Ellerslie Village News

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Welcome to our first issue for 2025. It's great to see the Village getting busy again with the return to school, work and study.

While some of us were on holiday, **F45**, **Movement Pilates** and **Anytime Fitness** all had refurbs, and work commenced at Ellerslie War Memorial Hall which is getting new carpet, a refreshed kitchen and a fresh lick of paint to help make it more hireable. They are currently not taking bookings but the hall will be open for the community in a few months.

A big welcome to **Airlab** who have moved into 6 Findlay Street. Airlab specialise in HVAC commissioning, air testing and building WOFs and are a great addition to the Village.

Ray White Epsom and Ray White Stonefields have joined **Ray White Ellerslie** and Ray White Mt Wellington as part of the Now Realty Group. The four offices are working together as one team to provide and deliver the very best outcome for their clients.

Congratulations again to the winners of our Christmas Spend and Win competition. Four lucky people won \$250 to spend at their chosen Ellerslie Village business which included Flowers of St Johns, Charlie Baxter's, Four Square and Ellerslie Jewellers. Also, well done to the three winners and everyone who entered our Summer Colouring Competition and to Scoop and Smile for providing the prizes.

This time of the year the Ellerslie Business Association is deep in planning mode for the year ahead which includes working on funding models, submissions, and Fairy Festival planning among other things. We look forward to sharing more activities that help support our businesses in the Village, as the year unfolds.



Ellerslie Business Association

LOVE YOUR LOCAL Sandra Lees, Caci

SANDRA LOVED HER CACI EXPERIENCE SO MUCH AS A CLIENT THAT SHE BOUGHT HER OWN CACI CLINIC IN NEWMARKET FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, LATER OPENING CACI ELLERSLIE IN 2015.

What do you love about being part of the community?

I feel really privileged to have a business in Ellerslie. It's a really vibrant community and prime location. The local community is really supportive, with a strong sense of connection between businesses and residents. I love the fact that Ellerslie has a charming mix of modern amenities, local parks, and good cafes and restaurants – it is an enjoyable and convenient place to run a business.

What do you love about your work?

Working in the skin and beauty industry is incredibly rewarding because it allows me to help people feel confident and empowered in their own skin. I love the constant opportunity to learn and grow, as the industry is always evolving with new treatments, products, and techniques. Plus, the relationships I build with clients, many of whom return regularly, make the work even more meaningful. The ability to positively impact someone's day and self-esteem is truly fulfilling.

Who are your typical Caci clients?

Our clients come from a diverse range of backgrounds – we work with both men and women of various ages, from teens dealing with acne to adults looking for anti-aging solutions or simply seeking relaxation and rejuvenation. Our services include cosmetic injectables, laser hair removal, body shaping and corrective skin care. We are passionate about delivering 'Skin Confidence' which is hugely powerful and can be truly life

changing. We are not here to judge if your skin concern is good, bad, big or small, we just want to help you feel confident in your skin.

What should people do if they have a skin concern?

Right now, we are offering complimentary Observ® Skin Scans. The scan is non-invasive, quick, and provides a comprehensive look at both the surface and deeper layers of the skin, making it a valuable tool to identify concerns like sun damage, pigmentation, fine lines, deep wrinkles, and dehydration, as well as conditions like acne or rosacea. We'd love to share our knowledge and expertise with anyone keen to know more.





F45 LEVELS UP

F45 have been busy levelling up their studio with the addition of new functional racks for next level workouts. Find out more at f45training.com/nz/studio/ellerslie

READY FOR ANOTHER HOLIDAY?



NOTHING MAKES SETTLING BACK INTO THE NEW YEAR EASIER THAN KNOWING YOU HAVE YOUR NEXT HOLIDAY LOCKED IN. WE SPOKE TO TANIA MATSELSKAYA AT HOUSE OF TRAVEL ELLERSLIE ON THE HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS THAT ARE TRENDING FOR 2025.

JAPAN

When to go: March/April for cherry blossoms or September/October for less crowds, cooler weather and stunning autumn colour displays.

"It's a great place for kids with heaps to do – from Universal Studios in Osaka, the temples of Kyoto, to the history in Hiroshima. You can book a ninja class, enjoy a tea ceremony, dress up in traditional kimonos or experience a sumo wrestling match in May and September."

SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

When to go: May/June or September/October to avoid the crowds and high temperatures.

