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A warm welcome to Dust Palace who have moved into their new 'home' at the Ellerslie War Memorial Hall. We've had PDK open in the Village too. More on that below.

Thanks to everyone who signed the petition to keep the Ellerslie Post Shop open. Unfortunately, NZ Post will be closing in the Village on 13 June. The Post Boxes will remain open.

Columbus will be closing briefly in June as they undergo an exciting refurbishment. We don't have exact dates yet however we will keep you updated through our social channels.

Our next Coffee with a Cop is on 10 June at Little Elephant Café. If you've ever thought about coming, now is your time. It's an informal opportunity to have a chat to our local NZ Police team – ask them a question, talk to them about an issue you have. Coffee is on us!

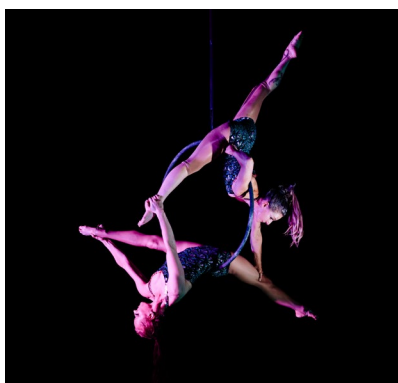
We are well into planning for our biggest event of the year, the Ellerslie Fairy Festival and Pirate Party which will take over the Village in Spring. This event attracts around 10,000 visitors to Ellerslie Village which is great for our local businesses and an amazing day for attendees. Keep an eye on our socials as we will be announcing this year's festival date in June.

With the weather getting cooler and us all spending more time inside, this issue focuses on some great food options for you for the coming months. Read on to find out more.

Our Village businesses really appreciate you supporting local.

Sarah and Emma
Ellerslie Business Association

THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN



CIRCUS COMPANY DUST PALACE HAS TRANSFORMED THE ELLERSLIE WAR MEMORIAL INTO ELLERSLIE ARTS, A VIBRANT NEW CREATIVE HUB WITH ARTIST STUDIOS, A CIRCUS SCHOOL, LIVE PERFORMANCES AND SPACES TO HIRE.

Since 2009, the Dust Palace Charitable Trust has championed circus as an art form in Aotearoa, making it more accessible and inclusive. Rachael Dubois, Producer says their circus school welcomes a diverse community, including lots of female, rainbow, and neurodiverse students.

"Circus builds strength, flexibility, and teamwork. It's physically demanding but non-competitive and highly social. It is great for those seeking an alternative to traditional

team sports, and unlike dance or gymnastics, circus focuses on technique without rigidity," she says.

Join the Dust Palace Circus School

Sign up for the term or pop in for a casual class. There are classes for all levels from youth (7 – 12) to teens and adults. Hone your skills in handstands, contortion, aerial, hoop and more.

Te Māwhaiwhai Youth Company

For youth aged 10 – 18 who want to develop a wide range of creative skills in circus, theatre and performance, this group meets weekly and auditions are ongoing.

Find out more at ellersliearts.nz and be sure to catch Dust Palace's next show **Matariki: He Hōnore, He Hākari**, June 20 – 22.



WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE PDK!

PROPER DÖNER KEBAB (PDK) HAVE MOVED INTO PASTRAMI & RYE'S OLD SPOT AT 1/112 MAIN HIGHWAY. ANDRE AND THE TEAM ARE DISHING UP TRADITIONAL, AUTHENTIC AND MOUTHWATERING TURKISH DÖNER KEBABS MADE WITH TRADITIONAL HANDCRAFTED MEAT, FRESHLY BAKED LAVASH BREAD AND HOUSE MADE SAUCES. OPEN THURSDAY TO SUNDAY FROM 11AM.



MĀNAWATIA A MATARIKI!

BACK FOR A LIMITED TIME THIS JUNE TO CELEBRATE MĀORI NEW YEAR IS PASTRAMI & RYE'S LEGENDARY PORK AND PUHA SANDWICH ON FRY BREAD. FIND THEM IN THE GLASSHOUSE AT 6 FINDLAY STREET (ELLERSLIE LANEWAY). THERE IS NEW OUTDOOR SEATING AND HEATERS FOR THE COOLER DAYS.



