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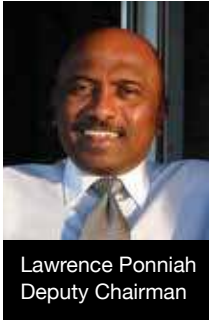
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Lawrence Ponniah
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'The Cup, The Council and The Constable.'

Your board has been proactive in building a stronger working relationship with the Henderson Local Board, by having a regular monthly meeting with the Board Chair Shane Henderson. Shane has been very positive and shown a keen interest in understanding the needs and perspective of businesses in the West.

It has been an enthralling round of Louis Vuitton America's Cup Challenger playoffs. Well done to Emirates Team New Zealand for winning the Challenger series and for showing the world the depth of talent in design and innovation that exists in the boatbuilding and maritime industry in New Zealand. This is good not only for the international reputation of the NZ boatbuilding industry, but for all NZ businesses.

Closer to home, foundation members would have received an email from your Board sent on Monday, 22 May 2017 outlining the way forward. If you have not received the email, please email Garry Bates. The merger of CPBA and the Henderson Lincoln Metro Business Association Inc (HLMBA) is progressing well and will in practical terms occur from 1 July 2017. This date was chosen given that CPBA's Memorandum of Understanding with the Rosebank Business Association is up for renegotiation from 1 July 2017.

As you are aware, during the BID process, acceptance of new members was suspended. Now that the BID process is over, we are actively looking to grow the membership. There certainly appears a continued appetite for "One Voice for the West" and several new members have joined. The feedback received by response to Garry, has been very positive. Amongst the new members, we welcome Fair Food NZ, an operation focused on addressing hunger and food waste. An admirable objective. I invite you to read the related article in this issue and to contact Garry Bates if you wish to join us or require any information.

Every three years Auckland's 21 local boards get together to develop a local board plan which helps to guide decisions on local activities and projects - e.g. a 10-year plan containing strategies and budgets. It is essential that businesses have some input in this process.

With the above in mind, your board has been proactive in building a stronger working relationship with the Henderson Local Board, by having a regular monthly meeting with the board chair Shane Henderson. Shane has been very positive and shown a keen interest in understanding the needs and perspective of businesses in the West. The first of the meetings held recently focused on the "draft local board plan 2017" which is intended to shape the future of our local area.

Your board will continue to liaise with Auckland Transport and the Council in respect of the planned Lincoln Road works and the potential significant disruption to businesses. We have already witnessed the disruption caused by the Te Atatu road works. Last week, it took me 40 minutes to get through the traffic from Henderson to Rosebank Road via Edmonton/Te Atatu Road.

Your board continues to liaise with NZ police around issues faced by businesses in the Henderson / Lincoln Road / Central Park Drive precinct. Senior Constable Martyn Spear writes the first of his two-part article in this magazine. Constable Spear is keen to develop relations with CPBA and its member businesses.

Good luck to team Emirates New Zealand and we look forward to the America's Cup coming back to Auckland. Go, you Kiwis!

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A Tesla electric car caned a McLaren MP4 12C, four zip, in four short drag races at Ardmore Airport in South Auckland on May 7.

But a New Zealand record attempt to get as many electric vehicles (EVs) in one place failed by about six. Ninety four EVs arrived when at least 100 were needed.

It was all part of the Leading the Charge tour of New Zealand by 12 EVs, starting in Bluff on April 19 and ending at Cape Reinga around May 10.

The Auckland stopover was split between Ardmore and the AUT North Shore campus, which might have detracted from the Ardmore EV record attempt.

Still, hundreds of people attended the Ardmore EV gathering, where they were treated to four races between the Tesla Model S P100D with "Ludicrous Plus" fast acceleration mode and the McLaren over about 250 metres.

Energy and resources minister Judith Collins flagged away the first few races.

To rub salt into the wound, the Tesla even took a few passengers on the last couple of races. Collins was one of them, losing her lippy in the back seat to the fierce acceleration. The day achieved its aim of getting people interested in and trying EVs. There were nearly 600 EV test drives.

Overseas, a drag race between a Tesla and a McLaren saw the Tesla blitzed in 2015, then hold its own a year later. The Tesla is quicker off the mark but it is eventually gunned down by the McLaren over the standard 402 metre (quarter mile.)

Many people also showed up at the AUT Akoranga campus in Northcote for test drives and a look at various EVs on display. ChargeNet NZ's Rachelle Tisley, helping with EV inquiries during the tour, says there's considerable interest. A highlight for her was the stop at the MTA Car Show of the Century in Wellington in April.

The Better NZ Trust communications manager James Cozens hails the tour as a success. "We're very pleased with it," he says. Ardmore was the most successful drive event on the tour, with about 540 rides and drives taken by visitors. Out of that, 200 drives were recorded. Adding in about 50 rides and drives at the North Shore event, that came to about 600 across Auckland.

