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Welcome to Bonita, The Beauty Nails and Hallelujah Massage who have recently opened in the Village. What an exciting time to join our community as we head into the festive season.

We'll be hosting our next Coffee with a Cop on 9 November, 9.30am at Melba. Come along, meet our Community Policing team – the coffee is on us. All welcome!

As we get closer to the Silly Season, Ellerslie's Community Patrol team will be increasing their day patrols – we appreciate their support and their presence in and around the Village.

Spend and Win in the Village! From 27 November – 18 December, spend \$25, submit your entry and you'll go in the draw to win some awesome prizes. We'll also be randomly dishing out Christmas joy to those who eat, drink and also shop throughout December.

You'll soon have the opportunity to vote on and add ideas to Ōrākei Local Board's 'Make a Wish' project to help make Ellerslie Town Centre a vibrant destination. We encourage you to have your say as it will inform Ōrākei Local Board's plans for Ellerslie. We're doing our bit to add some Christmas cheer by lining up carollers and live music – watch this space!

Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram and ellerslievillage.co.nz for all the latest and subscribe at ellerslievillage.co.nz/news to get Ellerslie Village News delivered straight to your inbox.

See you in the Village!

Sarah and Emma
Ellerslie Business Association

CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE Get a free photo with Santa!



WE'RE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR WITH AN EVENT THAT HAS OUR COMMUNITY AT ITS HEART.

On Friday 8 December, we're taking over the Ellerslie Town Square and Arthur Street carpark with live Christmas music from the Jazz Santas, a bouncy castle, bubbles and face painting. There'll be cheeky elves granting wishes, performances from local schools and community groups, festive floss and more.

Plus, it wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from the man himself – Santa – who'll be ho-ho-hoing and posing for (free) photos.

We know the Santa Parade was an opportunity for community groups to showcase themselves, so we'll be holding a mini expo in the War Memorial Hall. If you're interested in having a table, please email hello@ellerslievillage.co.nz.

Come along, make a night of it and enjoy a bite to eat in the Village afterwards. Check ellerslievillage.co.nz in the lead up for special deals from our hospo businesses and keep up to date as more unfolds on our social channels including how you can make a difference to those doing it tough this Christmas.

**Friday 8 December, 3pm – 6.30pm
Ellerslie Town Square and
Arthur Street carpark**

BONITA BRINGS FLAVOUR AND FUN TO THE VILLAGE

The wait is over and the doors are now open at **Bonita**, Ellerslie Village's new dining room and bar. Having completely revamped the space once occupied by The Coffee Club, Bonita offers a unique dining experience unlike anywhere else in the Village.

The kitchen, led by Executive Chef Jason Wang, is plating up an exciting fusion of Korean and Spanish fare with an emphasis on tapas and plates to share (think Tostadas with Bulgogi Beef and Kimchi Tortillas). Fully licensed, there's also an impressive list of Korean cocktails and Spanish wines.

For owners Isaac and Shanay Yu, who have the success of Slowlane and The Breakfast Club under their belts, Bonita is a venture into the night-time dining scene and one they are both super excited about.

"We love what we do, it's so much fun being able to build our business with a focus on people and create spaces like this. We're so

excited to bring something fresh and different to the Ellerslie community," says Shanay.

With cosy circular booths (ideal for sharing plates), alfresco dining in the courtyard and a Spanish-feel bar, Bonita makes for a perfect place to meet with friends, date night or even a family get together.

Bonita is open for dinner Tuesday – Sunday, 131 Main Highway, Ellerslie. bonitabonita.co.nz



The Bonita crew (L-R): Isaac, Shanay, Jason and Thomas

EAT. DRINK. BE MERRY.

NO MATTER HOW YOU CHOOSE TO CELEBRATE, LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THE VILLAGE FOR EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY THIS FESTIVE SEASON.

Pastrami & Rye – for delicious free roaming double smoked ham or a side of NZ fresh salmon, cured and smoked in-house, place your orders at pastramiandrye.com and pop in store for a range of hampers stuffed with homemade chutneys, relishes and pickles. 112 Main Highway.

