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Of Town and Tunnel

We also congratulate Waitakere College on on their receiving a Prime Ministerial Award for achieving stunning increases in NCEA. Who says West Auckland doesn’t provide outstanding education! Well done Mark Shanahan and your team.

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Huge result for Member Waitakere College
Picking up the ‘Excellence in Teaching and Learning Award’ at the Prime Minister’s Education Excellence Awards on June 30. Congratulations to all, for your landmark achievement.

Red light cameras coming to our patch
Auckland Transport has announced these will go live in late July. They will be at the intersection of Lincoln Rd & Te Pai Place, and Lincoln Rd & Swanson Rd, after there have been combined 5 serious and 21 minor crashes in the past five years. All of these were caused by red light runners.

Collins Plumbing and Gas Ltd
Member Collins Plumbing and Gas Ltd. celebrates 10 years in business this month, cheers to the next ten year team.

The Hangar Bar
All of July they are celebrating their 10th Birthday, wow 10 years already, raise a glass to the Crew.

What’s On
Distant Lands - Waitakere Voices Mid-Year Concert
ACG Sunderland, 6 Waipareira Ave, Henderson
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‘The Goods’ from Garry
Garry Bates, Business Development Manager

The nice people at West Auckland Hyundai who are a CPH Member, have given me a 2016 TUCSON to drive for a while, and without the ‘wrap’ proviso. The thinking was, as I’m out visiting members, I should drive one their vehicles. I thought why not report my own findings anyway?

Right off, I like the steering wheel, reversing camera, sensors & LED daytime running lights.

Being a hot red colour, in my first journey along the mighty Concourse it was raining so the car got a bit dirty. I had briefly been given a silver one, which would’ve probably hidden the road film, but no matter, the car still looked great. I really like the sound system, PJ’s sultry voice and infectious laugh does sound great from it. I turned up Harry Styles latest, though I don’t listen to One Direction in case you wonder.

There is plenty of room for the boxes of CPH News I deliver monthly and that’s without the rear seat in fold down mode. I can get the pull up sign in with lots of other stuff, it’s really surprising how much you can fit into this vehicle. It would really be great for a ‘Reps car’ or for the kids and groceries, but I just like it for driving around.

The 2L petrol medium sized wagon/SUV does quite well on 91, I drove from Henderson out to Piha to show it off to a friend averaging 9.7 L/100ks. There were a lot of slow corners, but it’s easy to drive and a nice journey except for a couple of idiots racing each other (keep calm Gaz). Driving sedately over to the ‘Shore’ 8.8 L/100 and around ‘Hendo’ and Central Park about 9 to 9.2.

Two of the features I really like are, when you stop and put it in reverse and its wet, the rear screen wiper engages, and when you put it in park the doors unlock. Back in the day, I used to get “you haven’t unlocked my door yet!!” nailed that Hyundai.

Though I’m not a professional car reviewer, you can go online to read those (and they’re good too!) I can say the Tucson is a very comfortable ride, has a well-appointed interior and has a 5star ANCAP safety rating - Thanks Grant and Sam from Auckland Vehicles.
Holden Astra Sedan Media Launch

The national press launch for the all-new Holden Astra took place recently out and about in West Auckland, with motoring media from around the country sampling the latest new vehicle offering from Holden.

The event commenced with a presentation at Holden Head Office in Mangere, before taking in a drive route which included the Waterview Tunnels as well as stops at Muriwai and Bethells Beach.

The media also visited the new Whoa Studio in Henderson Valley Road for lunch, before returning to Holden - this time via the north-south tunnel.

Holden New Zealand Corporate Affairs Manager, Ed Finn, chose West Auckland for a number of reasons.

“The new Waterview Tunnel had just opened so it was an opportunity to take media through it, making Holden the first car brand in the country to incorporate the exciting new infrastructure into a drive programme,” said Mr Finn.

“I also believe we’re the first to feature Whoa Studios as part of a drive evaluation, with its location – as well as sensational restaurant – making it perfect for a midpoint lunch stop.

“The roads out West also offer a fantastic way to showcase the dynamic attributes of the new Astra, with undulating and sometimes coarse chip surfaces failing to unsettle the car.

“This highlights the exceptional work done by engineers at Holden Australia, who developed a unique suspension tuning specifically for local conditions.

“And, being a West Aucklander myself, it’s always great to be able to support your local community.”

