

Established in 1996 especially for Pakuranga, Howick and Botany residents



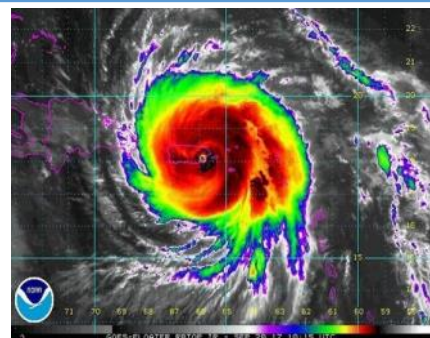
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Our next Meeting,
Friday 3rd March

at 10.00am

St Andrews Church Centre
Corner Ridge Rd and Vincent St



The main entrance is in Vincent Street with parking in the grounds and disabled parking near the basement entrance.

Visitors welcome

The main speaker will be another surprise. That really means we haven't been able to confirm the speaker yet but are certainly working on it. Of course we will have our wonderful Kate to entertain us before coffee time.

Sometimes



My greatest accomplishment is just keeping my mouth shut.

3 NEW MEMBERS



Inga Bartels
Graeme Leaning
Robyn Langstone

MARCH HELP DAYS

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A horrendous few days. Luckily most of the Howick Pakuranga Botany area escaped the full fury of the cyclone, however our sympathies if you were impacted.

There has been much comment about infrastructure resilience but more importantly I think will be the resilience of those badly impacted at home and in their businesses. Just imagine if your home or business was wiped out. The immediate is bad enough then how do you face the and long term recovery.

Ahead of the cyclone I had bought a battery power pack. It had a torch and reading light built in can drive 230 volt mains devices such as phone charger and laptop and USB power for anything that can be connected. It charges from mains or your car lighter socket and having an electric car it's not likely to run the car battery flat. This was put to the test at the height of the winds when the long span 11,000 Volt lines leading down to Eastern Beach arced a couple of times. At the first outage the power recovered but at about 9pm we had a spectacular flare and a second outage This lasted 14 hours and by that time the nearer cell sites and fibre distribution cabinets has discharged their backup power so my own power pack was good for as long as the remainder of the chain kept going.

That's a minor version of what happened in many East Coast communities and I note that the first network response has been to deploy Starlink terminals using Elon Musk's low orbit satellites to get some form of coms going.

Ramblings

Dawn Howarth

Unimaginable grief has fallen on so many this last week and we really had it so easy that I feel guilty. I can't imagine how it must be to have your home, business and life swept away in minutes.

Communities completely cut off from help and roads that will take months to repair, provided we don't have more wind and rain. You have no idea how grateful I am that we live in Auckland and have come through unscathed. I have always said I wouldn't swap my problems for anyone else's problems and Cyclone Gabrielle has magnified that belief.

I have had a friend staying with us for the last few weeks who seems to spend her life travelling. She left us today to cruise back to the UK over the next 8 weeks. I must admit, I wouldn't mind her problems, at least for the next few months.

Take care, be grateful for the mercy we have been shown, and come to our next meeting—we need you.



ADDITIONAL LIBRARY APPS



Over the last few months, we have viewed three library apps used by Auckland Libraries to distribute their digital content. **Libby** allows downloads of eBooks, audiobooks and magazines for loan. **Borrow Box** is another loan app but it is primarily a vehicle for distributing material from the Australian Publishing Company, **Bolinda**.

It carries different content from Libby and allows translation into different languages. **Bolinda** has the facility to convert an eBook into an audiobook. This is a rather robotic conversion without the varied cadences and expression found in a human narration.

PressReader allows the free download of thousands of newspapers and magazines. However, it is imperative that you register your **PressReader** App with your library membership card each month at the library or at a library hotspot. Without the monthly registration you will be asked to pay.



There are two additional Auckland Library applications:

uLibrary created by Ulverscroft Digital carries a wide range of fiction and non-fiction audiobooks with emphasis on UK authors and narrators.

Wheeler's ePlatform has the largest collection of eBooks about New Zealand or written by Kiwi authors.



So which app do you download? If you have a phone with plenty of space for data, download them all, but if you have limited space go to the Library web site and click on **eCollections**. Each app can be accessed here. Search for title or author in a particular app and once found download that app and the title you wish to read. Once you have finished with the material, you can return it and delete the app from your phone. Of course, make sure you do your downloads using Wi-Fi as you do not want to be using your limited mobile data.