Ellerslie Meats – There's no better place to load up on award winning gluten free, handmade organic sausages, juicy homemade hamburger patties and succulent steaks for the barbie. If you're after a beautiful leg of lamb or ham for Christmas Day, come in and speak to the team. 128D Main Highway.

Richoux Patisserie – People travel from all over Auckland for Richoux's homemade



Christmas Mince Tarts – not only are they tasty, but they're also vegan friendly and have a habit of flying off the shelves just as soon as they're out of the oven. 119 Main Highway.

Four Square – Avoid the big supermarkets and make Four Square Ellerslie your one-stop shop for whatever you need to bring to the party – from chocolates to craft beer, candy canes to crackers, chips to cream and everything in between. 126 Main Highway.

Glengarry and Ellerslie Liquor Centre – whether you're after bubbles or beer, white, red or rosé, or even low or no alcohol beverages, these two have your options covered. Glengarry, 87 Main Highway and Ellerslie Liquor Centre 125, Main Highway.

If you'd rather kick back and let someone else take care of everything, get along to one of Ellerslie Village's fabulous bars, pubs, cafes or restaurants.



LOVE YOUR LOCAL

MEET THE FAMILY BEHIND SOME OF ELLERSLIE'S MOST DELICIOUS PIES AND OWNERS OF RICHOUX PATISSERIE.

To say Jason Hay started from humble beginnings would be an understatement. Growing up in Cambodia he describes his family's situation as "very, very poor." Things changed in 2001 when his Aunty, who arrived in Auckland during 1980's as a refugee, sponsored him and his sister to come to New Zealand.

"When I arrived here I had the equivalent of \$7. We were just lucky, we met good people. We knew a Cambodian man who owned a bakery, I would clean for him and he taught me about the bakery and would give me leftover pies," he says.

Jason's passion for the baking industry was ignited. Since then, he has worked hard to perfect his craft, completing courses, participating in competitions and winning awards. He and his wife Annie bought Richoux in 2007 and have juggled the demands of a business that never sleeps with raising their three girls in the heart of the Village. Jason is now also Vice President of Baking New Zealand.

Today, customers flock from all over Auckland for Richoux's award-winning pies which have created a buzz amongst the vegan crew thanks to the ever-increasing array of flavour combinations. At this time of year though, it's the legendary Christmas Mince Tarts which have customers queuing out the door.

"Business is going well. Every year we keep going forward. I'm grateful for how much support we've had. We work really hard to support our family and give back to the community," says Jason.



The Richoux family (L-R): Katrina, Jessica, Annie, Jason and Leanna

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING THIS CHRISTMAS

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY THIS FESTIVE SEASON. HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS OF HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.

Give your time

Join the wonderful team of volunteers at **Mercy Hospice Op Shop** Open seven days with shifts available between 10am–1pm and 1pm–4 pm. Contact Sue on 021 824 020, scampin@mh.org.nz or apply instore. Giving a small amount of your time helps Mercy Hospice provide first class palliative care for our community. Just across the road, the **SPCA Op Shop** is always looking for volunteers too.



Give a gift that keeps on giving

The **Ellerslie Toy Library** does an amazing job of making sure over 100 local families have access to good quality toys, games and sporting equipment, not just for Christmas but all year round. A Toy Library Membership allows you to borrow five toys every two weeks, not only saving you money but stopping toys ending up in landfill. Find out more at ellerslie.mibase.co.nz or email ellerslie.toylibrary@gmail.com to purchase a gift voucher.



Give a helping hand

For over ten years **C3 Church** in Ellerslie has been bringing hope and joy to families who need it most with their generous Christmas hampers. There are heaps of ways to get involved – donate items (before 3 December), create your own hamper, give a koha, or come along and help pack hampers on Wednesday 6 December. Find out more at thechristmashamperproject.nz.



FESTIVE SHOWCASE

'Tis the season for shopping local, so look no further than the Village for your Christmas inspo.



