



## KIA ORA

It's exciting to see so many new businesses in the Village and more to come. Welcome to Bianca and KPK Hair and Beauty who opened their doors recently.

After many years serving Ellerslie locals, we're sad to be farewelling Rachael from Ellerslie Bakehouse but pleased to welcome new owners Anoo and Sanjay. They are experienced bakers who have some exciting things in store. Watch this space!

The Ellerslie Business Association has lots of plans in motion for the Village this year and it's shaping up to be another busy one. With the new hotel La Quinta Ellerslie now open in Central Park and lots of new residential apartments, we are focussed on making the journey into the Village through the tunnel and Findlay Street more pleasant and easy with new signage.

Upcoming in Ellerslie is Art & Craft Market on Saturday 2 March in the Town Square and our first Coffee with a Cop for the year. Check out the What's On section on page 4 for further details.

We always appreciate your support to keep Ellerslie looking good – if you see graffiti, illegal dumping, something dangerous or broken please log it on the Auckland Council website under 'report a problem'.

We look forward to seeing you in the Village this year!



*Sarah and Emma*  
Ellerslie Business Association

## LOCALS EMBRACE NEW ITALIAN NEIGHBOUR BIANCA

**HAYDEN PHISKIE, THE TALENTED CHEF BEHIND ELLERSLIE'S NEWEST ITALIAN HOT-SPOT BIANCA SAYS HE FEELS RIGHT AT HOME IN ELLERSLIE THANKS TO THE FRIENDLY WELCOME HE AND HIS TEAM HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY SINCE OPENING IN DECEMBER.**

"There's a really nice community feel here, it reminds me a bit of what it was like at The Refreshment Room in Titirangi – there's that same warm, friendly vibe from the locals," he says.

It's not just Ellerslie locals who are embracing Bianca. Foodies from all over Auckland are flocking to the deli for their fresh house-made pasta and ragu packs to takeaway and cook at home and their sumptuous dine in and take away menu.

Lunch from the cabinet includes a simple but on-point menu of fresh focaccias (gorgonzola, pistachio and honey is the hot favourite), ricotta-filled cannoli, a tart and cookie. Lunch time diners can also enjoy the full dinner menu complete with a glass of wine.

Dinner favourites comprise of ravioli with broad bean, lemon with sourdough crumbs and rotolo with ricotta and beef cheek ragu.

Hayden says the tight-knit Bianca team have

been working together for the past three years, most recently at Ada in Grey Lynn.

"You're only as good as your team. We all share the load, and we just really enjoy working together. Everyone does everything – our kitchen crew will be out serving food, and likewise our front of house guys are helping out the back when needed. Our opening night here was the smoothest I've ever experienced thanks to the team," he says.

With a humming commercial kitchen, 26-seat restaurant and deli, there is still plenty more in the pipeline for Hayden and Bianca.

**Bianca is currently open Tuesday – Saturday for lunch and Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for dinner. Booking details via Instagram @bianca.akl.**



## GRAND OPENING – ANTONY PHILIP



**IT'S BEEN UNDER WRAPS SINCE JANUARY, BUT ON SATURDAY 2 MARCH ALL WILL BE REVEALED AS EXCITING NEW HAIR AND SKIN SALON ANTONY PHILIP OPENS ITS DOORS FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

The man behind the brand is Ellerslie local Antony Seymour, a highly talented and experienced hairstylist who along with husband Dan is not just opening a salon but launching a brand.

"We're creating something we both feel really passionate about," says Dan. "For us it's important that we deliver an exceptional customer experience and part of that means building a professional team and taking good care of them."

The salon, which is located between Subway and Burger Fuel in Robert Street, will have eight chairs, two beauty rooms, Nobel Prize winning skin products and Redken hair products.

**Pop in and meet Antony, Dan and the team on Saturday 2 March from 4pm – there'll be bubbles, a DJ and one-time, grand opening specials. All welcome!**

## A MAKEOVER FOR THE ARCADE

### THE BEAUTY NAILS

After moving to Auckland from Vietnam in 2015 to study business and beauty, salon owner Windy who has spent over eight years in the nail industry is excited to now have her own business in Ellerslie Village. "My passion is providing makeovers for everyone – seeing the transformation of clients' nails just gives me a satisfaction about my work," she says. The Beauty Nails provides the expert services of builder gel, dipping powder, acrylic and shellac/gel. Drop in and meet Windy or for nail inspo follow @the\_beauty\_nails\_akl.



### KPK HAIR AND BEAUTY

Situated between Mal's and Stitched Up Alterations in the arcade, KPK moved into the Village just before Christmas. For owner Krishna Khambhati, the location was "perfect" for her first foray into salon ownership after previously managing salons on the North Shore and in Flat Bush. An experienced hairdresser and beauty therapist, Krishna and her small team provide a full range of hair and beauty services including hair removal, facials, threading and lash extensions. Contact kpk-hb.com or pop in to the salon and meet the team.



