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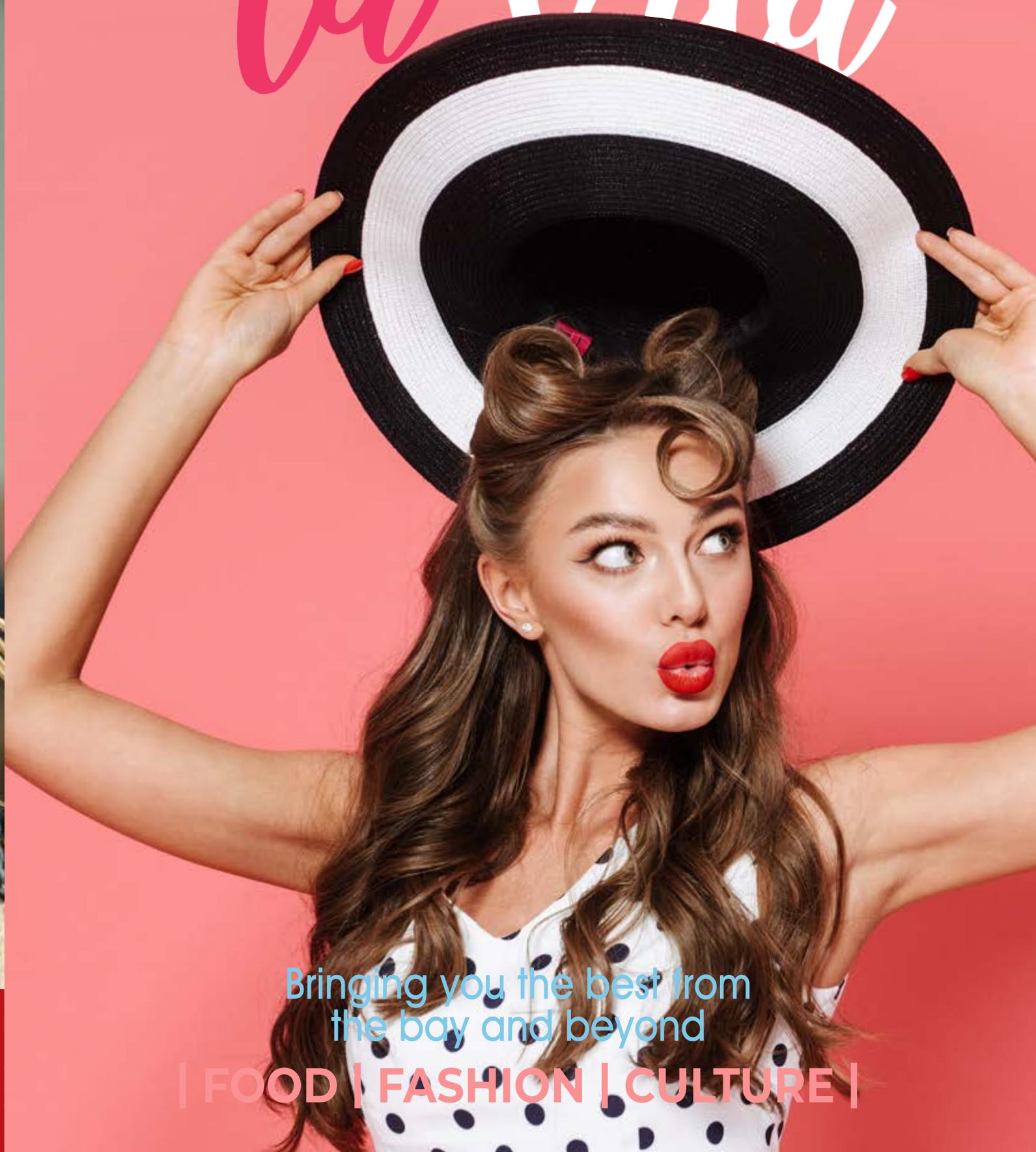
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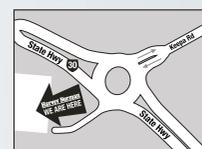
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ROBOT WARS: Students from Allandale School (left) and Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Orini ki Ngāti Awa are thrilled by their inter-school Robo-battle.

RoboPā initiative recognised as a finalist in 2021 CIO Awards

Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangī (Awanuiārangī) is proud to have been named as a finalist in this year's CIO Awards for its RoboPā initiative,

a programme where more than 700 youth from kaupapa Māori kura can engage in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), through a te Ao Māori lens.

The CIO Awards recognise the individuals and teams who have shown leadership, innovation and foresight in their contribution to ICT and business.

RoboPā Project Coordinator at Awanuiārangī, Thomas Mitai, says this is the first time the RoboPā technology hub has been nominated for the Awards, in the 'Community Tech Champions' category.

“It's fantastic to be acknowledged for our dedication and contribution to educating and encouraging youth to develop their skills in this space. It's been a real team effort over the past four years since the programme has been running, ” says Mr Mitai.

“We started with 300 youth participating from six schools in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, and over the years we've grown to reach more than 700 primary school students from Years 5 to 8 nationwide each year.”

Delivered mainly in te reo Māori, RoboPā is structured around the New Zealand school curriculum and takes place during term time.

“Students get to take part in hands-on practical learning, such as robotics design, through a cultural-based approach focused not only on collaborative learning, but also sharing,” explains Mr Mitai.