Meanwhile, another record attempt by Auckland to have the most EVs in the same place is planned at the EV world NZ expo at the Vodafone Events Centre in Manukau on September 8 - 9. Cozens aims to set the record there at 200.

New member, Glenn Wells, Ray White NorthWest Centre,

recently purchased a **Hyundai Ioniq**

"I'm still in the 'Honey moon period' of owning the new vehicle," Glenn told CP News; "however, the responsiveness of the car is truly surprising, especially in sports mode."

Glenn says he has driven from Henderson to Shelly Beach (South Head) and back as one of his favourite afternoon jaunts. No issues. 40% or 75km left to drive on. Still plenty to get to work and back the next day.

"Just adjusting to 'planning' when you have a larger drive than usual," he advises to "loose the 'fear of distance' and enjoy the low-cost motoring, especially as at present a lot of the charge stations in malls etc are free charge." He added that an overnight quick charger installed in your garage easily pays for itself with the fuel savings.

Some like the fact they're zero emissions and use renewable energy, and that they require very little servicing.

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Hyundai Ioniq



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Member's Car.

(featuring a member or staff member's car each month)

1989 BMW 320i

New Member Phil Laird of Commercial West Ltd - his race car is a special classic - the reality is the car is a bit like 'gramps axe', many different heads and handles but still the 'same axe'.

"Race cars are never about HP but always about power to weight ratio," says Phil, "this car is super light at 960 kg's contributing to a dynamic handling package that sees the car being quite competitive."

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Drivesure Vehicle Testing

By Sabine Ranson (aged 13)

10 years ago, on 1 July 2007, my Dad, Greg Ranson, founded Drivesure Vehicle Testing. It started with one small testing station in Browns Bay and 3 staff members. Dad has always been passionate about providing a reliable service for Drivesure customers and ensuring that each member of the team is looked after and empowered to perform their job to a high standard.

For 10 years Dad has been growing Drivesure, spending many late nights in the office and at the stations, working on creating a thriving business and still making room to spend some quality time with his family. He has used Drivesure to care for my Mum, two brothers and myself and provide us with a great home and some fantastic adventures. Over the years he has expanded his business considerably and now has 5 testing stations, six compliance centres and provides employment for 35 staff. He prides himself on training and upskilling his staff so that they have more than a job; they have a career.

Three years ago, the City Council was closing down the Waitakere Testing Station in Moselle Ave. Where the council had had financial loss, my Dad saw an opportunity. So, when the council closed, Drivesure took over, and two days later, Dad opened his fifth testing station - in West Auckland. Since then he has fallen in love with Westies - their direct manner and love of the kiwi way. It seems to suit my Dad!

Now, the Waitakere Testing Station is a busy, thriving branch, and is the HQ of the business. This site offers many different services for customers: WOF's, car registration, oil changes, pre-purchase inspections and even Compliance of imported vehicles. My brothers love going in there to look at the cool cars, both old and new.

At the station, there are more than 10 team members working to make each individual customer's experience an excellent one. Matt is the WOF supervisor and we have known him for years; and Vick who manages the compliance is well known to many West Auckland car dealers.



Greg Ranson (Left) and his team

When I asked my Dad what the key to Drivesure's success was he said that it is having a positive business culture and employing and developing great people to become part of the team. He said, "I want to build a business that makes a difference, both to our staff for employment and career development and to our customers in providing a convenient, cost-effective, friendly service." (He had to think about that question for a while!) It seems to be working, because he still is really busy!

Whilst, admittedly, it would be cool if Dad owned a chocolate factory I know he loves running Drivesure; we look forward to seeing you there!



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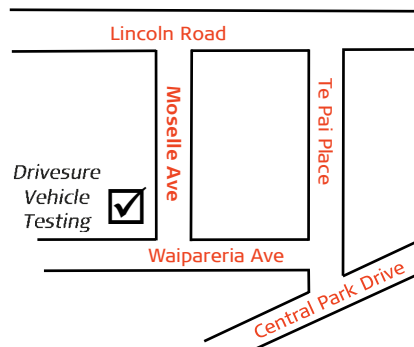
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Addressing Hunger and Tackling Food Waste

We have a new member into the Association, thanks to John Blewett of West City Auto Group, who recently mentioned to me that "this organisation, Fair Food, is doing very good things in our area, it would be great to have them onboard as a Community Based Member."

West City Autos have sponsored their membership, and through their Kia Brand are supporting their logistic needs. Fellow Member, AS Colour are also business partners of Fair Food and The Trusts currently house them in their Rainside Avenue premise.

