



NEWSLETTER OF THE KARORI BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2020

WELCOME!

Welcome to our first member newsletter "Connecting Karori" for 2020. Published bi-monthly and delivered to all businesses and property owners, this newsletter will keep you up to date with the actions of the newly established Karori Business Association and let you know about the upcoming events that you can attend as a member.

We have begun working on our new website which will go live later this month and will include a comprehensive business directory for members. We have also undertaken a branding exercise for Karori to establish our unique selling points and develop a unique brand and logo for the business area. We look forward to sharing these exciting initiatives with you soon.

Our newsletter now includes two new features – the first is a bi-monthly update from Wellington City Council on projects that affect Karori and will outline opportunities for members to provide feedback on these projects. The second addition is a new "Commercial properties for lease" section where we will let you know about any new retail / office spaces available for lease in the area.

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact our BID manager Gary Holmes on 0274 966283 or our Town Centre Co-ordinator Jacqui Jago on 027 231 6339.

Have a great month ahead everyone.

Penny Murdoch
Chair 2019/20



CHANGES AT UNICHEM

After 30 years looking after our healthcare needs, Julie and Brian Johnston are now enjoying a change of direction. We thank them for their tremendous support to our community and the kind service they have always extended. We welcome the new owners of Unichem Karori Mall and Marsden Village Pharmacy, Green Cross Health. Victor Chong, the new Manager, is looking forward to continuing to work with the current wonderful staff and supporting our community.

WELCOME EVA, KARORI DAIRY

We are delighted to see Karori Dairy opening where Sonya's Superette used to be on Karori Rd. We welcome Eva and her team who have a large array of grocery items as well as Asian speciality products.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Thank you to all the business who got back to us with contact details for the Online Business Directory. We have now completed a listing for all BID businesses and if we haven't been able to get up to date information from you yet, it can easily be updated as we go. We are working with the website developer and look forward to letting you know when we are ready to go live. At the same time we will be launching a new look brand for Karori business.



BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING WORKSHOP

Wellington Region Emergency Management Office is offering FREE business continuity planning workshops for small to medium businesses to plan how you can get through small and large scales disruptions. These are being held in Thorndon on March 24 or May 7

10am-12.30pm.

If you can't attend a workshop but want a plan to keep your organisation's essential functions up and running in a disruption, there are excellent online resources available.

You can register for a free workshop, download a business continuity plan template or view some examples at GetPrepared.nz/businesses.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR LEASE



153 Karori Rd (2 spaces)

Upstairs restaurant (formerly Flavours)
194 sqm

Phone Ty Dallas - Colliers 027 248 4718



250 Karori Rd

Showroom (formerly 123 Mart)
entrance from side car park **198sqm**

Phone Ty Dallas - Colliers 027 248 4718



274 Karori Rd

Offices for lease within the Karori
Bridge Club building

Phone 04 476 6179



UPDATE FROM WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL ON LOCAL KARORI PROJECTS

St. John site

In June 2019 Wellington City Council released a two stage RFP to market seeking interested parties for redevelopment of the site. The first stage resulted in the identification of 3 preferred development partners. The second stage which involved 2 shortlisted potential partners has completed. The proposals incorporate residential units & retail spaces with the possibility of medical centre. The RFP process concluded in December 2019 with the successful respondent, being notified. The next stage will be to enter into negotiations with the successful respondent to establish a commercial terms sheet that will be the mechanism for addressing more fully, the financials,

proposed design and other outcomes. Detailed discussion has now begun.

Karori Bus Priority

This is part of the wider Let's Get Welly Moving programme of work. A draft bus priority action plan has been prepared for discussion to improve Bus Priority to Karori by mid-2020

Karori Park playground upgrade

In early November 2019 a concept design was presented to the public for further feedback. This was based on community feedback received during phase one. The next stage is construction.

Montgomery Avenue playground upgrade

Public engagement on upgrading the playground closed on 25 November.

EASTER PROMOTION

We are looking forward to running an Easter promotion this year encouraging families to get out and about in our town centre. We would love to hide (plastic) easter eggs in many of your shop windows and will be encouraging children to check your windows for the Easter surprises. More details to come closer to the time.

CORONAVIRUS: GOVERNMENT INFO FOR BUSINESSES

With New Zealand's first confirmed case of coronavirus, it's timely to ensure you are prepared as best as possible.

Whether you're an employer with concerns about your staff and workplace, an exporter with overseas customers, or you are planning to travel abroad, you may be affected by coronavirus and the global efforts to contain it.

Find out about coronavirus, how it may affect your business and how you can stay updated.

www.business.govt.nz/news/coronavirus-information-for-businesses/

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