“The various tasks are designed to challenge them to solve problems in a team environment, that acknowledges our values of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga, whanaungatanga, pūmautanga, and tumu whakaara.”

Awanuiārangi Chief Executive Officer, Professor Wiremu Doherty says when it comes to STEM, the Wānanga is focused on re-indigenising the tech space, and implementing solutions – such as RoboPā – to encourage greater participation by Māori in technology-based subjects.

“It’s about using the various computational thinking techniques and frameworks in a Western context and identify its applicability and connection to te ao Māori,” says Professor Doherty.

“We’re re-inventing STEM industries as a space founded on trust, where Māori feel valued, and are empowered to move forward and stake their claim in the future.”

While RoboPā was unable to run in 2021 due to challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the team are on track to take the programme to 24 schools enrolled for the 2022 intake so far. Schools interested in registering, or to request further information on the programme, can email thomas.mitai@wananga.ac.nz.

“Technology is there to help support us – I encourage all participants to come with an open heart and open mind and to take back with them knowledge that will benefit their communities,” says Mr Mitai.

Winners of the New Zealand CIO Awards 2021 will be announced at the Awards Gala Dinner on 23 November in Auckland.



Left to right: John Clayton (Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi); Kaye-Maree Dunn (MEA & Ahau); and Rochelle Rapana, Thomas Mitai and Hinerangi Murphy from Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi.

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Just when we thought we'd hit a home run, we run into another lock down, but let's look at the positive side, this time we can kiss goodbye to winter coming out of it, and hello to spring.

I will be glad to be getting over the winter blues! I just love spring; it's my favourite time of the year, I am not sure if it's because the daffodils are blooming or it's my birthday month... mind you this also means I am getting closer to 50, so maybe I should just focus that it's barbecue season coming up!

I have been busy working on the new spring roll-out for La Vita Eats – as you turn the pages you will see what is in store at your local Whakatane New World. It's been exciting creating yummy hearty dishes for our locals, and I have been so grateful to all the positive feedback and photos.

I wanted to create a feast, dishes that are easy to make, encourage children to be able to cook in the kitchen with you. Recipes that are no fuss, affordable and would feed from four to six people, and if you are lucky you may even have leftovers for lunch!

But those of you who have gotten to know me over the years, know that I love to create something new all the time, so I thought I would let you all in on a little secret... Soon to come will be my very first cookbook! I am still deciding on a name, that is the hard part, so maybe I will have a poll on Facebook for you all to help me.

Keep up with all updates at: lavitaonline.co.nz and check out our new website, or keep in touch with La Vita Magazine Facebook or Instagram.

Happy spring everyone!

Editor, Virginia Jeeves

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LADS IN LAW



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A recent addition to the Gowing & Co team, Charles Harvey grew up in Wellington, where he obtained his law degree and Bachelor of Commerce. Working initially for the Commerce Commission, Charles quickly recognised that corporate law was not his calling. Charles was always prepared to move for the right opportunity and the Bay of Plenty region was top of his priority list. Better opportunities, better lifestyle.

Charles revelled in the courtroom environment and loved the challenge and the strategy involved in preparing for trial. After graduating he was successful in obtaining a position with the Crown Solicitor's office in Rotorua where he worked for nearly three and a half years. Charles dealt with a variety of offending during his time there, including both criminal prosecutions and several civil aviation regulatory prosecutions. "Out of school I had aspirations to join the Air Force, so working within the aviation regime allowed me to combine two of my passions, flying and law".

Charles' passion for the law is self-evident when you meet him. "Law is a fascinating, all-encompassing industry that impacts almost every aspect of our daily lives. No one generally realises that until they are faced with a situation where the law steps in. And when that happens, it can be complex and overwhelming. For my entire life I have found considerable joy in helping others. Being able to apply my knowledge and skill set to finding solutions to people's problems, in often the most challenging times of their lives, is incredibly rewarding".

Charles is an invaluable addition to the Gowing & Co team. "Fighting for the right result and working alongside my clients to achieve the best outcome is what I bring to Gowing & Co. When a client simply wants answers and direction, I strive to cut through the legal chaos and provide straightforward advice".

Charles' move to Whakatane has been an excellent decision, both personally and professionally. "Work life balance is incredibly important and being so close to the ocean has brought back many memories of growing up in Wellington. As an avid spear fisherman, having this kind of access will make for fantastic summers. The Bay of Plenty also has an abundance of mountain biking options and cycling takes up a lot of my time and energy. This challenges my competitive spirit and gives me that opportunity for adventure which I love".



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Born in South Africa, Adam de Villiers arrived in New Zealand in 2011. In South Africa, the courts system and legal sector play an important part in the undermining of an oppressive state and continues to play a key part in everyday politics.

Having experienced this system first-hand Adam has a unique and community-based approach to the application of law within the context of a justice system.

“Correct application of the law and justice is very important to the individuals involved but also to the community as a whole” Adam asserts. “Practicing criminal law allows me to ensure the law is applied fairly to the most marginalised and vulnerable people in our community and I enjoy the daily challenge that brings”.

Adam finds the courtroom environment both challenging and exciting. “Decisions are being made that have significant effects on people going forward and that requires that lawyers perform well on a daily basis, keeping their client’s best interests at the forefront of their own decision-making”.