The Astra sedan range in now available in New Zealand features a 1.4l-turbo charged engine offering 110kW of power and 240Nm of torque, five-star safety across the range and consists of three different specification levels. Prices start from only $30,990.

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Member’s Car

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

**1984 Mercedes W123 230e**

Isabelle Stacey from MTF Henderson loves her Merc, it’s in terrific order and it’s her everyday driving car.

The **Mercedes W123** was a range of executive cars produced by Mercedes-Benz between 1976 and 1985. As is usual, the model names were related to engine sizes, type of engine and chassis type.

In September 1982, all models received a mild facelift. The rectangular headlights, previously fitted only to the 280/280E, were standardized across the board, as was power steering.

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West Liquor Lincoln Centre

Hi, I’m Joanne Rose, the Manager at West Liquor Lincoln Centre. Our store has been operating in its present format for just short of 3 years and is situated in the Lincoln Centre just over the way from The Warehouse. I have been employed by The Trusts for over 28 years and have worked in many different divisions of the Trusts businesses, both in Retail and Hospitality.

We are ‘your store’ for personalised service and premium products, beers, wines, and spirits with low and alcohol-free beverages also available. We can arrange deliveries to local companies, and provide glass hire facilities, so please enquire when visiting.

Customers who have lived in this area for years, tell us about the beginnings of our store and how they watched as Lincoln Road grew into the bustling hub it is today. They talk about the store being one of the first to pop up in the complex.

In recent years WL Lincoln Centre (and as part of The Trusts), has become a huge helping hand in our West. From giving away free smoke alarms or tool kits, fundraising donations for SPCA, St Johns, ANZAC, Scouts and Guide Groups, as well as sausage sizzles for Charities, we could not be prouder to say, “Our core purpose at the Trusts is giving back to our community”.

Recently we started ‘Thursday Night Revues’. This night is for our customers to try different products, tastings, learn some product knowledge and to win prizes. These popular events run on the second to last Thursday of every month, so come along and find out what we’re all about.

With a small team here, all of us Westie’s, we take a lot of pride in what we do as a business. We do go the extra mile for our customers and want them to enjoy their experience with us. We ask many “what keeps bringing you back?” They say, “It’s the people, your customer service is amazing” others call us friends, because that is what we are to a large number who pop in.

Another key to the premise’s success is our ‘above and beyond motto’ to customer relationships. The store is recognised for it, not only by shoppers, but by colleagues as well. WL Lincoln Centre has been nominated at The Trusts Awards, for Excellence in Customer Service. See you soon folks.
**Larsen and Best Ltd**

**Larsen and Best** has been in business on Central Park Drive for the past 30 years, and is best known within the printing industry, for its quality production of Point of Sale Display Advertising material. The Company has recently added an extremely accurate CNC Digital Cutting and Routing machine to its inventory, which has meant an even busier print finishing department.

The CNC Machine was one of the first of this type in New Zealand and such has been the demand for its services that currently the Company is looking to upgrade to a larger and faster unit, early in 2019. Over the years the many Gold Medal awards hanging on the office walls are testament to the quality work that has been undertaken for Larsen and Best's printing customers.

The main process that is at the core of the Central Park plant is ‘Litho Laminating’ which is adhering printed paper onto either corrugated or fibre board.

These boards are then ‘die cut’ into the desired display shape for retail stores, or into cartons for packaging. Of recent times, high quality packaging has become a very big part of the business, with Larsen and Best moving into becoming an efficient and cost-effective supplier of decorated boxes and cartons.

Last year the Company acquired South Auckland based Re-Write Products Limited.

Rewrite Products is the supplier of the well-known range of “Writeraze” planning boards, dated planners and magnetic whiteboards. Re-Write is delighted that these products are hanging on the walls in most offices, schools, factories and homes throughout New Zealand and also across the Tasman in Australia. Re-Write’s ‘Writeraze’ White Boards are available at all the major stationery stores, both commercial and retail.

Many of the products are manufactured in the Larsen and Best factory, and currently the Company is looking to bring all its product manufacturing, including that done overseas, onto its site in Central Park Drive.

The magnetic white boards range in size from A4 up to 1200mm x 1800mm mobile units, ideal for board rooms and factory floors.

Dated wall planners individually show the 365 days of the year and generally are in the 700mm x 1000mm size, however smaller half size versions are also available in laminated card.

Recently a range of practical notice (pin) boards was launched which are ideal for business cafeterias, health and safety displays, or wherever notices need to be prominently displayed.