MUCH ADO ABOUT MATCHA

Packed with antioxidants, said to bring mental clarity and focus, this highly concentrated form of green tea is the hottest new drink craze to hit the city. Here's where you can get your matcha fix in the Village.

- Little Luscious
- Pastrami & Rye
- Little Elephants Cafe
- Dear Deer
- Columbus
- Melba



LOVE YOUR LOCAL Kerry The Florist



FROM HER FLOWER SHOP IN THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE, KERRY MCCULLOUGH BRINGS COLOUR, JOY AND A FRIENDLY SMILE TO ALL WHO COME IN CONTACT WITH THIS ELLERSLIE ICON.

At age sixteen, Kerry left sleepy Gisborne for her big OE and after a short stint in the UK working in hospitality she settled in America where she stayed for thirty years.

"I did a flower course and then opened a business in Vail, Colorado which was a popular wedding destination," she explains. "We did a lot of big events and I travelled all over America, spending time doing jobs in New York and even did a week-long event at the MET which was amazing."

Sixteen years ago, Kerry returned to New Zealand after buying the flower shop in Remuera online while still overseas. Several

years ago, she relocated to Ellerslie and has been a staple in the Village ever since.

Kerry says everyone stops to pat Daphne, her fifteen-year-old Westie who spends a lot of the day sleeping. "It's been nice watching the local kids grow up – it's a great community here in Ellerslie – I encourage everyone to keep our village vibrant and busy by visiting often and doing your errands here," she says.

Kerry is at the flower auctions three times a week and despite the small shop front, she designs floral arrangements for everything from weddings to funerals, special occasions and events of all sizes, right down to corsages for school balls and custom bouquets.

In the mornings you'll often find her sitting outside Richoux's drinking a long-black and keeping an eye on the shop, and once she's knocked off for the day, you might find her catching up with friends at Charlie Baxters.

If it's flowers you are after, give Kerry a call or better still, pop into the shop and have a chat. There's not much she can't do with a bloom!

**Flowers of St Johns, 127 Main Highway.
Tel: 022 674 6019
flowersforyou.co.nz**

SHOWCASE: ELLERSLIE'S BEST BURGERS

To celebrate International Burger Day on 28 May, we thought it was only right to try some of the best burgers in the Village.



BurgerFuel's Bacon Backfire

The ultimate ingredient trifecta of grilled free range chicken breast, tasty bacon and melted brie served on a lightly toasted wholemeal bun with BurgerFuel's mouthwatering aioli. You can even ditch the bun and go Low Carbtorator with a lettuce 'bun'. \$17.70.



Columbus' Pretzel BLT

Not technically a burger but it's too good not to include! This BLT with burger sauce, relish and gherkin comes with fries, plus you can add chicken and avocado to make it extra tasty. \$24.90.



Union Post's Cheeseburger

See if you can wrap your mouth around double beef patties, triple cheese, caramelised onions, American mustard, special sauce in a brioche bun. On Tuesdays from 3pm get it with fries and a pint for \$25.



Little Luscious' Wagyu Beef Burger

Packed full of flavour with free range wagyu beef layered with Swiss cheese, fried egg, pickled cucumber, crispy bacon and homemade paprika mayo on a brioche bun. Served with chunky fries. \$24.90.



Lowbrow's Hot Chicken Sando

Hot spice fried free range chicken thigh, American cheese, iceberg lettuce, sweet & spicy pickles and mac sauce all in a house made bun. Goes perfectly with curly fries and a Lowbrow Larger. \$16.50.



Goneburger's Belly of the Beast

Known for their messy and delicious combinations, this one's packed with sous vide pork belly, crunchy potato rosti, melted cheddar, slaw, homemade aioli and BBQ sauce in a toasted bun. \$19.90.



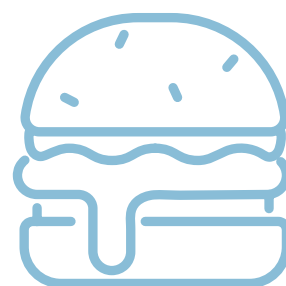
Melba's Beef Burger

A juicy grilled beef patty with cheddar, fresh greens, crispy onion rings, and house burger sauce in a soft brioche bun, served with golden chips. \$29.