Having graduated from Victoria University in 2018, Adam started his legal career in Auckland working in the areas of criminal defense and treaty law (Waitangi Tribunal Claims). He joined the team at Gowing & Co Lawyers Limited early this year with a view to increasing his experience in all aspects of law, particularly Criminal Law. “I am lucky to now be based in beautiful Whakatane and working at Gowing & Co alongside experienced solicitors who provide a wealth of knowledge in many areas. I am now gaining invaluable experience in multiple areas of practice”.

There is no doubt that Adam offers Gowing & Co Lawyers Limited the benefit of worldly perspective. His considered and empathetic approach to his clients and their legal proceedings adds great value to our hard-working team.

Outside of work hours, Adam prefers to spend his time exercising in the outdoors whilst enjoying the town’s scenery or enjoying a good book at home.



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A photograph of a modern, two-story house with a light-colored exterior and dark wood accents. The house has a large garage door on the left and a large window on the right. The sky is overcast.

Making your new house a HOME

If you're in the market to build a new home, the team at Longview Homes are here to help.

Longview Homes owner-operators Chris and Tanya Ballantyne and their team are ready and able to help with anything in the build process.

"We can explain the build process, how to get the best out of your section/site, we can organise all the pre-construction reports and check on council requirements, advise you on pros and cons of different building products and materials, and help clients understand things about the build process that they may not be aware of," says Chris.

If you're interested in Longview Homes' regular plans, it's a straightforward process. If you're needing a bit of flexibility in the plans, the team are equipped to make changes a stress-free process.

"We work with you from the idea to move-in stage and everything in-between. We are there to help you with developing your plans, consent drawings, council consent processes, site planning, choosing materials, paint colours, fixtures and fittings.

"And we always keep you informed along the way so that there are no surprises," says Chris.

"If you would like to use our design and draw services, we have in house architects who can adapt one of our plans or completely start from scratch.

"The first step is to get a floor plan that you fall in love with. Once we have that we can flesh out all the construction details and a fixed price contract can be presented."

Plans are completely customisable and Longview Homes can design a home to your specifications and wishes.

"With land being more scarce these days, sections sizes are constantly changing. We can draw plans according to the site and boundary restrictions.

"We also organise additional services, such as site clearing and demolishing existing buildings, bulk earthworks, site services and consents and more as the need requires."

The team at Longview regularly provide not only the entire house being built, but any other add-ons you may require, such as driveways, fencing, decks and more, depending on your needs.

"This is often what people talk about turn key design," says Chris.

There are plenty of other building companies out there, but Longview Homes has a hands-on approach to the whole process, from initial consultation to move in day.





“We offer a personalised service where your dealing with the same person through the sales process and project management,” says Chris.

“As a qualified builder, Chris has the bonus of having input from a construction perspective into the design.”

The team are well-versed in building to deadlines and are efficient with their time, making your move-in date a reality.

“Our build time frame from the first day on site till hand over is efficiently managed, creating a faster move in date. We are handing over homes in the expected time frames, as opposed to the horror stories that you hear of jobs dragging on forever.”

Longview Homes also are the local approved installer of Metra Construction Panels; an engineered wood panel system that has been used in more than 9000 projects in

New Zealand over the past 25 years. The panels are extra strong, New Zealand made and allow Longview Homes to build your house from the inside and the outside at the same time.

“We can have a home ready in as little as 12 weeks, thanks to these panels and our expert team,” says Chris.

They’re also extra tough; withstanding any knocks and dents and are suitable for families with children and pets. When you choose to build with Longview Homes, you’re building with an expert, full-time team.

“Our build team are employed directly by us,” says Chris.

“This means that we have greater control over our quality of work, and they are far more invested in the job rather than looking at getting out as quickly as possible,” says Chris.

“We are passionate about using all local tradesmen wherever we can; most of our tradies we have used for more than 20 years now. You are not limited by the choices in your home, we are happy to accommodate any specialised features or fittings in your home.”

When it comes time for a consultation, the team will discuss your site and any preliminary work that may be required.

“We’ll ask you what your ‘must haves’ are and how they will fit your budget,” says Chris. **“We explain how the build process actually works, from initial concept and design, through the build consent process, and onto completion, and we would discuss time frames.**

“We are not about dictating to a client what we think



Chris is easy to deal with. He proactively keeps in touch and was always contactable in a timely manner when we had any questions. The job was well managed and we were kept informed of what was happening at all times. We were also reminded of what decisions we needed to make in a timely manner. We are very happy with the quality of the work undertaken in our home. Tradespeople were a pleasure to deal with and accommodating of what we wanted. We wish Chris and Tanya every success for the future of their business.

Denise & Michael

they should do; our prerogative is to offer alternatives to our clients and let them decide on their best course of action and then guide them through the whole process.”

Jane and Barry recently build their home in Coastlands, Whakatane, with Longview Homes and say their experience was fantastic.

“We were offered a basic plan which we were able to adapt according to our needs and were attracted to the idea of solid walls with an outer covering of brick and this, along with double glazed windows, has meant the house is warm in winter and cool in summer.

“We had thought the suggested three months construction period rather optimistic but in fact we were able to move in a day early. This was in large part due to the overall organisation by Chris Ballantyne. There were no lay-days and the work was of an excellent standard. Chris has been very approachable and listened to our needs,” the Whakatane couple say.

“After completion Chris has not hesitated in coming to view and make any little adjustments that needed doing. We have recommended Longview Homes to friends who looked at our house and are now in the process of building with them.”