"There are some great organised tours which cover all three countries over three weeks. If you're more adventurous, hop on a train in Spain and experience the rich culture of Andalucia: eat your way through tapas bars in Barcelona, marvel at Alhambra palace in Granada and dance the night away at a flamenco bar in Seville. If Morocco is on your bucket list, an organised tour will be my pick, plus a night in Sahara Desert under the stars is a must do here!"

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When to go: June/July to escape winter.

"Disneyland and Los Angeles are very popular with families. I would also recommend looking to Orlando. With nine theme parks on offer here including Disney World, LEGO Land and Universal Studios, everyone will find something they like. Add a short 4-5 day Caribbean cruise to it and your kids won't stop talking about this holiday for years!"

Pop in and grab the 'Book It 2025' brochure which contains heaps of tips and tricks on destinations that are trending now.

House of Travel Ellerslie

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL

MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Held several times a year in February, March, June and August, kids and their caregivers are invited to come along for an age-appropriate tour where they'll meet the teachers, get an introduction to Steiner education, and explore the beautiful school. The next Open Day is Wednesday 19 March at 9.30am – talk and tour (school only) and 3.30pm – talk and tour (school & kindergarten). Email: enrolments@ michaelpark.school.nz or call 09 579 3083.

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

With some exciting projects in the pipeline for 2025, if your local business would like to become part of the Ellerslie School community by donating products for raffles or sponsoring an event, and in turn being promoted to our community, please contact sarahn@ellerslie.school.nz and follow @ellerslieschoolsupporters on Facebook.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TOUR

St Mary's has been part of the Ellerslie community since 1912, providing a quality Catholic education for kids in years 1-6. If you're interested in finding out more about

the school, contact the office admin@stmary. school.nz and book in for a School Tour on Thursday 20 March.

ONE TREE HILL COLLEGE TURNS 70 Plans

are underway to celebrate 70 years since our local high school first opened its doors to students. Formerly Penrose High School, One Tree Hill College will be celebrating this milestone on 6 – 8 June 2025, so if you're a former student, teacher or family member and want to be kept in the loop about the festivities, email reunion 70@ one tree hill college. school.nz.



HIDDEN GEMS IN THE VILLAGE

TUCKED AWAY DOWN THE DRIVEWAY BETWEEN ELLERSLIE LIQUOR CENTRE AND CHARLIE BAXTER'S AT 123 MAIN HIGHWAY, ARE THREE GREAT ELLERSLIE VILLAGE BUSINESSES YOU MAY NOT KNOW AROUT...

Parisian Hairstyling

(09) 948 0401

Previously Paris for Hair, Parisian Hairstyling have been part of the Ellerslie Village community for over fifteen years. Led by Sheree, the passionate and experienced team offer a full range of services including cuts, colours and styling. With senior stylists and a highly experienced colour technician, your hair is in capable hands with the Parisian Hairstyling team.



Soul Spa & Thai Massage

info@revivespa.co.nz I 0204 376 579

Formerly known as Baan Thai Massage, Soul Spa has been created as an extension of Revive Spa & Thai Massage, (129 Main Highway). With the sole purpose of making you feel amazing, they offer an enchanting range of massage and beauty treatments including deep tissue, hot stone and couples' massage along with full body waxing services.



Movement Pilates

www.movementpilates.co.nz I 021 254 3888

This boutique Reformer studio is all about positive vibes, encouragement and joyful movement for everybody, no matter your age, fitness level or experience. Open 7 days and offering over 50 group classes per week, Shannon and the team can help you improve your strength, mobility, cardio, balance, coordination and mindfulness. Intro offer: 4 Group Classes for \$84.



BACK TO SCHOOL IN THE VILLAGE

Get back into the swing of things with fun activities for the kids and stuff to help parents manage the back to school hustle.



Got a budding musician on your hands? **Guitar City Music School** in the arcade run term time lessons for both kids and adults in acoustic, bass and electric guitar and drums. guitarcity.co.nz



Ellerslie's one-stop-shop, **Dollar House** in the arcade is stocked with stationery, art supplies and everything you could possibly need for school projects or dress up days.



Still getting back into the swing of filling school lunch boxes? **Four Square** is open 8am – 8pm every day for fresh bread, fruit and lunch box snacks.



Stop into **Julia's Bakery** for an after school treat. There's a mouthwatering selection of delicious homemade sweets, savouries and cold drinks. 128 Main Highway.



For school uniform alterations, **Stitched Up** in the arcade can take things up, down and in, to meet the needs of your growing kids.



If the kids need a bit of extra support on the inside, pop in and see the friendly team at **Unichem Ellerslie Pharmacy** – they have a range of vitamins and supplements just for kids.