Heng Seng Takeaways' Snapper Burger

Crispy golden battered snapper with tartare sauce and salad, this burger is simple, fresh and delicious and a great choice if you can't decide between fish n' chips or a burger! \$10.



QUICK AND EASY WINTER WARMERS

LOOKING FOR A QUICK AND EASY DINNER THAT TASTES GREAT? LOOK NO FURTHER THAN ELLERSLIE VILLAGE.

Bianca – How does fresh, house-made pasta with Cacio e Pepe, Pork and Fennel Sausage Ragu or Beef Cheek Ragu sound? Pick up one of Bianca's grab and go pasta kits and preparing dinner will be as easy as boiling water.

Temptation India – There's nothing like an aromatic curry or flavourful biryani to warm you up from the inside out. With all your favourites including an extensive vegetarian menu, order online and get it delivered to your door! temptationindiancuisine.co.nz

Doolan Brother's Weekend Roast – Take the weekend off cooking with a hearty serving of roasties, vegies, peas, mash gravy and yorkies, plus a pint or glass of wine. The hardest thing you'll have to do is choose between beef or pork belly.

Josh's Slow Cooked Honey Soy Chicken –

The team at Ellerslie Meats know a thing or two about meat and preparing hearty dinners for busy people. Here's Josh's super simple slow cooker chicken recipe.

In a bowl mix:
1 cup of honey
1 cup of soy sauce
1 cup of sweet chilli sauce
1 tablespoon of crushed garlic
1 tablespoon of chilli powder (optional)

Add 1 kg of boneless chicken thighs and cook on low in the slow cooker for five hours.

Pull the chicken out and shred, add a cornflour slurry to thicken the sauce, add the chicken back into the sauce and serve on rice.



FAIRY FESTIVAL & PIRATE PARTY 2025

Make sure you're following our social pages because on Tuesday 24 June it is International Fairy Day and we'll be announcing the date for this year's Ellerslie Fairy Festival & Pirate Party (but word on the street is it's in September).



WHAT'S ON IN ELLERSLIE



THE DUST PALACE – MATARIKI: HE HŌNORE, HE HĀKARI
Friday 20 – Sunday 22 June. Ellerslie War Memorial Hall.

In the very first Matariki cabaret for Ellerslie Arts, this celestial feast is a tribute to creativity, whakapapa, and tino rangatiratanga. Tickets \$30 or pay-what-you-can at i-ticket.co.nz



BELIEVE IT OR NOT QUIZ NIGHT
Wednesdays, 7pm. Michaels Ave Community Centre.

New to the Ellerslie quiz scene, the MACC is hosting a Wednesday night quiz – with free fries for every table. Prefer to quiz on Tuesdays? Doolans and Union Post have you covered.



NGĀ WHETŪ O TE TAU HOU, THE STARS OF THE NEW YEAR
Selected evenings May 14 – June 27. Stardome Observatory.

Discover the ngā whetū/the stars of Matariki and the legends and stories of the Māori New Year in this immersive show. stardome.org.nz



COFFEE WITH A COP
Tuesday 10 June, 9am. Little Elephant Café.

Meet your local Police team, find out what's happening in the Village and raise any concerns. Coffee is on us.



TODDLEROCK
Tuesdays, 9.45am. C3 Church, 20 Cawley Street.

Looking for something fun and interactive to do with your pre-schooler? Not only will your little ones be entertained, but you'll also enjoy great coffee and friendly company. Undercover parking.



THE HYPE ROOM AT TAKE UP SPACE
Thursday 29 May, 6pm – 8pm. 23 Kalmia Street.

This isn't your typical women's networking event! No awkward small talk. No egos. No trying to prove yourself. Complementary bubbles on arrival and spot prizes. takeupspace.co.nz



AUCKLAND MAMA MARKET PRELOVED RUMMAGE
Saturday 12 July, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Ellerslie War Memorial Hall.

Love a bargain and the thrill of finding the perfect item of clothing in a pre-loved pile? If the answer is yes, come for a rummage. Entry is free.



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