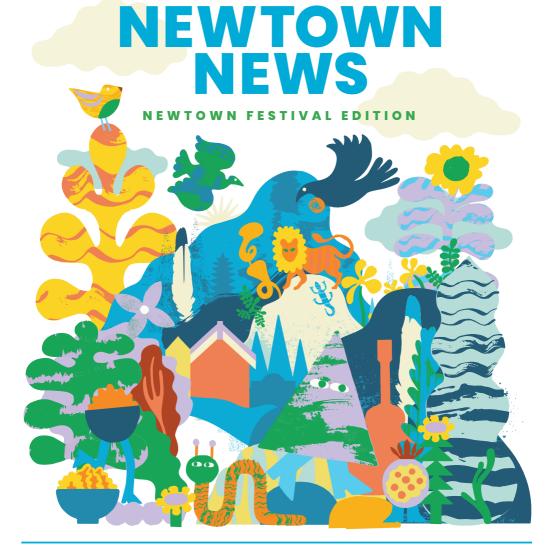
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Kia ora Newtown!

I'm SO STOKED that we're able to gather for this year's Festival - we've had a hard few years, so it's so important to gather safely (yay for outdoors gatherings during this ongoing pandemic), connect, celebrate and have a boogie!

While we've been pretty lucky here in Newtown, Aotearoa has been pretty overwhelmed with extreme weather events this summer, caused by human-induced climate change. We're looking at much more of this in our future if things don't change drastically, and quickly. Like me, you might be asking, what can I do?!

- Too many heavy coins in your pockets? Donate to cyclone hit communities: bit.ly/413kwDA
- Get out on the streets: Global Climate Strike is on 3rd March (deets on back page) - keep an eye out for the next one if ya missed it! Fridays for Future protest every week at parliament lawn/the Fonterra offices - deets at fridaysforfuture.nz
- Write to your reps: We can all call on our government to take urgent action to stop climate change - here in Rongotai, our MP is Paul Eagle paul.eagle@parliament.govt.nz
- Moo-ve on from dairy?: Hate to be one of those preachy vegans, but in Aotearoa, farming is one of the primary contributors to environmental harm - have ya considered cutting down animal products in your diet? Try Meat Free Monday, or Soy Milk Saturday?
- Climate justice = Treaty justice: We're in this sitch 'cos of colonisation and a lack of respect for te taiao / the environment...seems like it's not working! Te Ao Māori instead centres respect for Papatūānuku / our planet. We all stand on stolen Māori land. Returning it, to be cared for in an indigenous way, could be what saves us. Read this: <u>bit.ly/3kiEklN</u> and if you're pākehā or a migrant, maybe get yerself along to a Treaty workshop as a starter - treatycollective.org
- At the Festival: The Festival team do heaps behind the scenes to protect the environment, but we all have to do our bit too - check you put stuff in the right bins (the waste team literally dig through the bins after the festival to separate rubbish from recycling from compost - help them out!). BYO water bottle/keep cup/ tupperware for your lunch. Catch the bus or cycle if you're coming from further afield!
- Self-care is crucial: This stuff is scary. Climate grief and anxiety are sky high. We NEED joy, connection and things that sustain us. Head along to the Festival for a day of fun, or do whatever works for you to recharge your batteries!

Let's take action, but not forget the dancing!

Ngā mihi, Ellie - ellie@newtowncommunity.org.nz

Thanks for the support of our amazing local businesses! Please support 'em back!



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WELCOME FROM THE NEWTOWN FESTIVAL TEAM!



It has simply been too long since we had a Newtown Festival. We're a bit rusty but we're also super excited to be back. For one day each year (apart from our cancellation last year) we get to reclaim pedestrian access to our streets and get to party with our community. It will be the 29th Newtown Festival and over this time it has grown to become Aotearoa's largest free annual street fair and music festival. We'd like to acknowledge mana whenua, Te Atiawa Taranaki Whānui, in their support of this massive event. And, thanks to all our neighbours for making Newtown the best!



