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CHAIRS REPORT

Time to celebrate as a community, yes! after 5 years and a second go at the CPHBA Business Improvement District (BID) creation, we have success.

For our supporters I would like to thank you, for the opposers I can only hope that we overtime, will prove to you the value of what the BID will bring to our Business Community.

Now all the initial hard work has been completed we are shifting into the next phase, to progress with some welcoming tweaks to our CPHBA operation, namely taking some pressure off our volunteer committee, build our team, cement our plan into actions, and tick some positive boxes in this 'post' Covid environment.

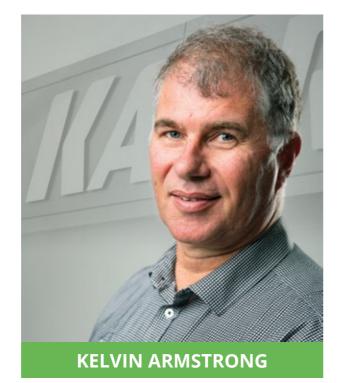
The turning point for the BID was the overwhelming support the association had to achieve success. Even though the voting timeline was critically affected by us all either closing our businesses and/or preparing for the impending impact that C-19 brought to us, the BID still received a strong mandate.

It's more important now, that as a business precinct, we are on an even keel with the other Auckland areas. Our BID, being number 50 (in Auckland) is one of the larger Business Districts in NZ! Our 'West' culture will prevail.

Since May we have caught up with our Local Board representatives; Chris Carter (Chair) and Brook Loader, cementing the connection with our new elected members. We're looking forward to the opportunity to lobby for our businesses, and the ongoing foundation.

Those attending our BA5 events will be well aware of Brook and fellow local board members, our Councillor's (Cooper & Henderson) their commitment and engagement for the betterment of the West Auckland Business community.





Come along to our events, the next one is 19 August at Tristram European. Though it's likely the event will be full to capacity by the time of print. These events are popular and often oversubscribed; focused on networking, careful selection of hosts, with

refreshments to ensure you will feel welcome.

We all recognise since the C-19 changes in our world - 'back to normal' is not a term many of us can use, the environment is different for all of us. Some more challenging than others and it's quite obvious this is not going away anytime soon.

One thing is for certain we are all working on our plans to map our way to survive and succeed through this challenging environment. It's important to have a support network of fellow business owners, it only takes a few moments to ask, "How is it going" knowing you/we are not alone.

If you're having challenges or know someone who is, reach out.

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BA5 REPORT

The West Auckland Business Club (WABC) produces the Business after 5 (BA5) as the event and networking subsidiary of Central Park Henderson Business Association (CPHBA).

Hosts confirmed for September are National Mini Storage Hobsonville.

Mitre 10 MEGA is booked for October and Bayleys Northwest for November.

The BA5 has a wonderful group of sponsors who are passionate about West business and making a difference in our community – Please return their support and SHOP LOCAL.

Pictured; At the last BA5 hosted by Ray White Universal.









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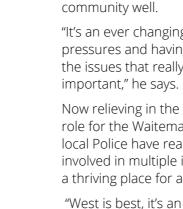














He says there's no magic trick or single initiative that

will solve everything at once, and acknowledges there's still work to do.

Greg says
Police are
committed
to preventing
crime in the
Henderson
and wider
West Auckland
community.

"If we can prevent a



Keeping the Henderson community safe, and working with partner agencies, local businesses, stakeholders, and residents to ensure it is a safe place for all, is a top priority for Henderson Community Constable Negin Shademan and Youth and Communities Manager Acting Senior Sergeant Greg Wilson.

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Greg has spent more than 14 years working in the Waitematā District in various roles including on the front line. More recently, he's been involved in various community based roles.

Living and working in West Auckland, he knows the community well

"It's an ever changing environment with varying pressures and having a day to day understanding of the issues that really matter to our people is vitally important," he says.

Now relieving in the Youth and Community manager's role for the Waitematā West area, Greg says he feels local Police have really become part of the community, involved in multiple initiatives to ensure it is a safe and a thriving place for all.

"West is best, it's an old saying but still relevant today.

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crime rather than responding to one that has already occurred, it will reduce victimisation of people in our community and ensure they feel safe, and are safe."

Over the years there have been a number different approaches and plans undertaken by Police and local agencies, many very successful.