The Clay Centre run wheel throwing and hand building workshops and classes for kids and adults both during term time and school holidays. No experience needed. Classes book out quick. the claycentre.co.nz.



Registrations are open at **Ellerslie AFC** for the upcoming soccer season. From Under 5 Starters on Friday afternoons to the Tamaki League for U6 – U9's and Junior, Youth and Adult leagues. Get involved at ellersliefootball.org.nz



Get the kids looking sharp with a new do at **KPK Hair and Beauty** in the arcade, or if your boys want mullets, ponies or fades, the guys at **Mal's, BarberShopCo** and **Brothers Haircut** have you covered.

GET INVOLVED WITH COMMUNITY PATROL

ELLERSLIE COMMUNITY PATROL IS A VOLUNTEER GROUP AIDING THE POLICE IN MAINTAINING COMMUNITY SAFETY. THEY PRIMARILY SERVE AS THE EYES AND EARS FOR THE POLICE.

Always working in pairs, you will have probably noticed the friendly patrollers either walking through the village or driving in their patrol car. Patrols are at any given day and time of the week around the Ellerslie suburb as well as Stonefields.

There is no requirement as to how often patrollers patrol. Generally, after training, the requirement will be to patrol once a month for three hours. Community Patrollers help New Zealand Police by observing and providing intelligence. This non-confrontational role helps deter anti-social behaviour and criminal activity.

Patrol funding is sourced through local grants, sponsorships, and donations. Ellerslie Community Patrol is incredibly grateful for fundraisers such as Z Petrol's 'Good in the Hood' annual campaign. This is an opportunity for the locals to show their support and it costs nothing except for a visit to Z Triangle and placing an orange disc in the ELCP slot! Along with the Police, ELCP also runs a Safer Plates fundraiser where vehicle owners can have their number plate screws replaced with 'safer screws'. These screws reduce the chance of number plates being stolen.

Ellerslie Community Patrol is always on the lookout for new patrollers. You must be 18 years of age or over and a Police vet is required. Stand up and support your community by joining the great team working to keep Ellerslie safe.

Find out more about joining the Community Patrol by emailing ellerslie@cpnz.org.nz



WHAT'S ON IN ELLERSLIE



ELLERSLIE CRICKET CLUB HIT & SIP

Friday 21 February, 6pm

It's Ladies Night at Michael's Ave Reserve! Come along for a fun night, pick up some basic skills and enjoy a hit followed by drinks and grazing at the club rooms. RSVP: marketing@ellersliecricket.co.nz



PUB QUIZ NIGHTS

Tuesdays 7.30pm

Gather your mates and book a table at one of our awesome Village pubs for a night of trivia and some great meal deals. Plus, on Tuesdays enjoy a Pie & Pint (\$23.95) at Doolan Brothers or a Burger & Pint (\$25) at Union Post.



ELLERSLIE PLAYGROUP

Thursdays during the school term, 9.30am – 11am

Play, craft, snacks and music for kids aged 0-5 years and their caregivers. Leister Hall, Corner Findlay & Ramsgate St ellerslieplaygroup@gmail.com



MEET THE ARTIST AUCKLAND PHILHARMONIA FRIENDS

Friday 28 March, 10.30am - 12pm at Leicester Hall

Meet exciting Kiwi conductor Reuben Brown and enjoy music by young Auckland musicians over a light lunch. Tickets \$15 - \$20 at the door.



COFFEE WITH A COP

Thursday 13 March, 8.30am, Columbus Coffee

Meet our community Police team, find out what's going on in Ellerslie and ask any questions. An Ellerslie Business Association event. Coffee is on us!



CHARLIE'S WALKING ANGELS

Wednesdays 6pm at Charlie Baxter's

Looking to get more active? Meet a group of friendly locals at Charlie Baxter's, hit the pavement, then enjoy a \$5 drink afterwards. Spot prizes. Kids and dogs welcome



GAME DAYS AT GO MEDIA STADIUM

With just four home games left, don't miss Auckland FC in their maiden season. Plus, the Warriors return for their first home game on Friday 14 March. Grab a bite to eat in the Village before heading to the game.



AYUMI NO KAI JAPANESE PLAYGROUP

Every Tuesday, 10am – 12pm Christ Church, 169 Ladies Mile

Japanese songs, hand games, games, seasonal Japanese events, and storytelling for kids aged 0-5 years. \$2/session with the first session free. Contact ayuminokai2010@gmail.com



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