We love to highlight all the nice things that happens in our 'burb and this was a lovely story shared on the Newtown Community Bulletin Facebook group by a local called Sarah!

"Some very kind person from Coromandel Street dropped sunflower seeds in our letterbox after the first lockdown in 2020. I finally got round to planting them and they are enormous and beautiful! If anyone knows the person or people who gifted them to us, please share with them!"



Have you seen or experienced some niceness in Newtown? Whether it's big or small, we'd love to include it in the News, send us the deets at ellie@newtowncommunity.org.nz!

NOTORIOUS NEWTOWNER: MOANA ETE

Moana Ete (aka Mo Etc) had a kōrero with Bronwyn about Newtown, creativity and the goss on the best kai at the Festival!



Check out Mo Etc's awesome sounds at <u>bit.ly/3KmqWlj</u> or at the Tangata Whenua stage at **11.35am**

Moana Ete's whakapapa is spread from North to South and across the Pacific. Her Dad comes from Savai'i, Sāmoa. On her Mum's side, she has roots in Ngāti Wheke, a Ngāi Tahu Hapū based in Rāpaki in the Banks Peninsula area. Her Mum's whānau also whakapapa to Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, tangata whenua of Tāmaki Makaurau, central Auckland. Moana, however, is a "true Wellingtonian", having been born in Newtown hospital and growing up going to schools here in Whanganui-a-Tara. She also did her tertiary studies here in Newtown, completing a three-year acting degree at Toi Whakaari, the New Zealand drama school. Now Moana lives just down the road in Hall Street with her 5 year old, Manu.

Acting is just one of the strings in Moana's creative bow. When I speak to her she is in the middle of consulting on a New Zealand Opera project, and gearing up for music recording and filming a music video the following week. Under the performance name Mo Etc., Moana combines her beautiful singing voice, instrumental talents and self-taught audio production skills to make unique, layered and textured music. This music video will also make the most of her acting and directing expertise by including both dialogue and music scenes, all filmed at Drivethrough Gallery on Riddiford street. This is a project she is driving, but she does a lot of contracting on other peoples' theatre, film, radio and advertising productions through her company Ohokomo.

When she's not hard at work Moana likes hanging out with Manu, and her awesome group of friends, many of whom are creatives too. She likes reading, particularly biographies of people she might not otherwise know anything about. She walks a lot, and loves exploring all the City-to-Sea pathways. Her favourite Newtown spots are Peoples Coffee and Pho Viet for yummy noodles. "Newtown is really special", she says, "it's a nice balance of and mix of people. I hope it stays that way".

Moana is excited to be playing at the Newtown Festival in 2023. She's played a few times before on side-street stages, but this will be her first time on the Tangata Whenua Stage. She loves the festival for the food and awesome music, and feels proud seeing all the people enjoying her neck of the woods. She reckons the best kai is the polynesian food, often set up near the supermarket, "but you've got to get in early, it goes quick!".

NEWTOWN FESTIVAL

NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE ROCKS!

We're really excited to be reopening the renovated community centre on the corner of Colombo and Rintoul Streets SOON (check for updates at <u>bit.ly/OurTownNewtown</u>)!! In the meantime, here's a little taster of the kinda things we get up to:

Arts hub! We have a new, fancy fully-fitted out theatre with lights, sound and a great projector available for the community to hire for YOUR events! Want to put on a show, a gig or a movie screening? Give us a shout!

Yoga and other exercise classes For people who love getting their downward facing dog on, but don't love shelling out 20 bucks a time to do it! Experienced tutors at our exercise classes lead you through yoga, tai chi or dance classes, all for just \$2 a pop.

Spaces for hire We manage three Newtown buildings for the community, allowing community groups to meet, eat, dance, kōrero - do whatever they wanna do! Whether you wanna start up a class or just have a private hui, we probably have a space for you. Hit us up.