EMPTYING YOUR WALLET OF ALL THOSE LOYALTY CARDS

Stocard is a free app that facilitates the loading of loyalty cards and other barcoded cards to your phone.

In a store, you open the app and tap their card. This reveals your loyalty bar code information. The assistant will either use their scanner to record your information or manually enter the number.



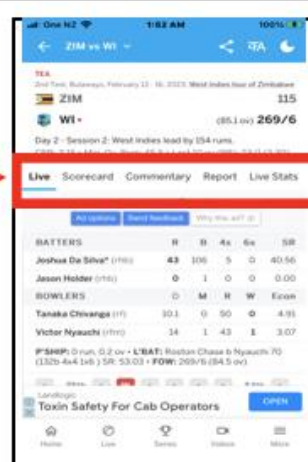
To add a card, tap the **blue** cross which opens to an extensive list of stores or scroll down to **OTHER** and tap. This will activate your phone camera enabling you to scan the bar code of the card you wish to add. Type in its name and it will be added to the front page.

It's a balmy summer afternoon and you have been looking forward to watching the Test match on the TV. The family have other plans so why not download...



ESPNcricinfo gives access to global and national cricket matches. Select a tournament and then choose how you would like to follow the match. The commentary is a written, ball by ball account, updated in real time.

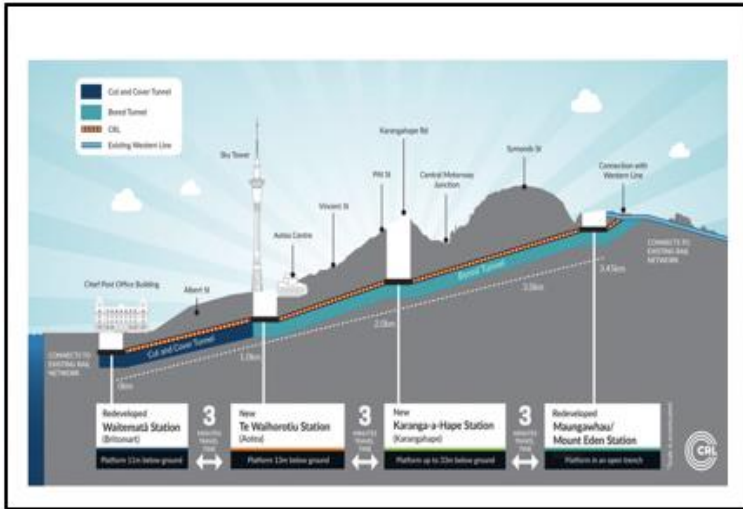
The app also contains extensive information about players and teams.



Kate's Take continued

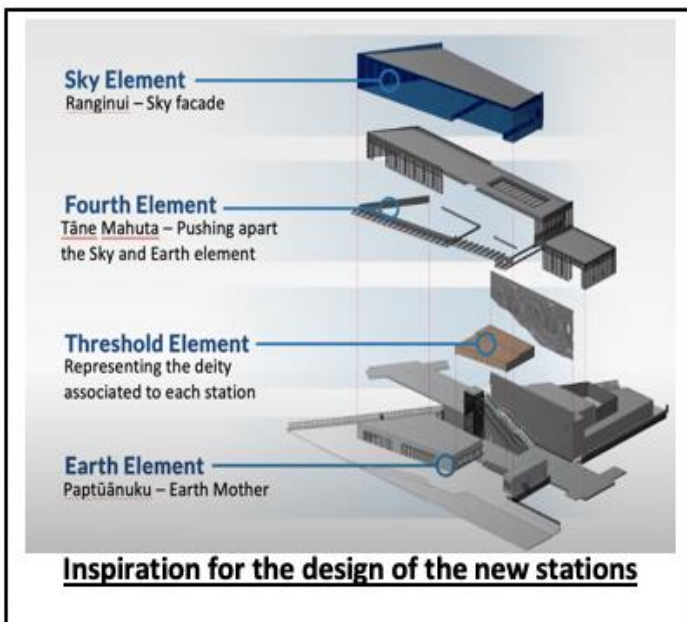
AUCKLAND'S CITY RAIL LINK

A big thank you to Nicole Lawton, Communications Manager for City Rail Link (CRL) for her fascinating talk on the work that is ongoing to create a rail transport system in Auckland, fit for the 21st century.