So if you're in the market to build, make sure to get in touch with Chris and Tanya from Longview Homes.



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MIKE KING

Words by Georgia Hakiha : Images by Andrea Stephens

We received an overflow of positive feedback after having Mike King come to town and talk to our Business Spread members, their friends, family and co-workers - it really is amazing how much one person's words can affect a room of 200 people. The audience was diverse, engaged, intrigued and at times confronted.

Some of the statistics Mike told us were intense, the majority of the seats in the room sat parents with young kids, teenagers and young adults at home and hearing that "40% of kids today will have suicidal thoughts before they leave school and 80% of kids in a crisis don't ask for help" sent shock waves through the room. Mike also reminded us that there is nothing wrong with our kids today, they have more opportunities, passion and interest than generations before them. We as adults need to make the change, if (quote on quote) "we want our kids to talk about their sh*t, we need to take our masks off and be more open with them"

Mike mentioned how depression is disconnection, this is why the Business Spread is so important to us - it is creating connections. The Business Spread is a group created for local business owners ready to connect with like minded people. It is created to share your skills, your passion, your interests, and of course your business but most of all it is about connection - new connections and old connections - either way we know how important the Business Spread is for our community.

When Mike wrapped up his korero with us, he asked for us to do one thing, at first it seemed so simple but when I started thinking about it - maybe it'll be a bit of a task for some. It's definitely worth giving it a go - Mike asked us to do this every day for two weeks - I think this is achievable but you have to put some energy into it!

Mike would like everyone to:

Find two people - two different people every day and give them their value back! Remind them how important they are to you, remind them how important they are to your business, your family, our community! At work with your co-workers - why not, compliment them, make the extra effort to greet them and ask how their morning has been so far when they arrive, make the extra effort to thank them and touch base before they leave work for the day! While out and about be a little more patient and grateful for the people who serve you daily - your barista, the person packing your groceries, your accountant - they all deserve to feel appreciated and CONNECTED!! It takes 30 seconds out of your day to recognise someone - surely Mike isn't asking for too much setting this task for us is he? And let's hope after two weeks this starts to become who you are as a person, more connected and aware of the people around you.

The night with Mike King was not only filled with a bunch of laughter and some valuable lessons, it also had a great cause behind it all, we were raising funds for Mike King and Gumboot Friday - collectively we raised over \$35,000.

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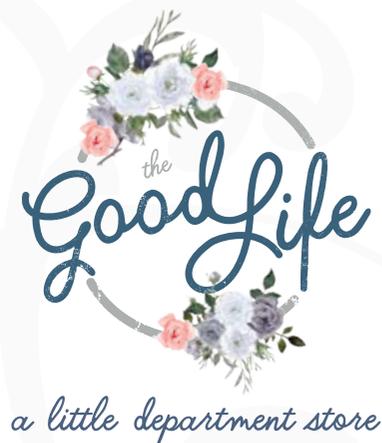
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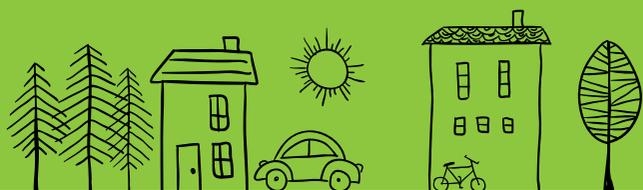


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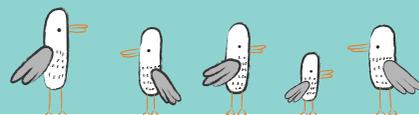
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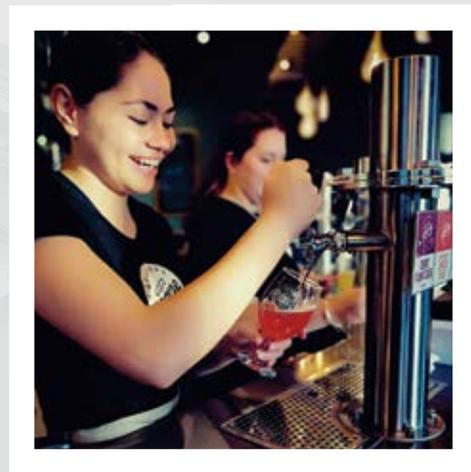
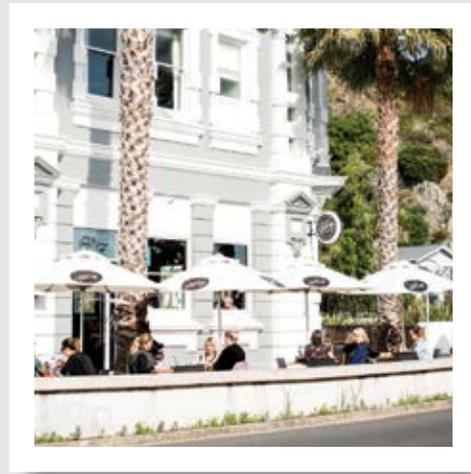
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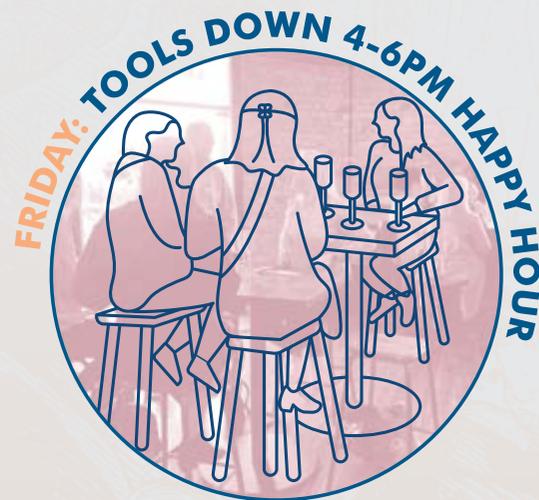