We all have learnt there is no quick fix solution to this, several initiatives, supported by agencies, Auckland Council, Henderson-Massey Local Board (HMLB), Central Park Henderson Business (CPHBA) and the wider community working together towards a thriving, vibrant Henderson Town centre.

"Whilst we all have the same goal in mind of making Henderson safer, we also need to be guided by what the local community actually wants to see happen," Greg says.

"While Police have a role to play in our communities, we certainly aren't in this alone. Police will continue to work in partnership with a number of stakeholders, including the Business Association, Salvation Army, Auckland Transport, Auckland Council, numerous businesses and

For community constable Negin Shademan being out



Acting Sergeant Alex Waworis with Constable Negin at a planning meeting.

and about with the community is her bread and butter.

Negin is a regular face in the Henderson CBD. She's passionate about what she does and has really thrown herself into the job.

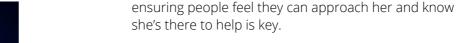
"We are out there every day liaising

with the general public, business owners and our vulnerable people. This certainly isn't a job you can do at any less than full speed, I love it," she says.

Having taken up the role last year and with a few years' experience as a front line officer prior, Negin says







"We hope that as Henderson and West Auckland residents will start to see some tangible results from our collaborative work with the local community, which will lead to people feeling safe."

We have had some very positive feedback from the public and business owners in the CBD already, which is pleasing to hear," she says.

Both Greg and Negin say the selfless efforts of volunteers such as the Pacific Wardens, Neighbourhood Support and Local Community Patrols (CPNZ), who do regular patrols, reporting and deterring crime in Henderson's business precinct, also go a long way to making people feel safe.

"CPNZ volunteer patrollers by way of example are rostered to work in pairs and give as many hours as their schedule will allow, regularly liaising with community constables for direction, they are an invaluable asset to the area," Negin says.



"With their help we can also continue our work to help tackle some of the long term issues and emerging trends in the area over the past few years,



Inspector Matthew Laurenson with Acting Senior Sergeant Greg Wilson & Senior Sergeant Aaron McKeown in the Area Leadership Team's office.

such as lighting, tagging and graffiti. We have also been working with Tag Out Trust and Auckland Council on this issue and it's going well," she says.

Acting Senior Sergeant Wilson says creating safer communities by preventing crime in the area, and in turn ensuring everyone feels safe wherever they live, work and visit, is a team effort.

"We also need everyone to do their part and report offences and suspicious behaviour or anything of concern to us, so we can respond accordingly. Remember, if you see anything suspicious in your neighbourhood, please contact us on 111 or call 105 if it has already happened."

"If you see us out an about in the community as well, don't hesitate to come and say hello," says Greg and Negin.

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GETTING IT DONE!!

With Mitre 10 MEGA Henderson & Westgate

With the effects of COVID-19 on local businesses becoming more apparent, the owners of Mitre 10 MEGA Westgate and Henderson are continuing to highlight the local businesses within our community that partner with their stores.

The aim for store owners Dave and Elaine Hargreaves is to provide our local Tradies with a 'message board' for their names, contact details and websites. "We are committed to our trade customers, their businesses and our wider community" says Dave.

"They're a large part of the lifeblood of our business, and we really want to acknowledge them."



Dave & Elaine Hargreaves, owners of Mitre 10 MEGA Henderson & Westgate. Photography by LFHQ Studios.

While the lockdown may seem like a distant memory for some, Dave understands many local businesses are still feeling the effects of it, and may be for some time. "I think this is another one of the ways that we are able to give back to the community and businesses we service."

"We are continually being asked for trade contacts by our customers, so we thought this would be a great forum to promote such sectors" says Elaine. "While we continue to receive such great support from our local trade partners, we will always continue to reciprocate this as much as possible."

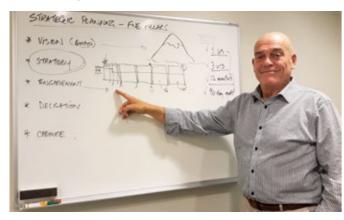




BUSINESS ADVISORY PARTNERSHIP WITH CPHBA

Are you passionate about your work? Do you walk into the workplace with a spring in your step and a clear sense of direction? If the answer to these questions is no, then it's worth having a chat to business adviser and West Aucklander, Jon Brough.

There's not much Jon doesn't know about business. His impressive 40-year career includes spells at corporates like Goodman Fielder and Foodstuffs as well as starting and running his own small businesses.