The City Rail Link will create an underground railway for Auckland. It will bring a new dimension to the way we travel across the city. Britomart will be extended so that the trains travel in both directions. A new station will be created at Aotea Centre and another will be built in K Road. All lines will then meet at a new Mt Eden. It will then be possible to travel between Swanson in the west and Pukekohe in the south by train.

Rail capacity will be doubled. There will be more trains and services. A train will arrive within minutes of your arrival at the station. No longer will you need to search a timetable. The CRL will double the number of people who live within a 30minute journey of central Auckland. At peak times, the CRL will carry, in the region of 54,000 passengers an hour. It is hoped that the underground section will be in use by 2024.



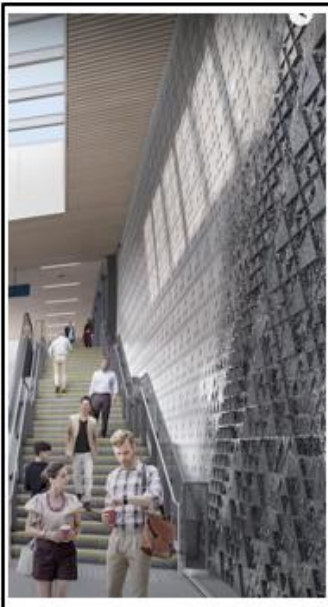
The design and naming of the two new stations and the two redeveloped stations in the central city will reflect the history and culture of Tāmaki Makaurau. The inspiration for the design reflects the creation story which has been gifted to the project by Mana Whenua. According to legend, sky father Ranginui was in a lasting embrace with Papatūānuku earth mother. Tāne Mahuta their son, pushed them apart to create light and thus life. These separate design elements are the key aspects of delivering the creation story in the stations.

Kate's Take continued

Mount Eden Station has been gifted the name of Maungawhau meaning mountain (maunga) of the cork tree (whau).

The design of Maungawhau Station reflects the volcanic history of the area. The underlying basalt that was removed to create the station has been dressed and incorporated into the structure of the building.

The creation story is reflected in this basalt stone clad 'earth element', representing Papatūānuku, Earth Mother and the aluminium faced treatment representing Ranginui, Sky Father- with the narrative leading this design, the tears of Ranginui.



The station's entrance concourse wall is patterned precast concrete from floor to ceiling with basalt inserts. The giant wall design references the atua (deity) Matāoho, the creator of the basalt volcanic field in Tāmaki Makaurau. The 53 lava-coloured, cast glass triangles are organised to represent a map of the volcanic cones.

The large main triangle is created from Maungawhau basalt and has water flowing over the surface of this section of the wall. This references Maungawhau, the basalt caverns, caves and water springs below ground. It pays respect to Parawhenuamea (atua of freshwater) and how freshwater needs kōhatu (rock) to flow.

The name 'Karanga-a-Hape' is a grammatical correction of the current Karangahape. Hape, was left behind by his people when he was denied passage across the ocean in the waka. After performing a karakia he was gifted a kaitiaki (guardian) - a stingray - and together they crossed the water to arrive in Aotearoa ahead of the Tainui waka. Karanga-a-Hape celebrates Hape's call to welcome his own relatives who arrived after him. The design of the station alludes to Tāne Mahuta, the great Kauri tree and the giant snails in its branches.



Kate's Take continued

The station adjacent to Aotea Square has been gifted the name Te Waihorotiu in recognition of the Waihorotiu stream and wetland system that flowed in close proximity to the station, past the Horotiu pā down to the Waitematā, providing fresh water for iwi living nearby.

At the Wellesley Street entrance, the hanging rods ceiling design reflects a sense of human craft. Their undulating pattern reflects the water as well as the kaitiaki of the area, moving and connecting people in place as they flow through the station.



The Chief Post Office was originally built in 1912 and much of the original heritage building was retained when it was converted to the Britomart Station. This area of Auckland was named after HMS Britomart that docked in 1840.

The Britomart Station has been gifted the name Waitematā reflecting the closeness of the harbour next to the station, which is built on reclaimed land. This large body of water is named after its resemblance to matā (obsidian), for its flat, glassy waters. This is also where the Waihorotiu stream and the Waitematā converge: a mingling of waters and people.