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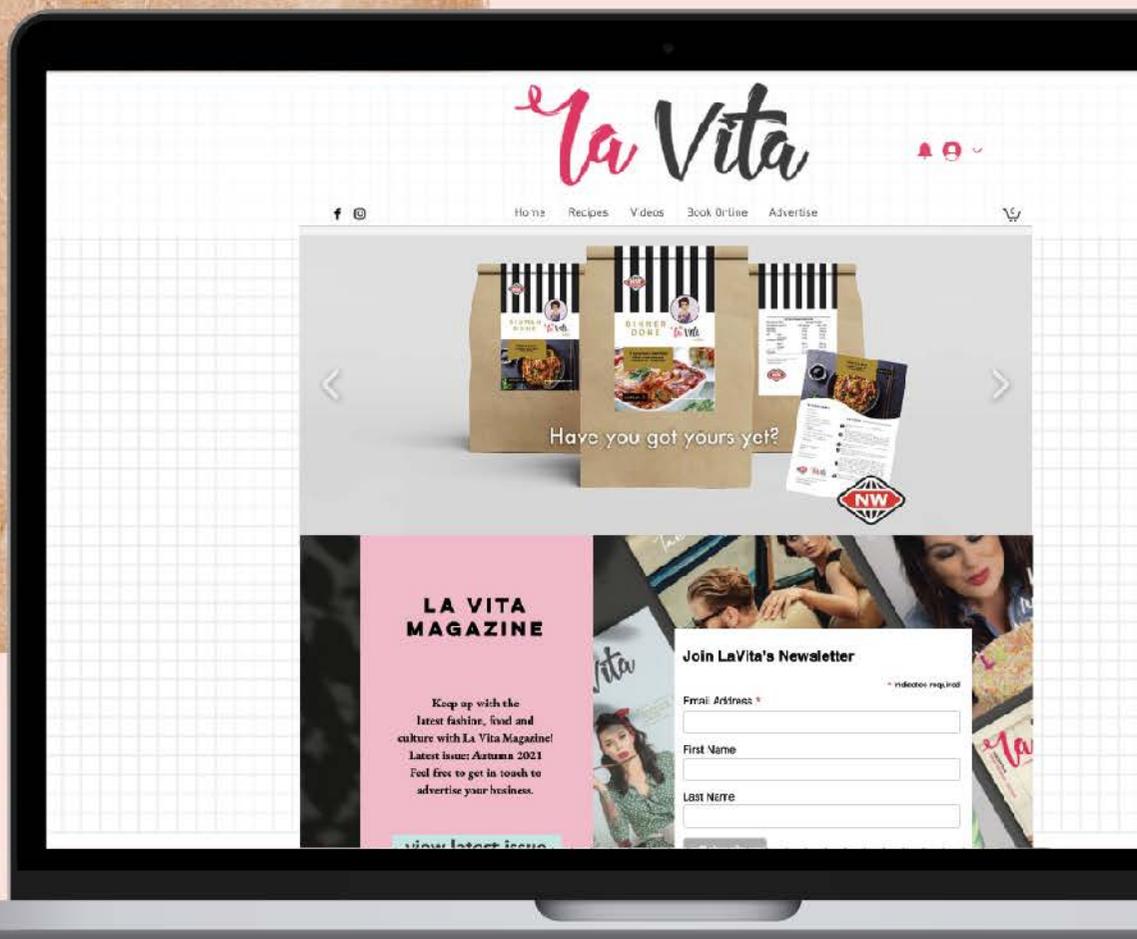


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Beef Cannelloni - You might have tried the vegetarian express range, now its time to step it up a level with the pasta tubes. Pasta goes a long way, this dish will be sure to impress



Lemon Chicken with Couscous Salad - Lemon and Chicken remind me of the flavours of spring, the chicken can be cooked in the oven or on the BBQ, I love how easy and quick couscous takes to cook, this dish is ideal for those busy nights when you just want to whip something up fast.



Tiramisu - For the Berry lovers - This dessert is filled with raspberries and white chocolate, a great alternative for kids who don't like coffee, being Italian we would be offered a Café Late on the cold winter days, but I soon realised not everyone is a coffee lover! So I created this special recipe for those who thought they could be missing out.