Being passionate about helping business owners succeed, Jon explained to WEst magazine, "Success isn't just about being number one, It's about making sure the company is achieving for you what you want."

A resident of Titirangi, Jon has plenty of local knowledge and connections. And as a small business owner himself, he knows all about the pressures, pitfalls and stresses of running an enterprise.

The truth is for many business owners caught up in the day-to-day grind, it can be hard to step back. Life's just too busy to take a good look at where you're at, and more importantly, where you want to be.

Jon's knowledge, expertise and objectivity can help you find that sense of direction. And he can help you draw up a road map of how to get there.

Perhaps you are a start-up, or an established business looking for a re-energised strategic direction. Or maybe you are planning to sell the company and want to maximise your opportunities. Whatever the case, Jon provides the fresh perspective and challenge you need.

UPCOMING - CPHBA to deliver Post C-19 PLANNING DEVELOPMENT sessions for SMEs.

Also covering the sector strategy of awareness, what assistance is available to business.



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Jon's sole focus is West Auckland, 'I love working with people,' says Jon. 'And I enjoy helping to make people's dreams a reality.'

'If you have a well-run business and are satisfied with your work, then great. If not, then I can help ensure the company is working for you on a professional and personal level.'

Every business is different and so if you are interested in finding out more, get in touch for a chat. There's no charge for an exploratory conversation.

Jon's enthusiasm is undoubtedly infectious, and his knowledge and expertise are second to none. So, if you have that nagging sense of dissatisfaction about how your business is going, then it might be worth talking to Jon about the possibilities.

Working alongside Central Park Henderson Business,

Jon is keen to assist our business community with structured business planning in the post-Covid environment.

Many of our SME's understand they need help but think they can't afford it - HELP IS AVAILABLE!

CPHBA will be running introductory forums with Jon in the coming months specifically aimed at our SME's. Topics will include; Strategic Planning, Risk Assessment, 'SMART goals' Succession or Selling, Available Grants, Business Advisory Fund etc.

These forums are open to all West Auckland business owners

If you would like to join one, please email us at garry@cphb.org.nz.









NOW is the time to Sell, Buy or Invest!

Ray White Universal is unique in many ways – not only being the largest office in Australasia, but it houses a rapidly growing group of specialists who work hard together in order to find the best solution to your property needs. So, what is happening to the market right now?

Experts who have been commenting on the property market are now clearly divided. Where in previous times they have been generally speculating in the negative, there is now a clear change in their sentiment based on the data that is coming across the nation and they have now acknowledged on a number of levels that there is stability in the market and a heightened level of activity. So, in saying that, there is a number of simple messages:

NOW is a great time to sell!

Strong buyer demand and less properties on the market to choose from means favourable selling conditions for vendors. This year it is much harder to look at the past to predict the future. The reality is that this is not a normal year, nor a normal property market cycle. While some homeowners would like to wait until what they perceive is the traditional selling season of spring, the fact remains that there are many unknowns in the wider economy. The current market activity could provide the best opportunity to sell, right now.

NOW is a great time to buy!

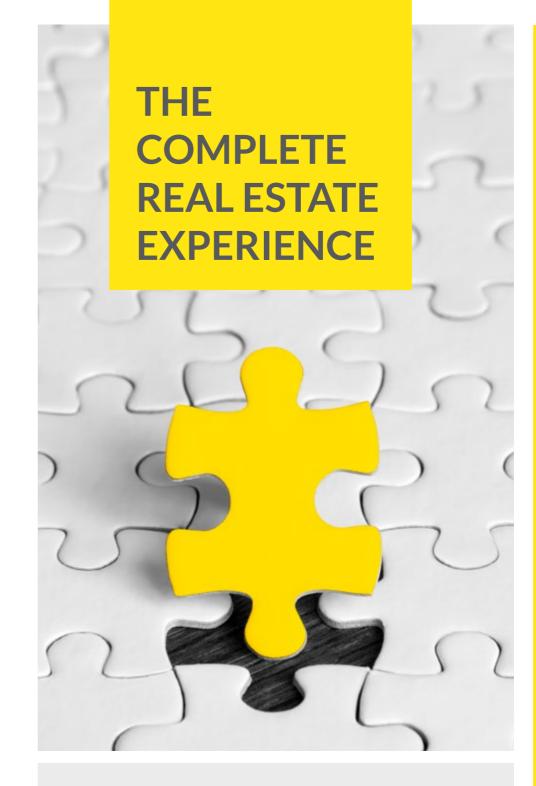
With interest rates at all-time lows and with banks being supportive of residential home buyers, we are seeing many purchasers wanting to take advantage of these factors. Obtaining secure credit on excellent terms while they are available is certainly influencing demand. This is not only the case with first home buyers but across all sectors of the market, which have also been helped by the easing of LVR restrictions for the short-term. Fortunately, we continue to see confidence in buyers with job security working in industries not materially impacted by the current economic environment.

