repayments on time.

If the children are in default, the bank will knock on your door to call in your loan; default interest and penalty payments add extra costs.

Next month I will again look at further ways to help your kids. There are plenty of options.

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Glen Eden Community Bible Study
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Friday
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Friday Chit Chat Coffee Morning

Saturday
Pre-school Birthday Party
Sessions Available 8.30am to 12.30pm
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The Word Church Ministry Prayer Meeting

Sunday
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RSA has new chef

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