Sharing is Caring We love to share! Through the Wellington Timebank - a community of people who share skills for time rather than money - you can meet your neighbours, get help with all kinds of jobs and let your skills shine by helping others. You'll also be able to get all those DIY jobs done by joining the Newtown Tool Library, a library for tools instead of books - for just \$30 per year, you can borrow all the tools you like - avoid buying something from bunnings and then letting it rust in the shed!

Get connected Smart Newtown, our free computer hub, has free computer and internet access, as well as classes to get your computer skills up to scratch!

Wash Against Waste Having a party or a picnic but just can't stomach buying disposable plates that'll go straight into landfill? Wash Against Waste is your friend! For just \$5, people can borrow our beautiful, brightly coloured kits (for up to 100 people) and chow down with a clean conscience.

Nom Nom Nom Got a rumbling belly? Friday lunchtimes from 1-2pm our **Free Soup Friday** is a chance for EVERYONE to connect over some kai with other Newtown locals - all welcome, vegan provided, FREE. The **Quick Kai** freezer is always stocked with healthy ready to "heat and eat" meals made by and for the community - just \$2 per meal! We offer **FREE tea and coffee** complete with a comfy couch to chill out on. Our **Community Fridge** is well stocked with kai from local cafes, ready for you to grab something for morning tea – saving good kai from the bin and filling bellies!

Hub of Helpfulness Smart Newtown's helpdesk if the place to be if you've got tech issues – drop in during opening hours to get help with any computer or mobile phone issues! We host a Justice of the Peace service to get all those documents signed and sighted every weekday. If ya need legal advice, Community Law also popin for free, no-appointment legal advice twice a month. The awesome people of the Citizen's Advice Bureau also operate out of our centre, so you can pop in and get help or advice from them!

Off-the-cuff stuff Random, one-off events happen here all the time – sometimes organised by us, sometimes by the community! This includes gigs, theatre productions, educational and political seminars, workshops, film screenings, art classes, dinners and lots more in between. Check out our online calendar of events at <u>newtowncommunity.org.nz/weekly-</u> timetable - this will be beefed out in the next couple of months as we develop a timetable of events happening at the newly renovated centre!

NEWTOWN FESTIVAL 2023

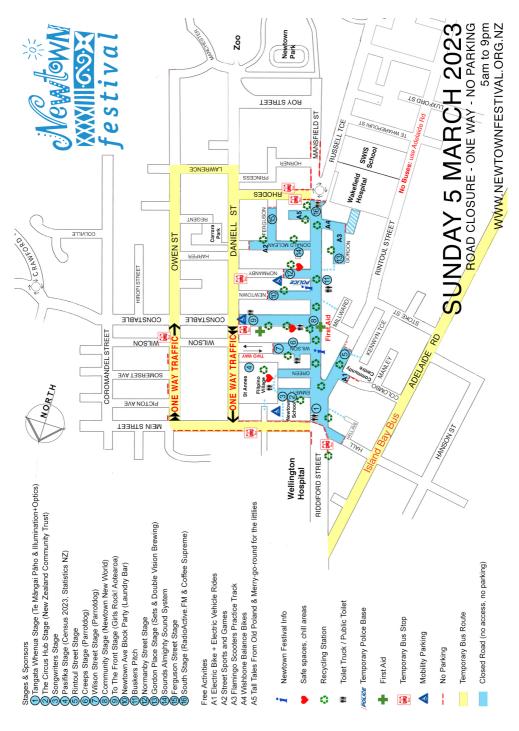
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ROAD CLOSURE MAP



HEADLINE NEWS WITH JULIA DEANS!

Headliner of the Newtown Festival and Aotearoa musical legend Julia Deans (of Fur Patrol and now solo fame!) took a moment from her busy schedule to give us the goss on her guitar noodling, living in Newtown back in the day and some great other wāhine musicians to look out for.