NOW is a great time to invest!

When we look at commitments of the various market sectors there is no doubt that the investment market is active given yields continue to remain positive for those who have properties in the rental pool. One of the more important confidence indicators is the new commitment from first home buyers to the market. First-time buyers actually out borrowed investors which is only the second time that this has happened since August 2014. The change in all LVR restrictions have assisted first-time buyers coming into the market as has the low interest rates.

So whether you are looking to SELL, BUY or INVEST, your first port of call is to chat to the Loan Market team. Get your ducks in a row, then speak to any one of the Ray White Universal specialists. They are your one-stop-shop and always happy to assist you!





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WELLBEING OVER THE WINTER

Over the winter, it's not uncommon to come down with a cold or the flu. We also now have COVID-19 to be aware of. A cold is usually a mild illness, but the flu and COVID-19 can be serious, so it is good to know the difference.

What is the difference between a cold, the flu and Covid-19?

	A COLD	INFLUENZA (THE FLU)	COVID-19
Description	Mild illness lasting 1–2 weeks. Some symptoms, such as a cough, may continue for a few weeks.	Moderate to severe illness with sudden onset of symptoms lasting 7–10 days. The cough and tiredness can last for weeks after the rest of the illness is over.	Symptoms of Covid-19 are similar to a range of other respiratory illnesses that are much more common, such as colds or the flu.
Symptoms	Early signs include: A sore throat, sneezing, running nose, mild fever. Even though you may feel tired or have aches, most symptoms are above the neck. Muscle pain is uncommon. Mild headache. Sometimes a cough.	Sudden onset of: Fever, (usually high, 38–40 degrees Celsius), shivering, muscle aches, debilitating tiredness, headache (may be severe) Dry cough may become moist. Bed rest is necessary.	A cough, A high temperature (at least 38 °C), Shortness of breath, A sore throat, Sneezing and runny nose, Temporary loss of smell.
Possible Complications	Sinus congestion Ear infection	Bronchitis Pneumonia – can be life-threatening	Difficulty breathing is a sign of possible pneumonia and requires immediate medical attention.

Phone your medical clinic for advice if you:

- Are not getting better
- Are pregnant

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- Have diabetes or a health condition affecting your breathing, heart, or immune system
- Are aged 65 or older

- Have a sore throat and are Māori or Pasifika aged
 3–35 years
- If you have cold or flu symptoms and would like to be tested for COVID-19
- · Are concerned or not sure what to do.





August – Late winter; The days are slowly starting to get longer as spring creeps into the garden once more, meaning that seedlings are beginning to take off again in mid and late August. There is much to do to prepare for your spring garden!

Lawn

- In late August you can start to give your yard a little mow
- Tidy up the edges of your lawn that are against paths and driveways
- Start looking at different lawn seed for spring sowing

Veggies

- Plan out your spring garden now
- Continue to use Quash for slugs and snails
- Sow spring seed now, including peas, beans, lettuce, celery, broccoli, cauliflower
- Plant your potatoes now
- Start feeding your veggies regularly from mid-August
- Grow tomatoes and chilli from seed inside before transplanting them in September
- It may still be too early to plant basil, instead plant parsley, coriander, thyme, and mint now

Fruit

- Don't forget to buy your deciduous fruit trees now
- Spray once last time with liquid copper before budburst to help lessen the effects of shothole and leaf curl
- If you are going to start grafting or espalier your fruit trees, do this in late August to mid-September

Flowers

- Deadhead pansies and viola
- Early spring bulbs will now be flowering cut and gift to a friend or family member!
- Plant your early summer bulbs now
- Continue to feed with Kings Dried Blood, and Blood & Bone

Trees & Shrubs

- Mulch your roses well and give a final spray of liquid copper before bud burst
- Take away any camellia flowers on the ground, as these can be slippery when left to rot on the ground

Indoor Plants

- You can start to repot your plants at the end of this month
- Turn your plants if they have been stretching towards the light
- Carry on feeding with half-strength fertiliser until spring

General Tasks

- Start thinking about making your own compost bin if you have the room – they are easy to start now!
- Weeds will soon be popping up everywhere get rid of the small weeds before they get out of hand
- Put up wasp traps as queens begin to come out of hibernation





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With the depths of winter upon us, do you wish that you could be overseas somewhere warm right now? Offshore holidays will have to wait a little longer, but that doesn't stop you from dreaming and planning.