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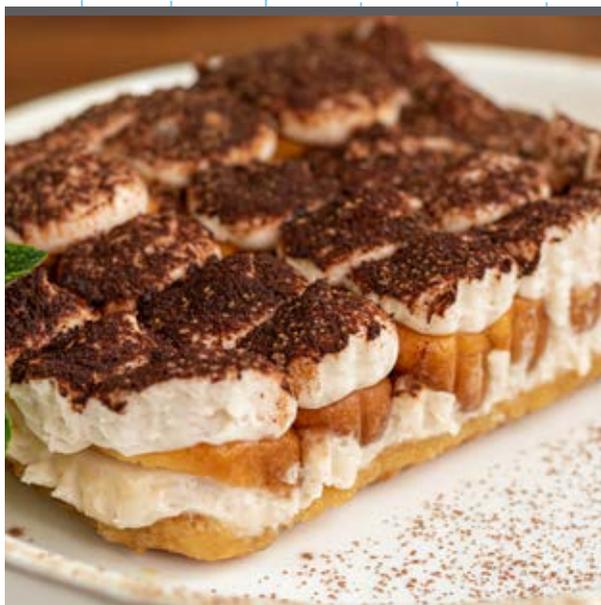
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Koftas Beef and Pork - Always reminds me with dinner at my Greek friends house Sofia, who used to say Greeks use Mint, Italians Use Basil. She used to make these often and they are delish.



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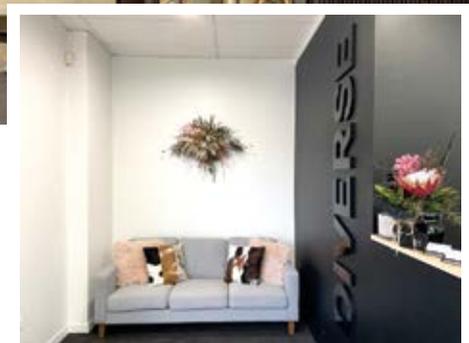


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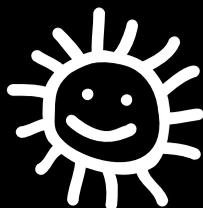
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50th BIRTHDAY STAFF CELEBRATION

Over the past 50 years, Radio 1XX has been a workplace and training ground for many of the personalities we still hear or see in the media today.

In celebration of the milestone we invited staff from the past five decades to celebrate together. It was an evening of celebrations, memories and a lot of laughs.

We would like to thank all the amazing people who made this night possible including staff, Gather & Co with a stunning marquee and lighting, Javaman Café for catering and the lovely Melanie Kerr who was MC for evening.

It would also not have been possible without you! Our amazing audience who have tuned in during many amazing events, special moments, emergencies, triumphs, disasters and celebrations. It's a pleasure to be part of Eastern Bay history and we're excited to continue keeping you connected in the future.



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At 10:30am on Wednesday June 30th, 1971, 1XX went to air for the very first time, on 1240AM. An official opening ceremony was held in the 1XX car park at 12:30pm. It was broadcast live, with the station literally 'blasted' on to the air by Broadcasting Minister, H.J. Walker – pushing down on a quarryman's explosion device, followed on air by an explosion sound effect and a 1XX station jingle. The Eastern Bay of Plenty now had its very own voice.



Getting It Right in the Early Years

Eastbay REAP is all about lifelong learning.

We promote, provide, and add value to education for children, educators, and whanau across the Eastern Bay. We exist because our rural communities have the right to quality education so they can build a great future.

Emphasising the right to education – especially education based on culture and context – is critical in today's world. When we take learning to groups who don't have access to early childhood options as a good start for their tamariki, who can't travel to up skill for work opportunities, and who didn't have a first great experience with education, these groups can suddenly participate on their own terms. That can be a game changer for our rural whanau. And access moves us towards equity. We make sure learning reflects their world by taking it into their backyard, their day-to-day lives, their marae, and their community. That's the REAP approach.

Eastbay REAP Early Childhood Education services and activities provide flexible programmes and support that enable educational rights and sustainable development. We work with all Eastern bay communities, including tamariki, educators, parents, whānau, and partners at pre-school level. We deliver a range of activities around topics like: child development, culture based & identity learning, play based learning, pūtaiao and science learning, oral language development and quality improvement.

All the activities planned are in response to our regional priorities which are delivered in the form of small groups

and clustered workshops, forums, community partnership events, tailored courses, individualised mentoring, group support or other contexts relevant to local needs.

Our aim is to improve the number of young children and families participating in quality early learning experiences – so all our tamariki get a great start in life!

Through initiatives and requests for support from early childhood settings, kōhanga reo, supporting community events and working alongside partners is a means to contextualise early learning as important and personal. Emphasis is given to strong, positive relationships between parents and children, as well as parents and educators/partners to achieve positive outcomes for tamariki.

Part of achieving SDG 4 – Quality Education is making sure children are developmentally and socially on track early in life. For Eastbay REAP this looks like....



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Check out more information about Eastbay REAP and the SDGs on our website:

 www.eastbayreap.org.nz

Early Childhood Education contributes to the SDGs through:

SDG1 – ensuring tamariki have access to food, clothing, and services

SDG2 – supporting homegrown kai and community garden practices

SDG3 – promoting before school checks and 1st 1,000 Days practices

SDG4 – providing access to quality early childhood education options

SDG14 – applying science-based learning around marine life and coastal areas

SDG15 – sharing sustainable land practices through environmental learning



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to be developmentally on

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Find us on **Facebook:** HIPPY Whakatāne and HIPPY Murupara.

Thank you!

Eastbay REAP Kawerau Community Playgroup,

33 Galway Street, Kawerau.

Open from 10am-2pm Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday.

Please contact debbie_alcock@yahoo.com

Eastbay REAP Whakatāne Community Playgroup,

21 Pyne Street, Whakatāne.

Open from 9am-1pm Monday-Thursday.