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- 1 **The Dollar House** loves a celebration and is fully stocked with decorations, twinkling lights, and everything you need for gift wrapping and gift giving. 101 Main Highway.
- 2 New bike for Christmas? How about this Specialized Tero 3.0 - a go-anywhere, over anything, with everything electric bike from **MEC?**. From \$4,499. 133A Main Highway | mecbikes.co.nz.
- 3 Drop in to **Coko** for the perfect Christmas Day outfit or showstopping party dresses like the Astrid Dress by Apartment Clothing, \$359. 111 Main Highway | coko.co.nz.
- 4 Celebrate the season with bubbles! Get this Veve Clicquot Smeg fridge gift pack, \$119 from **Glengarry**. 87 Main Highway.
- 5 Find the perfect gift for the man in your life at **The Barbershop Co** with their range of gift boxes including The Bowery Deluxe Shave Kit, \$169. 101 Main Highway.
- 6 For something sparkly, the ANNICK collection of mix and match statement pieces by local designer Annick Rennell is exclusive to **Ellerslie Jewellers & Engravers**. From \$1,200. 115 Main Highway | annick.co.nz.
- 7 Let little ones discover the reason for the season with a range of Christmas books from **Church Stores**. 8B Robert Street.

CHRIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 140 YEARS

THIS NOVEMBER, CHRIST CHURCH ELLERSLIE CELEBRATES ITS 140 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH A HOST OF EXCITING EVENTS THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO.

Photography Exhibition – Marvel at an extensive display of images documenting Ellerslie parish and neighbourhood from 1883 to today. Open Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 November Noon – 7pm and Monday 13 November 9.30am – 7pm. Entry is FREE.

Antiques Roadshow – Bring along a treasured item, share the stories behind it and have retired antique dealer Greg Smith assess your item. Greg will also present a workshop on the different perspectives on value. This fundraising event is \$20/pp and includes supper. Saturday 11 November, 7.30pm.

Thanksgiving Service – Join community leaders and church members past and present to celebrate 140 years of “Your Village Church” with a special Thanksgiving Service followed immediately afterwards with lunch in the church hall. Everyone is welcome. Sunday 26th November from 9.30am. Christ Church is located at 169 Ladies Mile, Ellerslie. For more information visit ellerslieanglican.org.nz.



ANGLICAN PARISH OF ELLERSLIE
1883-2023

140TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH FOR 140 YEARS

WHAT'S ON IN ELLERSLIE



ELLERSLIE THEATRE PRESENTS THE BIG OE
Thursday 9 – Saturday 18 November

It's London, 1974 and Kiwis Stuey and Trace join Tronk's Tiki Tours in a clapped-out Kombi for a European adventure. Tickets at iTicket.



MICHAEL PARK SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR
Saturday 11 November, 9.30am — 3.30pm

Let your senses dance to the sounds, tastes and sights of laughter, organic food, hands-on activities and live music. 55 Amy Street.



STANHOPE ROAD SCHOOL PLAY FESTIVAL
Friday 17 November, 3.30pm – 7pm

Free family event – skateboarding, scootering, open fort, bubble play, giant games, cultural games and so much more. 2 Harris Road.



ST MARY'S SCHOOL FAMILY FUN FAIR
Saturday 25 November, 10am – 2pm

Home baking, second hand goodies for sale, bouncy castle, face painting and plenty of family fun. 58 Main Highway.



ELLERSLIE ARTS & CRAFT MARKET
Saturday 25 November, 10am – 2pm

Join us for a fabulous celebration of local crafters and makers and nail your Christmas shopping at Ellerslie Village Square.



ELLERSLIE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS IN THE SQUARE
Friday 8 December, 3pm – 6.30pm

Get into the Christmas spirit with this FREE festive community event at Ellerslie Village Square & Arthur Street Carpark. Free photos with Santa, face painting, entertainment, food and more!



CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 17 December, 9.30am

Nothing gets you into the spirit of the season quite like Christmas carolling! Everyone is welcome at Christ Church. 169 Ladies Mile.



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