Waitematā is different from our other three CRL stations because the majority of the work has been completed there and it is currently operating as 'Britomart Station'.

The picture to the right shows Nicole Lawton standing in front of one of the giant drilling machines that have been excavating the tunnels.

NB. The photographs and information for this article have been sourced from the City Rail Link Web Site.

It is an excellent web site and highly recommended.

Site – <https://www.cityrailink.co.nz>

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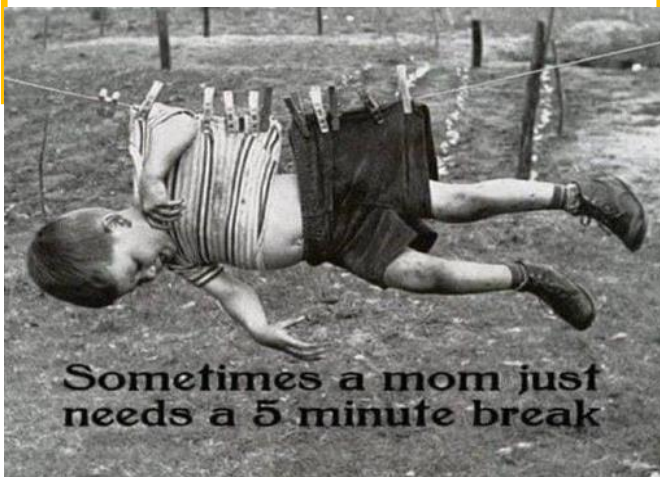
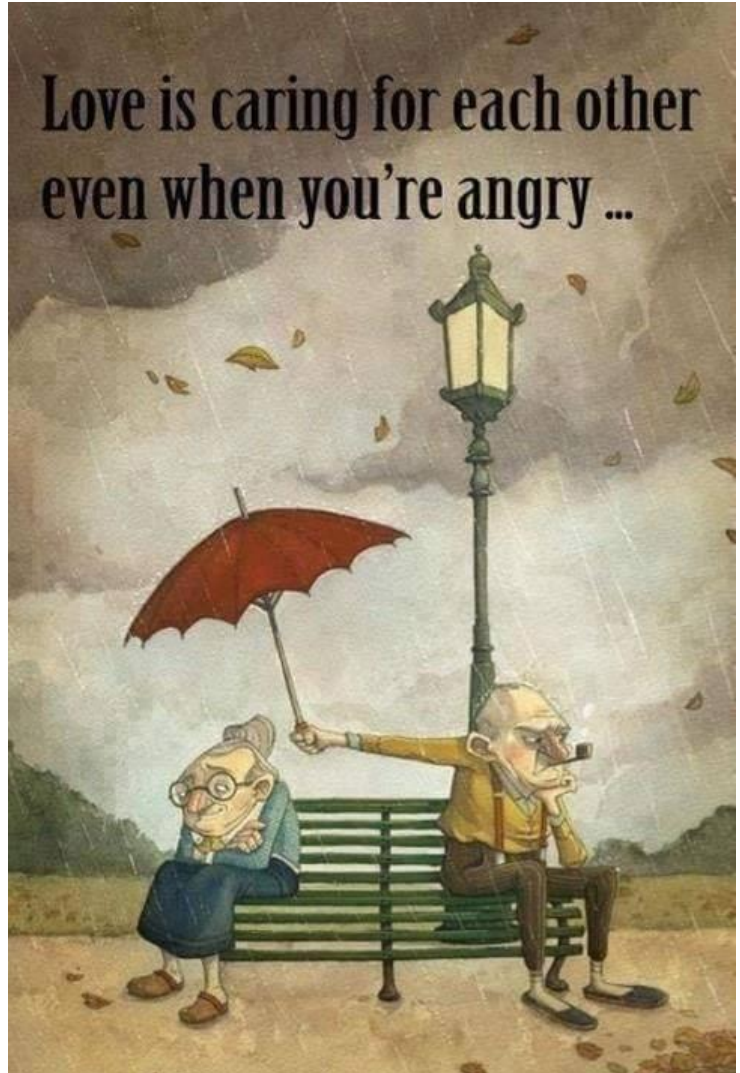
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My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room a portal will open and take me to another dimension.

Me: Well that's what happened to your older brother.

My Kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly.

Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.

Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

Course Booking Information

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- * If you need assistance in deciding on a course, please contact the Tutor who will answer any questions and also take your booking.
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