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Welcome to our final issue of Ellerslie Village News for 2025! As the festive season draws near, we invite you to make Ellerslie Village your go-to destination for all things Christmas. Whether you're planning an end-of-year catch-up, hunting for that perfect last-minute gift, or gathering something delicious for your Christmas table, skip the chaos of the malls and enjoy the convenience of shopping local. This issue is packed with ideas, inspiration, and ways to make the most of Christmas in the Village.

It is great to see new businesses Lab Brow Bar and O'Dowds up and humming and receiving rave reviews. Glengarry has closed and in its place is Thirsty Liquor who have just opened their doors. We look forward to trying the baked goods at Oven Spring Bakery – the latest business to open in Robert Street.

Welcome to our new board

Ellerslie Village is supported by Ellerslie Business Association (EBA) Incorporated which is governed by a voluntary Board made up of businesses and building owners in the Village. The EBA has recently held its Annual General Meeting and voted in their new Board for the year.

We have a number of returning members. Stepping down is Barbara Campbell who has served on the Board for four years and been an incredibly supportive and engaged member. On behalf of the management team, thank you to Barbara, and all members, for your service and support of our little Village.

Take care and have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sarah & Emma

Ellerslie Business Association



The 2025 Ellerslie Business Association Board (L-R): Rhys Mountfort (building owner), Nick Liu (Four Square), Catherine Parlane (building owner), Christine Lemalu (Andrew Lemalu Law), Daniel Morris-Seymour (Antony Phillip), Barbara Campbell (outgoing) and Murray Wells (JDW Accountants).

LOVE YOUR LOCAL

Tania Matselskaya, House of Travel

How would you describe Ellerslie as a destination?

Ellerslie is a little gem hidden in Central Auckland but so easily accessible with a train station located in its heart. I love the sense of community and fantastic food offerings in the Village. We are truly spoilt for choice here – fantastic sushi and Japanese dishes from Haru Sushi and Mr Tanaka's, homemade pasta from Bianca, pork belly tacos from Mexico. If you fancy a fun night out – quiz nights at Union Post or newly opened Irish pub O'Dowd's. Or, if you just want to relax with a cup of coffee and watch the world go by – you can't go wrong with Dear Deer and Little Luscious.



What are the benefits of being able to sit face to face with a travel expert?

Booking through a travel agent has so many benefits. We love creating bespoke itineraries and suggesting experiences or places that you haven't even thought about. We have the knowledge and the expertise – name a country or a landmark and we've probably been there and can offer firsthand advice. We also provide peace of mind with 24 hour support.

Europe is a popular destination with Kiwis, what are your top tips?

Don't try and see everything in one trip! Make a list of must see places and experiences by concentrating on 2-3 countries that are close to each other. Make sure you slot in a free day every so often where you don't plan anything – for me travel is about creating memories and connections, not ticking off the to do list. Think about how you would like to travel – a group tour, cruise or an independent itinerary using trains, flights or driving – each option has its pros and cons. Carefully consider the time of the year – May or September has milder weather, is more suitable to lots of walking and sightseeing plus there are less crowds. My main advice would be to come and see the team at House of Travel Ellerslie. With almost 100 years of travel experience between us, we can't wait to design your dream holiday for you with you!

House of Travel, (09) 525 2363 taniam@hot.co.nz

Over four weeks, from 17 November – 14 December, spend \$25 in the Village and you could WIN a \$200 voucher to an Ellerslie Village business of your choice. Use your receipt to enter at Four Square or online at ellerslievillage.co.nz. Winners will be drawn each Monday from 24 November. For all the info, visit ellerslievillage.co.nz.



CONVENIENT CHRISTMAS ESSENTIALS

AVOID THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE MALL AND ENJOY QUICK, CONVENIENT, CLOSE TO HOME CHRISTMAS ESSENTIALS IN THE VILLAGE. FROM AUCKLAND'S BEST CHRISTMAS MINCE PIES AT **RICHOUX PATISSERIE**, FRESHLY GROUND COFFEE BEANS FROM **DEAR DEER**, OR DRINKS FOR THE PARTY FROM **ELLERSLIE LIQUOR** OR **THIRSTY LIQUOR**.

Ellerslie Meats – Get your orders in quick and taste the difference with Ellerslie Meat's delicious free-range hams, turkeys, and everything you need for festive feasting.



Flowers of St Johns – Christmas wreaths, festive table decorations and flowers for that special someone, pop in and let Kerry design your perfect arrangement.



Dollar House – For gift wrapping and boxes, cards, stocking stuffers, decorations, fairy lights and tableware, Zoey is fully stocked for Christmas.



Four Square – Not only do Supergold Card holders get 10% off, Nick at the team are open Christmas Day for any last minute items.



LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEAS

IF YOU'VE LEFT THINGS TO THE LAST MINUTE, WITH THE CLICK OF A BUTTON YOU CAN GRAB A DIGITAL GIFT VOUCHERS FROM ONE OF THESE GREAT ELLERSLIE BUSINESSES.



- **LAB BROW BAR**
LABBROWBAR.COM
- **BARBERSHOP CO**
BARBERSHOP.CO.NZ
- **BIANCA**
LINKTR.EE/BIANCAPASTA
- **BONITA**
BONITABONITA.CO.NZ
- **LOOBIE & FRIENDS**
LOOBIEANDFRIENDS.CO.NZ
- **MOVEMENT PILATES**
MOVEMENTPILATES.CO.NZ

HOST YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IN THE VILLAGE

WHETHER IT'S AN INTIMATE DINNER AT **BIANCA**, A TASTY THAI BANQUET AT **SANEHS**, AN ALFRESCO SOIREE AT **UNION POST**, OR YOU'RE AFTER TOP-NOTCH CATERING FOR THE OFFICE PARTY FROM **LITTLE LUSCIOUS** OR **HARU SUSHI** – THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF GREAT FOOD AND GOOD VIBES IN THE VILLAGE.