Between Larsen & Best and Re-write Products, there are a team of thirty talented staff, many of whom have been with the Company for over thirty years. In fact, two of the original owner’s family (Tony and Kim Larsen) are very much an integral part of the Companies business and success.

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We all know Kiwis can’t technically fly but last week we met one that does.

Sir Ken Stevens warmly welcomed us to his Glen Eden offices, and proceeded to tell the tale of a West Auckland business, his very own successful Glidepath.

Looking back 45 years, Sir Ken was an engineer who had a passion for product design. In 1972, he purchased a company, called Thompson Engineering. Its main work in the seventies included not only repairing anything of a mechanical nature around the city but also maintaining and servicing conveyor belts at Auckland International Airport.

After a project, where Sir Ken replaced an eight foot piece of the conveyor, the airport management thought the rest of the conveyor looked out of place, so they commissioned him to rebuild the entire system. He completed the job and decided that the company should concentrate more on designing and installing its own products and systems rather than just repairing, replacing and maintaining pieces of old ones.

Then, Sir Ken had a vision and turned his business into Glidepath that began selling the systems it designed, manufactured and installed into North America, the Pacific, India and Asia. Today Glidepath exports 95% of what it manufactures, into 69 countries.

Glidepath is famous for being a mechanical engineering company specialising in computerised airport baggage handling, baggage security, cargo handling and parcel sorting systems and not just manufacturing, installation, maintenance but also for the integrated software control systems that go with it all.

Just last month, Glidepath was awarded, by international construction firm Aecon, a multi-million US dollar baggage
and security systems contract for the new terminal at LF Wade International Airport in Bermuda, scheduled for completion in 2020. Disappointingly for him, Sir Ken was not on the ground in Bermuda to negotiate the deal during the time the America’s Cup was being raced, as he himself is a keen sailor.

Sir Ken himself has always been absolutely central to the growth of the company - he is renowned for being personally involved in resolving engineering design issues, using the knowledge and experience he has built up through his working life. He now employs 180 staff to help solve these tasks.

When we asked him what professional achievements had made him especially proud, he told us of a moment he witnessed, front row; the signing by The Right Honourable Helen Clark, of the NZ trade agreement with China in 2008. His first big project in American Samoa, which was setting up the new airport in 1978 was also memorable. Finally he told us, that being awarded the contract to design, supply, install, integrate, test and commission the Baggage Handling System for the new Brisbane International Terminal in 1995 was the turning point in his career, as it was Glidepath’s first automated sorting system.

As a philanthropist, Sir Ken is very proud of being a foundation sponsor of Kiwibots New Zealand. This is a charitable trust who aim to provide students around New Zealand with access to the VEX Robotics Competition (conceived by Nasa and General Motors) and strives to inspire a passion in young people for Science & Technology.

The Kiwibots have won every international competition since their creation 8 years ago, and without their sponsors, they would not have the funds to compete, or even have a presence on the international scene.

In order to help the business community, Sir Ken is also a trustee of Business Mentors New Zealand Limited which is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting the success and growth of small businesses through interaction with the knowledge and experience of their volunteer mentors.

One thing we have learned about this man is that he has worked hard for his business, and deserves the accolades and rewards he receives. Over the past 40 years, Sir Ken has travelled more than 8 million kilometres, visiting overseas operations and taking trade missions to New Zealand’s export markets.

He was appointed Business Champion - Export Year 2007, and in 2008 he was made a “Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit” for Services to Exporting. In 2003, he was appointed to the Waitakere Hall of fame and in 2010, he received from the Mayor Bob Harvey the Best of Waitakere’s Supreme Business Award (1995 - 2009).

The Flying Kiwi award (2012) which is given by the Hi Tech trust and his induction into the Tait Communications Hall of Fame recognises, not just Sir Ken’s achievements, but the crucial role he has played in mentoring other New Zealand exporters and promoting the country’s trading future. He continues to focus on this role today, as a former Board Member and Trustee of the Asia-New Zealand Foundation and as Chairman of the National Board Export New Zealand (since 2008).

But exporting means travelling and with 120 days a year overseas, Sir Ken says his wife must be a very patient and understanding woman. Sir Ken thinks that could be the secret to their successful 50 year marriage.

It’s a family business as his son is deeply involved in the business as a Mechanical Engineer. Export NZ Auckland says the award “acknowledges Sir Ken’s ongoing service to business from exporters themselves, who know how hard life of business travel can be on families, and how resilient and generous Ken himself always is.”