Please contact jodeen@eastbayreap.org.nz

Eastbay REAP Waimana Community Playgroup,

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Please contact Pare Hillman on 022 096 3967.

Eastbay REAP Whakatāne mobile Playgroups

Community mobile playgroups will be running

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Check out our Facebook page to find where we will be!

Eastbay REAP Playgroup @ Mananui Playcentre

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PLAYGROUPS

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The Tourism and Hospitality Excellence Award, sponsored by Air Chathams, was accepted by Directors Sanjai and Harshilla Bagia, and Motel Managers Liz Donnelly and Malcolm Glen.

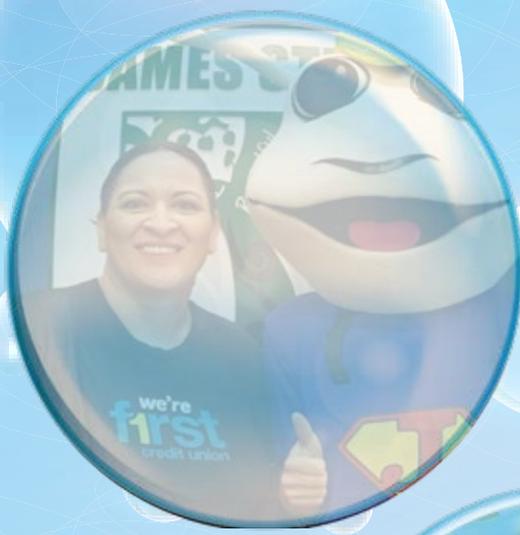
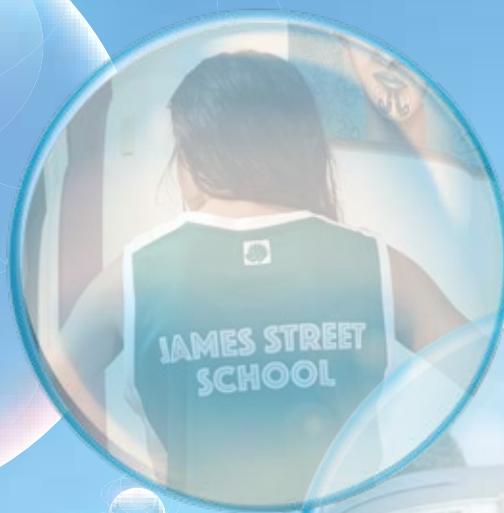
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BUBBLE SCHOOL

Well, it's been a fun week at Bubble School.

There have been eight tamariki in our bubble class and we have two teachers. We have done lots of things in Bubble School – we did science experiments, especially ones that caused chemical reactions, art – rock painting, bike riding, puzzles, learning to play the ukulele, electronics, reading my novel I chose from the Duffy Book room, playing math board games, sowing seeds (we've got vegetable gardens at our school and a pataka that we will put our vegetables in to share with our whanau and local community), going on Zoom and seeing and talking to my classmates online.

One of the exciting things Kahu and I did was we were the Kiwaha Presenters, and this was the first time for Kahu and I. We felt very proud. At our school we are encouraged to korero Maori and every morning we do karakia, introduce a kiwaha (saying) and this week it has been –

Kei te ohorere ahau.

Yesterday a La Vita article from six years ago appeared on one of the teacher's Facebook page and it was Kahu when she was four years old, and she won a cupcake competition. I hope she can bake her jaffa cupcakes for us.

Kali and I asked the children what they like about James Street School. Thea said she loves to learn, and it helps her grow. Our school motto is Kei te aroha matou ki te matauranga – We love to learn. I know when all the other tamariki finally return to school at Level Two they will be supported by their classroom teacher to read, write, learn their math but most of all have fun

at James Street School. Karina said my teacher encourages me to be enthusiastic about my learning. I love math and I can't wait to go to the next level as my teacher has been challenging me with rich learning tasks. We solve these math problems in a group then we can share our thinking which helps me lots.

My brother Maire-Rangi and I deposit our money every week at Whakatane First Credit Union. There is a deposit box in our school office foyer which makes it so easy. However, during lock down, we thought how we can deposit our money as we both did lots of mahi during lock down, especially me. I helped my Mum look after my baby sister Takirirangi. Maire-Rangi went online and found out there is internet banking so we will investigate this more. I love to save. I am saving for a holiday with my Nana Gay when it is finally okay to travel again.

We are so lucky at James Street School as we have a breakfast club and every morning, we can have weetbix and toast. Kristine from Whakatane First Credit Union comes to our school every Friday morning to prepare our breakfast. She always has a friendly smile, and this makes me smile too.

Well, this is the last day of Bubble School and we dressed up. Our teachers have dressed up as well – Mrs Tutua is a pirate and Miss Knowles is a rainbow – she looks very pretty. We love learning at James Street School because we have fun!

James Street School in Bubble School

Written by Kali and Te Kahuwaero

Photography by Linda Tutua

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The logo for First Credit Union features the word "first" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "i" is white with a yellow vertical bar through its center. Below "first" is the word "credit union" in a smaller, white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark teal background.

LOCAL JEWELLERY

Jewelz is your locally-owned, independent one-stop-shop for any and all of your jewellery, watch or engraving needs.

September sees us celebrating birthday month here at Jewelz, says owner Angelia Le Sueur.