Can you tell us a little about your writing process? Has it changed through doing more solo work? I think my writing process has largely stayed the same – usually involves sitting somewhere quiet (usually on the floor) with my guitar & just noodling.

Which of your songs has been your favourite to write?

That's kinda like asking which of your children is the least of a dick. Sometimes a song forms quickly & easily, and you love those moments because they are rare. But on the other end of the spectrum, sometimes they take literally years to write, and you love those because you feel like you earned them.

I read that there may be a recording of the beginnings of Fur Patrol from a Newtown church where you jammed back in the day! What are your memories of Newtown?

Somewhere there is, yes! Though I don't know that it'd still be playable. Or if we'd want anyone to hear it, including ourselves. I also lived in Newtown when I first moved to Wellington, above the old Dorizac Pianos shop on Adelaide Rd.

Do you have any fave wāhine/femme musicians in Aotearoa we should keep an eye out for? In Aotearoa or anywhere in the world!

Soft Plastics, from Wellington, no less. Highly recommend checking them out. And there are so many (SO MANY) fantastic femmes on the Newtown Festival lineup, both fronting and band



member-ing: Motte, Dick Move, Carb On Carb, Warm Regards, Bub, Fun and Funner, Wallace... to name but a few. And you can see them all on Festival Day!

Newtown Festival is usually (fingers crossed) on a sunny day - what's your fave song to listen to for summer vibes?

Hmmm... I'm gonna roll with Aht Uh Mi Hed by Shuggie Otis today.

Any tips for readers who want to get into making music?

Just have a go. Everyone sucks at the start, but it's fun and it only gets funner as you learn and it's good for your brain!

Check out Julia Deans at <u>bit.ly/419G1mk</u> or on the South Stage at 1:55pm

FIRST EVER PASIFIKA STAGE AT NEWTOWN FESTIVAL!

Benna spoke to us on the phone in a minute of calm in his hectic day, two weeks before the Newtown Festival. Benna, who grew up on Owen Street, is running Newtown Festival's FIRST EVER Pasifika Stage!

How did this new stage come about? Newtown Festival approached me with the idea - they already have a Tangata Whenua stage and Noel who runs it suggested it would be good to have a Pasifika Stage, and that I should put the whole thing together due to my experience at producing stage programmes at festivals. We had a meeting with Director Martin and the committee and a new stage was born at Newtown Festival.

How does it feel to be running the first Pasifika stage at Newtown Festival? Feels really cool! A bit overwhelming, but exciting as well - it's going to be great to showcase all our Pasifika talent.

How's the lineup looking? Very eclectic - we've got acts with all different styles - from dance crews, to opera singers, to bands, to DJs, to solo artists, all with backing from our 'house band'. Too many to name, you'll just have to come and see them perform!

Why's it important to have a Pasifika stage? It's good to have more diversity everywhere, but Newtown has a huge Pasifika history and heritage, which is important to celebrate. There's the Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church (PIPC) in Newtown that used to be the biggest church in Wellington! When our people came over from the islands, lots of us started out in Newtown. It may look different today, but we need to celebrate that history.

The stage is sponsored by the Census - how did that come about? After I agreed to do the stage, I also took on a job with the census to support our Wellington communities to get involved - Newtown Festival is perfect timing to have people participate in the census! It's important for us to be counted in the census because government organisations need our data to plan for our ever changing communities. They want to fund us but if we don't complete the Census, we miss out on resources for Education, Health, Roading, funding for community projects etc. Our Pasifika and Māori communities were massively underrepresented in the 2018 census, so we need to do better for our future. Our government can't fund what they can't see, so jump online today and please complete your census - <u>census.govt.nz</u>

Check out the Pasifika Stage in the St Anne's schoolground all day!