Karaoke at Mr Tanaka's

Hire out The Lantern Room – an intimate private space for 20–25 guests, complete with karaoke, set menus and beer towers. Call (09) 216 8914 or go to mrtanakas.co.nz.



Fiesta at Mexico

A great spot for a crowd. Tuck into the Fiesta menu for \$50pp or get your mates together for a 90 minute margarita master class \$50. Call (09) 600 2216 or go to mexico.nz/ellerslie.



Catch up at Charlie Baxters

Beyond the friendly front bar, gather your crew in the hidden outdoor courtyard for great pizza, tasty bar snacks, and a wide selection of craft beers. Call (09) 525 2522. charliebaxters.co.nz



DISCOVER OP SHOP MAGIC THIS CHRISTMAS

Our three fantastic Village op shops are filled with treasures waiting to be discovered. Make them your first stop for unique gifts, party outfits and everything you need for summer. With great prices and hot brands, you'll save money, support local charities and help protect the environment – all at once!



1 Rose gold plated Swarovski Volta studs, \$78 Mercy Hospice Shop.

2 Elizabethan Swiss Cottage fine bone China trio, \$14 Mercy Hospice Shop.

3 Grace Karin red party dress size S, \$15 Dove Hospice Shop.

4 Kids' silver shoes, \$12 Dove Hospice Shop.

5 Retro ice cream cups, \$5 each SPCA Op Shop.

6 Cooper Street sundress, size 6, \$30 SPCA Op Shop.

7 Assorted Funko Pops, \$15 each SPCA Op Shop.

8 Vtech Alphabet Apple, \$10 Dove Hospice Shop.

9 Teen holiday reading, \$3 each Mercy Hospice Shop.

10 LeReve gift set (new), \$85 SPCA Op Shop.

11 Super Dry board shorts, size M, \$15, Dove Hospice Shop.

12 Picnic hamper (new), \$40 Mercy Hospice Shop.

13 Tender Love + Carry toiletry bag (new), \$15 Dove Hospice Shop.

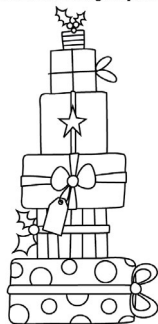
14 Aperol sun hat, \$8 Mercy Hospice Shop.

15 One Teaspoon denim shorts, size 11, \$12 SPCA Op Shop.

16 1,000 piece Christmas jigsaw puzzle, \$6 Mercy Hospice Shop.

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Ellerslie Village
Christmas colouring competition



Be in to win one of three
\$30 **The Gelato Workshop**
vouchers.

Download your entry from
ellerslievillage.co.nz and once
complete drop it in the box at
Four Square or email to
hello@ellerslievillage.co.nz by
Sunday 7 December.
Open to ages 3-5 yrs, 6-8 yrs
and 9-11 yrs.



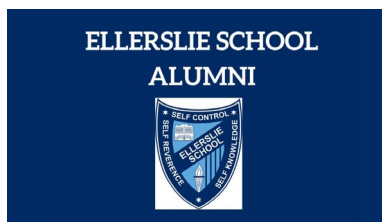
AUCKLAND FC GAME DAYS AT O'DOWDS

If you're heading to Go Media Stadium to see Auckland FC this summer, O'Dowd's has all the action – pre-game, post-game, every game. Their \$39.95 Game Day Deal gets you a burger, beer and transport to and from the game on the O'Dowd's bus. There's live music after the game back at the pub and for those staying behind, you can enjoy all the action on the big screens. Tickets are limited. Book at odowds@gsh.co.nz.



CALLING ALL ELLERSLIE SCHOOL WHANAU

Are you a past or present student, parent, teacher or friend of Ellerslie School whanau? Join the Ellerslie School Alumni page on Facebook and keep up with all the developments as the school gears up for its 150 year celebration in 2027.
www.facebook.com/61582768932221



WHAT'S ON IN ELLERSLIE



CURE KIDS CHRISTMAS RACEDAY
Saturday 29 November, 12.50pm

A family day at the Ellerslie Racecourse for a good cause! Free entertainment for the kids including a visit from Santa, hospitality and festive energy. General admission is free. aucklandracing.co.nz.



THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT
Wednesday 10 December, 10am

Help C3 Church Ellerslie provide hampers for those in need this Christmas. Last day for donations Sunday 30 November. Packing day Wednesday 10 Dec at 10am, 20 Cawley Street. www.thechristmashamperproject.nz



ELLERSLIE SCHOOL SPLASH FUN FUNDRAISER
Friday 5 December, 5pm – 8pm

Open to the whole community. Bring your togs and a towel for tones of water based activities for kids aged 5 – 13. Water slides, a dunk tank, water shooting gallery. Food and drinks available to purchase plus \$7k worth of prizes up for grabs.



CHRISTMAS AT CHRIST CHURCH
169 Ladies Mile, Ellerslie

Sunday 14 December, 4pm–6pm – Messy Christmas – explore the Christmas Story with messy craft activities followed by dinner. FREE. All welcome.
Wednesday 24 December, 7pm – Christmas Eve Carol service
Thursday 25 December, 9:30am – Christmas Day Carol service



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS
Monday 8 December, 11am – 12.45pm

A heartwarming and festive concert featuring beloved holiday classics performed by Operatunity's talented entertainers. C3 Church, 20 Cawley St. Tickets at operatunity.co.nz



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