“Sue and Gilbert, the previous owners, originally bought Jewelz in month of September a decade or so ago and to keep the Jewelz birth month celebrations in check, myself and my husband purchased Jewelz in September 2020, so we’re happy to be celebrating our first year, this is very exciting for us and we also look forward to many more anniversaries ahead here at Jewelz in our beautiful town Whakatane where we were both born.”

Ange says getting a job at Jewelz back in 2018 was a fortuitous change but one she is grateful for today.

“I needed extra links in my watch so I bought it into Jewelz to get some fitted. On completion Sue called to tell me my watch was ready to collect and while I was on the phone, I enquired about the job she’d advertised in the paper. I didn’t even know I was talking to the owner of the store,” she laughs.

Now, Ange is the owner and is lucky enough to have Sue still working on the team part-time, sharing her invaluable and extensive jewellery knowledge, plus with the added bonus of Gilbert to call on for his wide-ranging expertise in engraving, but only when he is not chasing the tennis ball around the court, that is. The store stocks a wide range of ladies, gents as well as children’s jewellery, pearls, New Zealand pounamu, watches, giftware and also their comprehensive engraving service.

When it comes to buying new, Jewelz has a huge range in-store for you to peruse, and of course, expert advice should you need it.

Jewelz is independently owned, meaning the team have very little purchasing constraints and the ability to access almost anything a customer would desire including a lot of New Zealand manufactured jewellery.

“If we don’t have what you’re after in our extensive array of offerings in store we will do our best to source



it for you,” says Ange.

For the ladies, there’s plenty to choose from, in both gold and silver for all ages and styles, rings, earrings, bracelets, bangles, necklaces, pendants, chains, sovereigns and lots of sparkles and colour. And don’t worry gents, there is plenty for you to choose from too. “We try to have a little something for everyone.

“We have a range of beautiful engagement rings for couples to come and choose together, although it has been known to have had ladies come in and browse in the past, saying what their dream ring would be in the event should their special someone were to propose.

“We have been very successful in arranging the perfect ring for her when the loved one had come in to purchase, as a result two happy people getting just what they wanted, shopping made easy.”

Jewelz can help with your watch needs, we have a large range of watches to suit everyone and every taste, including, Seiko, G-Shock, Guess, Citizen, Olympic, Casio, Sekonda – including a few talking watches for the visually impaired.

Do you have a watch or a clock that needs attention? Jewelz can assist in getting that watch or clock seen to, either extending their life or

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actually just bringing them back to life as the case may be.

“We have a local Rolex certified watchman here in Whakatane to bring that watch or clock back and ticking.

“In-store we do watch battery replacement and can also change that tired looking strap for something new.”

The team at Jewelz are able to help you with a range of jewellery and watch fixing or replacing needs – both in-store

“Gold and silver wears thin over time. Ninety nine per cent of the time we can save these items and bring them back to near new condition extending the life of your treasured pieces.”

Whether its family heirloom jewellery, perhaps even broken jewellery or just those bits and pieces you’ve collected over the years, the team at Jewelz can help you repair or repurpose it into something new and beautiful using components of the original items.

This can maintain the sentimentality of the jewellery while making this into something that compliments your personal style.

“We enjoy helping people exercise their creative flare in creating something bespoke for themselves or either as a gift for that special someone, is very rewarding for our team,” says Ange.

“Not to take away from the jewellery cleaning services we provide to reinvigorate your tarnished jewellery. If your jewellery is looking a little worse for wear, come and see us at Jewelz and we will see what we can do to make it easy for you.”

Jewelz would like to offer La Vita readers a piece of advice; to take good photos of your own jewellery items and keep receipts or sales documentation in a separate place to where your jewellery is kept for that just in-case scenario. Any items with a substantial value, a valuation is recommended for insurance purposes.

Independent valuations can be pricey – often coming in at more than \$100 per item – as a **La Vita only special** if you bring in three items for valuation at the same time we will have them valued by our independent registered valuer for only \$250.00. T&Cs apply.

So come in and have a chat about valuing your jewellery. This offer is valid for the rest 2021 only.

“Should that ‘just in-case scenario’ unfortunately happen we can work with your insurance provider for replacement/repair quotes.”

Drop in and see the team at Jewelz where we offer no obligation, free quotations, payment options including Afterpay, Laybuy, as well as installment plans.

The great team at Jewelz is ready and waiting to offer you their expertise and friendly advice to help you get exactly what you’re after.

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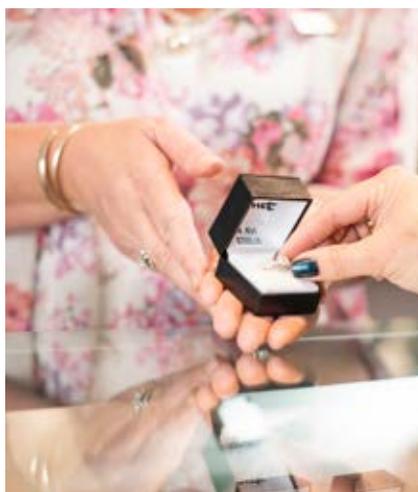
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and through their expert contacts.

The team at Jewelz is also able to help with a range of engraving, having recently purchased Frost Engraving to compliment this already successful facet in their engraving services offered. Jewelz engrave for many schools, sports clubs, hobby clubs with also social clubs and the like.

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