I met with the man behind the venture, Ian Myhill, late in May and was impressed with his humble enthusiasm and community spirit. "We're about feeding people who need it, with food that would otherwise go to waste," he told me, and he pointed out that, "In the past, food that was taken off the shelf for cosmetic reasons or because it is on its best before date, is perceived as rubbish. It's about changing attitudes."

Fair Food is not a food bank but it is West Auckland's first Food Rescue operation with unlimited opportunities ahead. With a dual social and environmental purpose, interest is high from the commercial, business, social, community, educational and environmental sectors.

'Feeding People Not Landfill'

As Auckland's original food rescue operation, Fair Food collects fit-for purpose surplus food from the food industry and distributes it to groups who work with people in need. Connecting food business donors with the community sector is an ongoing positive engagement activity, which is strengthening communities over the long term.

Ryman project to house 400 elderly

Part of the site near the Lincoln Rd shopping precinct was owned by the Laidlaw College which is surplus to the organisation's needs.

Ryman plans independent residences, a hospital, rest home and dementia care facilities. A cafe, gym, bowling green, hairdressing salon, reflection room, movie theatre, bar and an indoor swimming pool are also proposed.

Debbie McClure, Ryman sales and community relations manager, said the village would be named after a famous West Aucklander. "The best suggestions come from the people who know the area and its history well. We'd love to hear any suggestions," she said.

One of Ian's desires is to find volunteers, even for 2 or 4 hours a week. He said, "We are looking for volunteers to help with the day to day running of all food collections, sorting and deliveries throughout West Auckland; people who can relate to a small team, team work and recipient organisations alike." We are looking for people who are confident driving a manual vehicle, over 25 and physically fit, and are naturally positive with great communication skills.

This dynamic organisation has delivered on its strong environmental and social goals across the West Auckland region and is building important relationships between local business and community.



Chef & Food expert Michael Van de Elzen about Fair Food on the Kiwi Living program, **For more info visit: fairfood.org.nz**

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There is no doubt in anybody's mind that Brian Corban has done well for himself along the years and has given much back.

His name is synonymous with vineyards, the law, the arts - just to name a few - but if you look a little harder at what this man has achieved, you will find a whole array of other accomplishments.

When we met with Brian this week, we got a better idea of the scope of them.

His CV could fill an entire volume of the Britannica Encyclopaedia.

Between commercial and non-commercial roles, within public and private industries, he has been a very busy man.

Since the late 1980's, Brian has been involved in leading companies through restructuring and deregulatory changes in the health (A+ Auckland Healthcare), radio, television, telecommunications, transport (KiwiRail) and electricity sector (Genesis).

Brian was directly involved in establishing Radio New Zealand and TVNZ as State Owned Enterprises and received in 1990 a Commemoration Medal and Queen Service Order (QSO) from H.M. The Queen.

He has served on a variety of boards at a local, regional and national level and also as Chairman and Director of a number of other companies, including Corbans Viticulture, Languages International Ltd, Fishers Funds Management, Trust Investments Management and with Baldwin Son & Carey to name but a few.

A lawyer for 42 years, he was a founding partner of Central Park Drive's famous Corban Revell Lawyers and he remained involved as a consultant until this year.

These days he is involved in a number of community organisations, including the West Auckland Hospice Foundation Trust and the Royal New Zealand Navy Museum.

He has been the Patron of the Falls Hotel Preservation Trust and the Henderson Heritage Trust and Chairman of the Corban Estate Arts Centre.

We told you he was a busy man, and he has been rewarded for his efforts. Amongst many awards for his contributions in 2000, Mr Corban was awarded the Waitakere City Millennium Medal for services to West Auckland business and the community, a Fellowship of The Institute of Directors in New Zealand, a Fellowship of the New Zealand Institute of Management.

He was also appointed an honorary Captain of the Royal New Zealand Navy in 2003 and was admitted to the Waitakere Business Hall of Fame in 2005.

In 2010, he became a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to NZ business and NZ community. Recently he was made a Distinguished Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Directors again for his contribution to NZ business.

Strong family values and hard work are the inspiration behind Brian Corban's dedicated service to a range of New Zealand companies and community organisations.

Mr Corban credits his late grandfather Assid Abraham Corban

for influencing him over the years. AA Corban came to New Zealand from Lebanon in 1892 and settled in Henderson, West Auckland in 1902, when he started Corban's Wines.

The Corbans' Mt Lebanon Vineyards was the first commercial vineyard in New Zealand, and the family pioneered many of the wine-making techniques that are commonplace today.

There is great book written by Dick Scott called 'A Stake in the Country' that tells the story of the family back in Lebanon, their settling in our Henderson and their pioneering of the NZ wine industry.

AA Corban had 10 children, and Brian says it is still a large, extended but close-knit family.

He is married to Lindsay, and they have three children, Benjamin, 41, Sarah, 39, and Sam, (deceased), and many grandchildren.

