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Kia ora Aotea whanau

Hope you all are looking forward to the holidays, maybe winding down, putting your feet up and spending some quality time with your family and loved ones.

This is the final newsletter for the year with some small mentions of the events of the latter part of the year and what's happening next year.



Drop off Tucker 2023 – Annual Food Collection

Recently, ARA together collaborated with Rotary Club to do a food collection for the Salvation Army at the Jasmine Underhill Car Park. The event was well supported by our Aotea Residents. The Salvation Army band entertained everyone on the day with their beautiful music. Both the organisations were grateful for the contribution of our residents. We hope to work more with these two organisations in years to come.





AGM 2023

As you all know the AGM took place on 16 October 2023 at Sushil's Café. It was attended by 15 people (residents and PCC reps included).

Some important points from the AGM were:

- PCC reps explained about the Okowai/ Papakowhai/Whitford Brown Drive roadworks. There is plan for 2 sets of traffic lights – one at each of the above junctions. Work will start in January 2024.
- A shared pathway between Whitford Brown Ave and Paremata Bridge is also on the cards - this work will start in Nov 2023 to June 2024.
- Kathleen Filo also talked about the Community Emergency Hub to be located at Aotea College. WREMO will help set this up with collaboration with ARA committee.
- Our committee is unchanged from last year.
 - o Chair – David Turner
 - o Deputy Chair – Pat Waite
 - o Secretary – Seema Singh
 - o Treasurer – Cliff McCaulay
 - o Committee Members – Sushil Ravikumar, Bharath Arshith, Stephanie McKnight

Events in 2024.



Community Nights at Sushil's (Dates – 12th, 19th and 26th Jan 2024)

As we come into another summer, we would like to run the very popular community food nights at Sushil's café.



This will include:

- A great variety of food and beverage
- Live music
- A good opportunity to get together and have fun!



Childrens day market – 3rd March 2024.

There will be:

- Hopefully we will have a fire engine for the kids
- BBQ
- Children can bring items to sell.
- Live music
- Maybe a bouncy castle – looking for sponsors for this.



We will provide further updates as we move closer to the day.



Business Expo 2024

We have pencilled this in for May 2024 and will work with local businesses and supporters to have it at the college.

Please let us know if you would like to be involved and we can then plan accordingly.

More details will come in the coming months.



Quiz Nights – June – July 2024

Just like last year we plan to have the very popular Quiz Nights in the winter months at Sushil's Café.

We will provide updates and opportunities to register as we get nearer to the event.



Would you like to join the Aotea Residents Association (ARA)?

We need people to:

- Look after the community Facebook page
- Assist with event planning

If you could spare 1-2 hours per week your assistance would be much appreciated and help support our community. Not much time each week and a great opportunity to help your local community. Please let us know if you are interested by emailing - aotearesidents@gmail.com



Aotea 'Local Network' Webpage for Local Businesses

Register your Business!



If you are interested in registering your business on this website, please send an email to aotearesidents@gmail.com with the following information:

- Name of Business
- What your Business does
- Email contact of your Business
- A couple of photos representing your business (e.g., photo of products, or photo of the Business office, photo of friendly staff etc).

Thanks
ARA Committee

Disclaimer - ARA reserves the right to refuse any business selling illegal products or service or any product that is deemed inappropriate or culturally insensitive.

We already have 17 businesses listed. See some examples of what we need from you here: <https://www.aotearesidents.org.nz/localbusinessnetwork>



Business Forum

Would you like to be involved?

Dedicated to listing local small businesses: this includes quarterly meetings with business owners, business expo once per year, and at times working with other business groups in the local area as well as Porirua council on initiatives.

Please contact us at aotearesidents@gmail.com or feel free to reach out to Sushil directly as he would love to help and support your business as part of his role on the committee as the Business Liaison person and the community initiatives he runs at the café.

Thank you

The ARA team



Happy Holidays, Merry Xmas to those
who are celebrating!
Best Wishes for 2024

From Aotea Residents Association Team

3 DECEMBER 2023

**AOTEA
CRAFT
MARKET**

GIFTS AND SOUVENIRS

Date: 3 Dec 2023

**Venue: Dad's Shed, 4 Te Puia
Drive, Aotea (behind Sushil's
Café)**

**Time: 10am to 3pm
ALL WELCOME**