## MORE THAN JUST A SPORTS CLUB

**AFTER ALL THE EXCITEMENT OF LAST YEAR'S FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP AT MICHAEL'S AVE, THE ELLERSLIE COMMUNITY NOW HAVE AN INCREDIBLE RESOURCE IN THE MICHAELS AVE COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

Home to Ellerslie AFC and Ellerslie Cricket Club, the beautiful, spacious new centre is also open for bookings from community groups, businesses and private hirers. With a new venue manager on board, the team also have the vision of creating an exciting space where locals can pop in for a drink, a bite to eat and enjoy connecting with the community.



**Michaels Ave Community Centre**  
12 Ellwood Place, Ellerslie | [macc.net.nz](http://macc.net.nz)  
027 4343 183

One community group who have adopted the MACC as their new home is the **Rotary Club of Ellerslie Sunrise** who meets every Friday from 7.15am – 8.30am for breakfast which is catered by **The Fresh Market Ellerslie**.

The group organises a variety of interesting speakers and provides opportunities to get involved in upcoming events – whether social or service. Their current projects include providing free rat traps to the community and delivering emergency response kits to the Pacific Islands for cyclone relief. One of their 2023 highlights was supporting Beyond Waters to build school toilets in Kenya.

Linda Etwell, Club Secretary says the club always welcomes new members, "Rotary provides a way of stepping out of your normal circles, learning new things and enjoying the comradery of doing service projects together, 'Feeling good, doing good' is a Rotary Motto," she says.

Find out more at [rotaryellerslie.org.nz](http://rotaryellerslie.org.nz)



Linda (centre) with fellow Rotarians packing Christmas puddings for their annual fundraiser

## LOVE YOUR LOCAL Shannon Thompson - Movement Pilates

### Are you an Ellerslie local?

I grew up in Mission Bay. After graduating from Physiotherapy I spent four years in Melbourne which is where I first started teaching Reformer Pilates. Then I was in Canada for two years before moving back to Auckland in 2019. I started teaching at Movement Pilates in July 2020 and took ownership three months later – it has been the best, most rewarding three years of my life. In March 2023 I officially became an Ellerslie resident.

### What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

Being able to foster a welcoming, supportive, uplifting space and community for everyday people to move their bodies and find joy in exercise. To see members crush their goals, increase their confidence, feel more energised and become healthier, happier humans. Plus, creating a really positive and supportive culture within our teaching team – I feel so blessed to have such amazing women who are part of this studio.

### What kind of people attend your classes?

Everyone and anyone! We have teenagers, uni students, pregnant people, tradies, busy mums, professionals, retirees... everyone can benefit from Reformer Pilates. We also offer Mums & Bubs classes and private sessions for those rehabbing injuries.

### What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

I really love doing Pilates so when I'm not 'working' you'll see me jumping into a class!

I also enjoy golf, dance fitness classes, social summer hockey, nature walks with my fiancé Rob and fur baby Kona. I come from a large family so there's always a birthday or celebration going on. I also love travelling and was lucky enough to spend six weeks in Europe last year.

### Favourite shops in Ellerslie?

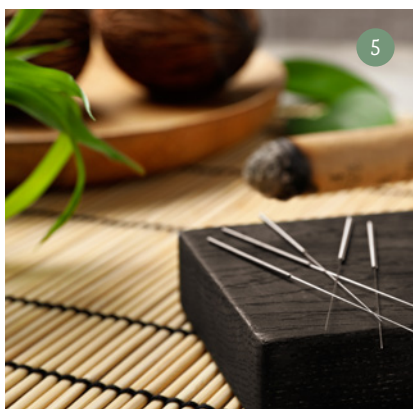
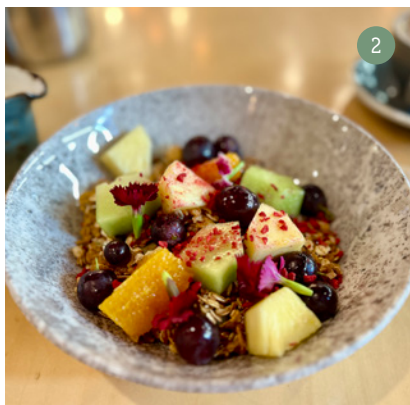
Obviously the pies at Richoux Patisserie! I love Pastrami & Rye for a lunchtime sammy, Mr Tanakas for date night, and every week I'm popping into Coko to see what's new. Baan Thai Massage next door give the best massages I've ever had and Paris Hair is where I get my hair cut. We are so lucky to have such a great community here in Ellerslie.

**Movement Pilates | 123 Main Highway |**  
[www.movementpilates.co.nz](http://www.movementpilates.co.nz)



## SUMMER SHOWCASE

Want to make a healthy start to the new year?  
Our Ellerslie businesses are here for it!