"Grandad always said we should be grateful to live in a beautiful, peaceful country in a democratic society," Brian says. "Because we came from a different culture and a troubled part of the world,

there's always been a lot of gratitude within our family to the community that took my grandparents in."

Brian lives by what his grandfather once said to one of his sons: "I sincerely trust and pray that our heavenly Father will bless you with health, strength and wisdom that you may be a credit to yourself and your people and by the grace of God be useful and of some benefit to the human race. Wear the cloak of humility and fear not to always do right in the sight of God and man."

"I was born in 1946, after the Great Depression and World War 2. I had a free education at primary school, secondary school and Auckland University, so I feel that I owe my community a lot."

Hence his active philanthropy and always giving back. His business skills and generous heart can only help and empower our West Auckland community.

Brian is especially proud of his Chairmanship of the Henderson Corban Estate Art Centre he serves with Martin Sutcliffe (Director), offering subsidised art classes with a strong commitment to

serving the arts and cultural needs of the young people of West Auckland.

Just like the Citizen Advice Bureau, he served with Lawrence Ponniah and other Corban Revell lawyers, offering free legal advice.

Brian says he is a "communalist" (not to be mistaken with a communist). "In terms of choosing things, you don't really choose things, people choose you. When they choose you it's very hard to resist a worthy cause," he concludes.

We will all remember the Million dollar mission that ran recently. The million dollars was part of The Trusts giving back to West Auckland community groups that required funding. Guess what?

Brian is the Chairman of the Trust's operating company, West Auckland Trusts Services Ltd, which generated the one million dollar commercial profits given out to the community.

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Should you wish to contact Brian, you may do so by emailing him at briancorban@corbanconsultants.co.nz

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250 ml water
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(+1 tbsp to garnish)
Salt, black pepper

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Drizzle the mushrooms and cherry tomatoes with olive oil and season. Roast in the hot oven for about 20 minutes, or until the tomatoes are starting to burst.

2. Meanwhile, cut out 8 circles in the puff pastry using a cup or pastry cutter (about 8 - 10cm diameter.) Now, using the bottom of a smaller cup or similar, press the inside of the circles down so each one has a deeper center and raised rim. Prick the middle of the circles with a fork.

3. Season the lamb chops with salt and pepper and saute in a hot frying pan until tender (about 10 minutes). Pull the meat off the bone and roughly chop. In a large bowl, mix the lamb with the Dijon mustard.

4. Place the parsnips, milk and water in a saucepan and bring to the boil. Cook until the parsnips are tender, then drain, season and mash until smooth.

5. Chop the roasted mushrooms and mix with the lamb and tomatoes. Fill the pastry cases with the lamb mix, then spoon some of the parsnip puree on top of each.



6. Brush the outside rim of the cases and the top of the parsnip with eggwash and sprinkle a little parmesan over each pie.

7. Cook for 12 minutes, remove from oven and grate a little extra parmesan over each pie to serve.

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Taking Care of Business PART 1.

By Senior Constable Martyn Spear
NZ Police

I've been the Henderson Community Constable since December 2014.

When I consider some of the issues that confronted me back then as I walked the beat around my new patch, I see the really good improvements that are incrementally improving Henderson, whilst I also recognise there are areas we still need to work on.

Back then, had I invited my mum to shop in Henderson, I'd have perhaps felt a little anxious about her experience.

There was a perception of Henderson being unsafe or not such a nice place to take your family. Some businesses were under the pump and it was obvious there were quite a few vacant shops in and around our town centre. At this time there was an obvious element frequenting Henderson that was undermining the good work built up by others before us.

I learned very quickly there was no quick fix solution to this and several initiatives, agencies and the community as a whole would need to work together with intent and vision towards turning Henderson into the humming place it should be.

It didn't take long to realise there were a lot of good people in

and around Henderson concerned enough to report worrying behaviours or offences to police. This reporting enabled police to better understand the issues, and on who and where we should be focussing our resources.

Police are committed to preventing crime. If we can prevent a crime rather than responding to one that has already occurred, we will increase our community's safety and very importantly, reduce victimisation of people like you and your family, or your employees.

Whilst getting better results in these areas is good for our communities overall, it is also good for business and building the vitality and prosperity of Henderson and the Central Park areas.

Around November 2015, Police committed additional police specifically to Henderson in the form of the Henderson Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT). This was one of the first times nationally, an NPT was placed into an urban township such as Henderson as opposed to the suburban areas in which they are normally deployed.

Our Henderson NPT is led by Sergeant Dan Weir and he and his team are very focussed on reducing crime in our township, increasing your safety and building community capability.

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Friday 11 August 2017 - Sunday 13 August 2017.

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Head over to Waitakere College for an afternoon of band and choral music, from the classics to modern masterworks.
Sunday 13 August 2017 2:00pm - 4:00pm

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