# THE GLENDENE GAZETTE

A closing note from Umesh!

The last 3 months have been a great learning experience for me as the New Hub Manager. From the Open Day within the first 2 weeks of being here to the AGM the following month, it certainly has been a steep learning curve and one that I have enjoyed enormously. Looking forward to working with the Glendene Community and the Board to bring some exciting and different angles on the services that we provide in 2023. Wishing all a Safe and Happy Holidays.

Note we are closed for the Christmas holidays from the 21st of December and reopen on the 8th of Jan 2023.

Tuesday, 20th December 2022

### The glendene Community Society 2022 - Whap Up!



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**UMESH CHAND - HUB MANAGER** 

# Christmas Cheer from the Chair....\*



# MERRY Christmass

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year Glendene. It has been a tough year for people with Covid, changes in the global economy and various global events that have really hit home that we are living in a time of difficulty. In spite of these difficulties I have faith that we, as a community will pull through. For it is as a community that we find ourselves at our strongest. Community can also bring out the best in us. It breeds resilience, it breeds connection, it leads to

understanding and puts an end to loneliness and isolation. Helping to strengthen our community is something that we can all do. We can share food with our neighbours. We can include and check in on the vulnerable and the lonely be they young or old. These stones when thrown into the pool of life help to strengthen us all on the road ahead. They bring hope, they help us feel that we can enact positive change in our lives and in others.

This is what our Board has done and intends to keep doing. Little stones like Seniors Digital Literacy Classes or Health Workshops can help to bring about small but meaningful change in our Glendene Community.

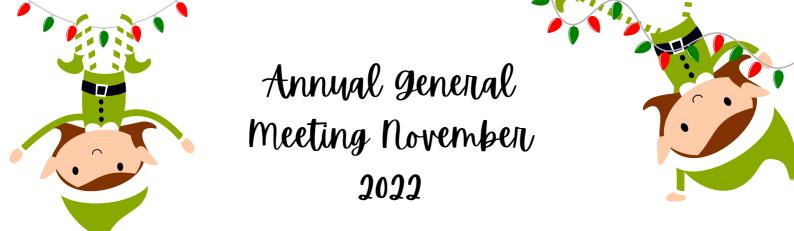
We encourage all of you to become actively involved in the Hub in the coming year. Volunteer. Run a program. Help run a class. Bring your ideas and inspiration. Plant seeds in the garden. Harvest Kai for the good of the Community. Join a group. Have a think about the skills and aroha that you have to share and then drop and talk to our Hub Manager Umesh Chand. A community is only as strong as its members.

Lets make 2023 a positive year to remember. A year that truly connects the Glendene Hub to the Glendene Community. and to all communities through our actions.

And may you, your family and our community be truly blessed in 2023"

Daniel Harrison Chairperson for the Glendene Community Society Board





Thanks to the record number of people (67) who attended Glendene Community Society's AGM on 17 Nov 2022. This included Local Board members from Whau and Henderson Massey who are our key funders. Our thanks to Will Flavell (member, Henderson Massy) and Brooke Loader (Deputy Chair, Henderson Massey) who were independent vote counters and Kay Thomas (Chair, Whau) as independent scrutineer, supporting our Secretary. We're delighted to welcome Sione Robertson and Reverend Fieta Ikitoelagi-Faitala to the Board. All proposed constitutional changes were supported by over 75% of the votes and an updated constitution will be on our website once the changes are lodged with the NZ Companies Office.







Join us on the **Glendene Community Hub** Facebook page and chat with other locals!





#### Introducing our 2 new board members...



#### Sione Robertson

"With a passion for people, Sione has put his hand up to be part of the Board - part of effecting change in the wider Glendene community. He has spent a number of years on a few different boards and has a lot of experience working with young people, particularly in the West Auckland area. Sione is eager to be involved in his home suburb and work alongside the community to make Glendene great again!"



#### ker. fieta faitala

"As a Church leader, I love working with people and I'd like to support and promote the Community sense of pride and also to make the community more approachable to groups using the Centre. I have a sense of passion and great respect for the mission, vision and values of the Board."

\*Continuing on the board from 2022 in to 2023 are Daniel Harrison (Chair), Melanie Hutton, and Farani Farani

# what else has been happening at the hub?

Check out some of the highlights from 2022 at the hub!















Thank You all for a productive and heart warming 2022 - we will see you in 2023!