Rarotonga is the main island. It takes 45 minutes to circumnavigate the Island on the local bus. You will find a great selection of restaurants to suit an palette. Muri Beachside is considered the best be

We hope that borders will open to a hand-picked selection of Pacific Islands very soon. With pent-up demand we expect flights and accommodation options to fill quickly, so register your interest with us then we can keep you up to date with changes to border restrictions and help plan your dream island getaway. The islands rely on our tourist dollars as their main income, so planning a holiday to one of these wonderful tropical islands will benefit both you and the locals.

Cook Islands

The Cook Islands is proudly Covid Free and a stunning holiday destination to visit. Made up of 15 Islands, the two frequented by tourists are Rarotonga and Aitutaki. Each Island is surrounded by marine reserves, about

50 nautical miles of each island and no building is allowed to be taller than a coconut tree.

Rarotonga is the main island. It takes 45 minutes to circumnavigate the Island on the local bus. You will find a great selection of restaurants to suit any palette. Muri Beachside is considered the best beach for snorkelling and family friendly for swimming. Accommodation options include - intimate and child-free for couples; Resorts for families; or self-contained villa-style for larger families and groups.

Add a trip to Aitutaki for the ultimate Cook Islands







experience. Only a 40-minute flight from Rarotonga, this island is great for a romantic getaway (children not permitted at most resorts). Here you will find some of the clearest waters on the planet.

Vanuatu

Vanuatu also has no reported cases of Covid and is looking forward to welcoming tourists back. The locals here are reputed to be the happiest and friendliest people in the Pacific. Vanuatu is renowned for its snorkeling and diving; lush tropical forests and you can even visit an active volcano.

Samoa

Known for its warm, friendly culture and beautiful scenery, and also with no recorded cases of Covid, Samoa could be your next Island getaway. For a unique adventure in Samoa, take a dip in the swimming holes that surround 'Togitogiga Falls'.

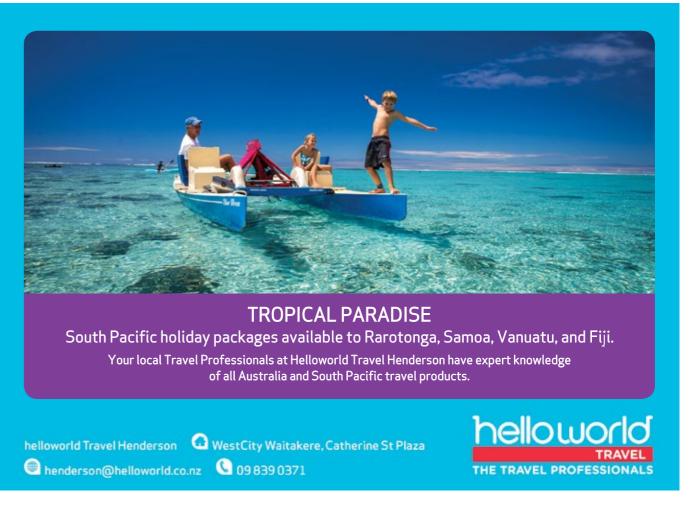


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You will feel yourself unwinding a little more each day in Fiji. Slow your pace to 'island time' and enjoy simply being in the moment. Fiji is the ultimate destination for families, with incredible wildlife, stunning beaches, and a huge range of adventure activities.

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GNOCCHI PREPARATION



WINE MATCH - Babich Wines BLACK LABEL range Hawke's Bay Syrah.

This deep coloured Syrah is produced from a special selection of grapes grown in the Bridge Pa Triangle region of Hawke's Bay. The peppery aroma and strong berry fruit flavours are characteristic of this variety.