Sir Ken believes that the future of Glidepath lies with setting up remote management structures given the extent of his international presence and also injecting new blood into business as he may start, thinking about his exit strategy, “One day maybe” he jokes.

On a more serious and final note, Sir Ken tells us that he sees a great future for West Auckland.

“We need to bring skills back to our area, by setting up more technical businesses and training our people locally” he says.

A high achiever with his heart in West Auckland.
RECIPE BY MIKE SHATURA

Ravioli of butternut with brown butter sauce and sage

**Pasta:**
- 600g of good quality ‘00’ Flour
- 4 small eggs
- 6 yolks
- A pinch of salt
- 1 Tbsp. Olive oil
- 1 Tsp. Activated charcoal powder or Squid ink

In the food processor, combine flour, salt and charcoal powder. While blending, add eggs, yolks and olive oil. Continue blending until the mixture resembles cookie crumbs. Take out and work the dough by hand, until smooth. Rest in the fridge for at least 1 hour. Take out and roll to desired thickness. Pipe or spoon a little of the pumpkin mixture in the middle of each ravioli piece. Seal and cook for 4 minutes in salted boiling water.

**Butternut or Pumpkin filling:**
- 1 large pumpkin or 2 medium sized butternuts.
- 3 cloves of garlic (minced)
- 2 onions (diced in small pieces)
- salt to taste
- pepper to taste
- chopped parsley

In a sauté pan, gently fry onions and garlic until golden and tender, then chill. Preheat the oven to 200°C, and roast the pumpkin whole, until soft inside. Scoop it out, mash it together with cooked onions, garlic and chopped parsley.

**Butter sauce:**
- 200g salted butter
- 3 garlic cloves (sliced)
- 20g sage
- salt to taste

In a heavy based pan, melt the butter. Cook the garlic until it turns golden. Add sage taking care not to burn it, and salt. At the end, the butter should be light brown colour with nutty flavour. Assemble the dish and finish with grated Parmesan cheese.

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This can, in part, be attributed to better reporting of tagging and its increased prompt removal combined with a positive engagement of local youth with education and art providers. The focussed investigation of offences by council and police helped a lot as well. I’m sure you’ll agree graffiti vandalism is one obvious issue that can have a demoralising and negative impact on a community, certainly in a retail and commercial area. So, to see results like those above is very positive.

As you may have noticed, I believe our local youth play a big part in how well our town does, and the results attained were only possible with help and engagement with them. If you look around Henderson you may notice some of their amazing art – prints, paintings, photos and murals, now adorning our open spaces. Their work is displayed on previously unsightly walls and as art installations in several empty shop window spaces, some of which are now occupied by new businesses.

Henderson is looking even better with help from the Tag Out Trust – a graffiti removal group, who in conjunction with council, have been staging clean-up events whereby shop frontages, windows and paths are given a spring clean - even in late Autumn as it turned out.

We recently spruced up shopping areas at Railside Ave, Massey and Lincoln North.

Tag Out utilised volunteers from community groups and a few members of the local constabulary (your Neighbour Hood Policing Team and myself) to do the scrubbing, cleaning and painting. It did feel rather good to be doing something like this for the community and the results were immediate and obvious.

The aim of these initiatives is to support and encourage the Building Owners, Landlords and Shop Keepers to present their shops, and therefore our town, in the best way we can. Cleaning the shop windows especially, was quick, easy and the stuff used to do it basic- a soft broom, bucket, soapy water and a squeegee - all cost at very little.

I believe taking care of our businesses even in small ways like this can show we have pride in our place, that it is a great destination to shop, do business, eat out, or relax. Let’s show that we care for our Henderson.

Crime prevention research has found that if an area is clean, tidy and looks cared for, the community there, will be less inclined to ignore criminal behaviour and are more likely to report it. This in turn increases the likelihood of the offenders being apprehended and the “reward to risk” ratio not so attractive to them. Hence - less crime and a safer community.

Safer communities together.
Marty Spear

What’s On

Journeys: AYSB and Kumeu Blend
Waitakere College, 42 Rathgar Rd, Henderson
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

Sue Nicholson Psychic Development Workshop - level 1
Lincoln Green Hotel & Conference Centre, 159 Lincoln Road
The Star of the new Sensing Murder Series, Sue Nicholson presents as part of her - answers from the other side new tour.
Sunday 20 August 2017 9:00am - 4:00pm

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