1 Get stronger and improve your posture at **Extend Pilates**, a purpose-built physio led mat work studio in Arthur Street. Lisa makes Pilates fun and accessible for everybody. Group, 1:1, mums & bubs and massage available. [extendpilates.co.nz](http://extendpilates.co.nz).

2 Who says healthy can't be hearty?! Start the day with a bowl of homemade granola, yoghurt and fresh seasonal fruit made by the friendly team at **Little Luscious**. \$17.90. 101 Main Highway.

3 Need a bit of extra supplement support? The team at **Unichem Ellerslie Pharmacy** are a wealth of knowledge when it comes to supporting your wellbeing from the inside out. 125 Main Highway.

4 Enjoy a 7-Day Free Trial and unleash your full potential at **F45**. Dynamic workouts, supportive community, lasting results. Call or email Krystie for more info – 027 834 5345, [kwsmith@f45training.co.nz](mailto:kwsmith@f45training.co.nz).

5 With over 30 years of experience, you're in good hands with Dr Peilin Li at the **TCM Healing Centre**. Treat yourself to facial beauty treatments, reduce stress and anxiety, relieve body pain and improve overall wellbeing. Unit D/123 Main Highway.

6 The party doesn't need to stop just because you're on a health kick. **Glengarry** has you covered with a range of alcohol-free spirits like Ecology + Co Asian Spice Botanical Blend \$67. 87 Main Highway.

7 It's not all scrumptious deli meat sandwiches at **Pastrami & Rye**. Try their freshly squeezed juices and fruit smoothies for a refreshing thirst quencher. \$8. 112 Main Highway.

## IMPROVING ELLERSLIE ONE IDEA AT A TIME



THE ELLERSLIE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (ERA) IS A SMALL VOLUNTARY GROUP WITH A GOAL TO MAKE ELLERSLIE AUCKLAND'S MOST LIVEABLE SUBURB.

Glen McCabe, Chair, has been an Ellerslie local since 2012 and says our suburb has the bones of everything you could wish for... but there is always more you can do to make things that little bit better for everyone.

"We bring people together, generate ideas and then get those ideas in front of decision makers. We are fortunate that the Ōrakei Local Board are very supportive of us and a member will often attend our meetings," he says.

Recent ERA projects include pathway lighting at Michael's Ave Reserve and free community e-waste collections. They are engaged with Fletcher Living regarding The Hill development and are involved in discussions around transport, stormwater, parks and green spaces including the future of Liston Park. They also host community meetings during Council, mayoral and general elections to connect candidates with residents.

"We always welcome new members – maybe you've got ideas or a passion project but aren't sure how to approach it yourself, just come along. In particular, we're looking for a new Treasurer, so if you're good with numbers, we'd love to hear from you. We don't have massive resources, our resources are our ideas and being able to connect to the right people. It isn't a massive commitment, but it is very rewarding," he says.

Find out more about Ellerslie Residents Association [ellerslieresidents@gmail.com](mailto:ellerslieresidents@gmail.com)



## WHAT'S ON IN ELLERSLIE



### LOCAL BIZ GATHERING

Third Wednesday of the month starting 21 Feb, 5.30pm – 7pm

Take Up Space, The Fresh Market & Liquorland have teamed up to create these fun and free networking events for the local business community. 23 Kalmia Street. Register at [takeupspace.co.nz](http://takeupspace.co.nz).



### MANA WĀHINE BUSINESS NETWORK GOALS WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 22 FEB, 10AM – 12PM

Network with likeminded wāhine in business and set yourself up to achieve your goals. Free. 23 Kalmia Street. [takeupspace.co.nz](http://takeupspace.co.nz).



### ELLERSLIE ARTS & CRAFT MARKET

Saturday 2 March, 10am – 2pm

With fifteen stalls taking over the Ellerslie Village Square, this boutique market showcases talented local makers and crafters.



### NZ WARRIORS AT GO MEDIA STADIUM

Friday 8 March, 8pm kick off

It's the Warriors first game of the season and they're at home to the Sharks. Pop into the Village for a pre-game drink and bite to eat.



### BARFOOT & THOMPSON AUCKLAND CUP DAY

Saturday 9 March, Ellerslie Racecourse

It's the final hurrah to an incredible summer of racing with chic marquees, fashion, entertainment and The Black Seeds headlining the after party. Tickets at [aucklandracing.co.nz](http://aucklandracing.co.nz)



### GLENGARRY TASTINGS

Every Friday + Saturday, 3pm – 6pm

Pop in for a free tasting with new and exciting drops from Spanish and South American wines, gin and bubbles. 87 Main Highway.



### COFFEE WITH A COP

Thursday 14 March, 8.15am

Come and meet the local community Police team for an informal chat and coffee on us. Little Luscious Cafe, 101 Main Highway.



### ST PATRICKS DAY AT DOOLAN BROTHERS

Sunday 17 March

Come in for some craic and community and celebrate St Paddy's Day at Ellerslie's favourite Irish pub.

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