REVIEW - "Fresh and supple, it is medium-bodied, with vibrant berry, plum and black pepper flavours, a hint of tamarillo, and a slightly nutty, smooth finish. Enjoyable young."— Michael Cooper





Ingredients:

Gnocchi:

- 1.3kg Raw Agria potato (washed)
- 300g '00' Flour
- 1 Egg
- 3 Yolks
- 100g Grated Parmesan
- Salt, pepper, pinch of grated nutmeg

Marinara sauce

- 900g Chopped tomato (tinned)
- 200g Fine diced onion
- 50g Minced garlic
- 150ml Extra virgin olive oil
- · Fresh basil to finish



Recipe by Head Chef, Conner Jay

Method:

Gnocchi:

- 1. Bake potatoes at 200C until cooked through.
- 2. Slice in a half and scoop out the inside of the potato.
- 3. Put the baked potato through a potato ricer or mash it. Allow it to cool down slightly.
- 4. Mix in egg, yolks, parmesan, flour, salt, pepper, and nutmeg.
- 5. Knead the dough lightly.
- 6. Roll pieces of dough into ropes of about 2cm in diameter.
- 7. With a sharp knife cut ropes into 2cm squares.
- 8. Blanch gnocchi in boiling salted water until they raise to surface
- 9. Once they surface, cook for about 1 minute, then strain and refresh in ice water until cold and set.

Marinara sauce

- 1. Heat up the oil in a large pan.
- 2. Add onions and garlic
- 3. Gently sauté until soft. Or fry until golden for extra flavour
- 4. Add tomatoes and cook the sauce until desired consistency. Not too thick.
- 5. Season with salt and pepper.

Final preperation

Heat up Marinara sauce & add cooked gnocchi into it. Make sure the gnocchi is heated through. Add fresh basil and sliced or torn mozzarella. Finish with freshly grated parmesan.



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DOES YOUR BUSINESS HAVE A SECURITY PLAN?

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought into sharp focus the need for businesses to be prepared. The nationwide lockdown highlighted that operational continuity should be a concern for all companies and not just big corporates.

Your organisation may well have a business continuity plan and a health and safety plan, but do you have a security plan?

When it comes to security, often there's a significant overlap between all these different plans. After all, security is an essential component of business continuity and health and safety. However, without a dedicated security plan, security does not always receive the attention it should do.

This could mean your businesses is left vulnerable and exposed.

Crime continues to be an issue in New Zealand. The latest Police statistics confirm this with an overall 6.6% increase in recorded crimes on last year:

- Theft and related offences are up by 5.6%
- Burglary offences have increased by 4.6%.

Why security is vital for every business owner.

As well as reducing the potential for crime, having robust security systems in place is essential for every business. Keeping staff, customers and visitors safe while on your premises should be a priority. Furthermore, physical security will help you:

 Prevent unauthorised people from accessing your premises, equipment, and assets

 Maintain the trust and confidence of your staff, customers, and those you work with.

The government has outlined its expectations for managing personnel, physical and information security. Binding on government departments, the Protective Security Requirements (PSR) provide a best practice framework for the private sector.

Packed full of useful information and resources, it's worth checking out the PSR website at www. protectivesecurity.govt.nz. The site includes checklists and self-assessment tools so you can measure your security performance against the framework.

If, however, your business is only starting to think about a security plan, then here are some critical areas to consider.

- 1. Do I have an alarm system?
- 2. Is it monitored?
- 3. When was the last time it was serviced?
- 4. Is the system still working correctly?
- 5. If the alarm activates, who responds?
- 6. If something happens to the business overnight, do we have recovery systems in place so we can still be operational the next day?

Although these may seem like simple questions, they can easily be overlooked during the day-to-day running of your business. Working through the answers will help kick-start the security planning process in your organisation to ensure your business is protected.



COMMUNITY - THE TRUSTS OUR WONDERFUL WEST AUCKLAND BUSINESS SUPPORTERS - PLEASE SUPPORT THEM

THE GOOD HOME LINCOLN ROAD IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS

There's a lot to be said for escaping the office every once in a while. An off-site team meeting held in a great location can renew and re-energise. And conducting business negotiations over a barista-made cappuccino is more conducive to a successful outcome than the backroom office.

In need of some time out from the office ourselves, we went to check out the Good Home gastropub on Lincoln Road.

Situated on the corner of Lincoln Road and Te Pai Place, the Good Home is in a fantastic spot within easy access of the motorway. Its prominent location makes the Good Home an excellent choice for meeting up with out-of-town clients or suppliers. And there's always plenty of parks available.



We visited on a Tuesday lunchtime, and a warm welcome greeted us on arrival. The vibe is casual and relaxed – just like a home from home.

With a good mix of classic Kiwi favourites including burgers, ribs and fish and chips, the menu offers plenty of choices including small plates and platters designed for sharing. And it's great to see a wide range of options for vegetarians, vegans and gluten-free diners.

To accompany your meal is an extensive selection of top New Zealand wines, spirits, tap and bottled beers as well as low and non-alcohol options.

We told our waiter that we were short on time, and our vegetarian sharing platter arrived without delay. Beautifully presented and delicious tasting, the platter

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certainly hit the spot. The ultra-crispy polenta chips were a personal standout!

The Good Home is undoubtedly an excellent choice for a shared team lunch, client entertaining or a special work event. The venue offers free Wi-Fi while a flexible layout means there are lots of different spaces available. Select from the whisky lounge for a quiet one-on-one or small group meeting. Or the snug area for a larger product launch, team meeting or training seminar. Catering is available for all options from coffee and a muffin through to buffet-style finger food or sit-down meals.

The gastropub is also within walking distance of the Lincoln Green Hotel and The Trusts Arena. And it's the official home of the Northern Mystics netball team. With spot prizes and exclusive offers available for Mystics fans, the Good Home is the place to be for the netball-mad, or for some corporate entertainment.

Christmas is fast approaching, and the Good Home is a versatile choice for any staff celebration. From a seated dinner to a cocktail reception, the friendly team will deliver a customised event.

So, next time you need to get out of the office for a meeting or work function, then head on down to the Good Home. And you'll discover the Good Home is indeed good for business.

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COMMUNITY CHARITIES STRUGGLING TO PAY POWER & RENT

Large numbers of community groups are struggling to meet basic operating costs including power bills, PPE, and water rates according to new figures.

New funding application data shows the average amount of funding sought by Auckland charities to cover their current overheads is almost \$8,000. The figures also reveal that operating expenses were higher among community & wellbeing groups as well as environmental & arts charities.

Over 100 charities who have seen a significant increase in demand for their services and are struggling to meet their operating costs as a result of COVID-19, will now receive a share of more than \$500,000 - thanks to a new emergency fund.

The diverse range of community organisations which operate in the Auckland region have applied for a grant from The Trusts Your West Support Fund to cover a wide range of expenses.

Trusts CEO Allan Pollard says the high volume of funding requests received in July suggests many local charities are struggling to stay afloat.

"We know that the pandemic has had a significant impact on the normal income streams of community groups.

"These are organisations providing blankets, food and support services to the most vulnerable members of our community.



"What was particularly

concerning to see was that many of these organisations have asked for help to cover their fundamental operating needs such as power, internet & rent.

"For many of these groups, this funding will be an essential lifeline to help them continue to support their community in a post-COVID environment," he says.

Pollard says the requests for support exceeded more than \$1.1 million and cover a wide range of organisations including food charities, whanau-based support, elderly and youth support services, hospice as well as environmental and sporting groups.



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WEST CITY MITSUBISHI

BA5 Sponsor West City Auto Group (WCAG) have exciting developments, and July marked a significant milestone for West City with the signs coming down on their Holden sales showroom at Central Park Drive.

The Group is proud of their association with General Motors Holden and the 26-year tenure as Holden Dealers for the West & Northwest region. However, with the news in February of Holden's withdrawal from Australasia it was only a matter of time before ceasing their sales operation.

WCAG will however, continue as Holden Parts and Service representatives at their New Parts & Service Centre located at Soljan Drive.



As one era ends, the Business embarks on another, and are pleased to announce their commencement as Mitsubishi Motors Dealer for the West/Northwest. An exciting opportunity with this rapidly growing brand that has been synonymous with the NZ Auto Industry for more than 50 years.

Mitsubishi offers a range of vehicles that include small cars like Mirage. SUV's in the ASX, Eclipse and Outlander and a full range of Triton ute's along with a range of Hybrid vehicles. Later this year their first Mitsubishi Express Vans will be available. The Express Van shows the future direction of Mitsubishi with



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With the New Mitsubishi Showroom now open in Central Park Drive, and full Parts & Service Support at their New Soljan Drive Parts and Service Centre, the Dealership can look after your total Mitsubishi vehicle requirements.

Having opened the Westgate Kia and Suzuki Dealership in late 2017, WCAG will complete planned facilities upgrades with a New Kia Sales area in Central Park Drive. Work is already underway and on completion at the end of 2020. By this time, the Group will have some of the most up to date automotive facilities in the country.

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