QUICKFIRE ROUND WITH BELLADONNA NEWTOWNER AND MUSICIAN

Describe your music & vibe in 3 words: wistful, bedroom, diary

Why do so many bands (including you!) grow outta Newtown? Newtown is so diverse and full of so many beautiful people. I think that's a great foundation to feel free and inspired to create.

What's a musical inspiration for you? ooh currently l've been loving boy genius's new songs!

Why is the 'to the front' stage important? women and gender diverse people are unfortunately underrepresented in lots of parts of the music industry but make some of the best tunes!!

What's next for Belladonna? I'm currently recording my debut album :)



Catch Belladonna's wistful tunes <u>bit.ly/3EkvcUu</u> or on the To The Front Stage at 12.55pm



REMEMBERING MARCH 15TH

NUREDDIN ABDURAHMAN

ART BY LAURA DREW

Kia Ora Newtown!

I am writing this four months after I was elected as Wellington City Councillor for Paekawakawa /Southern Ward, four years after the 15 March terrorist attack, and a month away from the holy month of Ramadan.

I would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak (generous Ramadan) to our Muslim community. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting (sawm), prayer (salah), reflection and community. The holy month of Ramadan is expected to start on 22 March, just a week after the four year anniversary of March 15 terrorist attack.

The day of the mosque attack was what we look at our worst and it is our reminder that we must always be vigilant against hate and division. We have more in common than we do apart. Thanks to the leadership of the then PM Jacinda Ardern, the "they are us" aroha shown to the Muslim whanau following the March 15 attack was what we look like at our best. I know Newtown and wider Wellington can be the best example of inclusiveness for it is an amazing and friendly community. As we remember the 51 Shuhada (martyrs), you can support the Muslim community by:

- Smile and say Salaam on the street, at the school, sports field and outside cafes for a smile is Sadaqa (charity)
- Visit the halal butchers and support other local business owners like our barbershops, grocers and cafes
- Take care of our brothers and sisters if you see any harassment or if they need help

"United we stand divide we fall"

Ngā mihi, Nureddin Abdurahman

WHAT'S THE HAPPS

NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

We're moving! Changes to opening hours etc

We're moving back to the main community centre SOON! Wahoo! Updates at bit.ly/ OurTownNewtown. The temporary Community Centre (2a Green Street) is currently open limited hours (10.30am-12.30pm) until we close on 10th March. We will remain closed until we re-open at the main community centre (corner of Colombo/ Rintoul Streets) - date TBC. Appointments available so email us if you need to see us - info@newtowncommunity.org.nz

Grand re-opening of the Newtown Community Centre! Details TBC

We don't know the date and details yet, but click 'going' on this placeholder Facebook event to stay in the loop and celebrate the reopening of the renovated centre with us! bit.ly/3m0XjSE

Support your Community Centre!

Council have been amazing and paid for all the walls of the new community centre, but we have to source everything that goes inside - if you appreciate our mahi and have the means, donate to our givealittle bit.lv/3r35L0B or check out our wishlist! bit.lv/3YXC0jm

Justice of the Peace (JP) services location changing

JPs are available at the temporary community centre, 2a Green Street, every weekday, 10.30am-12.30pm, last day Fri 10th March. From Mon 13th March they will be moving to Smart Newtown, 9-11 Constable Street (next to the library!), running 10.30am-12.30pm Monday-Thursday only.

Come work with us!

We're looking for a new kaiwhakahaere / manager at the community centre for a year, as Ellie's going on sabbatical! Check out the advert & job description at bit.ly/41qSF0q



NEWTOWN HALL, 71 DANIELL ST

Everybody Dance Mondays | 5.30-6.30pm

Got the back to work blues? Shake it off with at our \$2 rotating-style dance class, where we believe everybody can dance.

Everybody's clothes swap Saturday 4th March | 11am-2pm

bit.ly/3kkfhyO

Wanna spruce up your wardrobe but not destroy the environment with fast fashion? Brina alona the clothes you're bored of and get some new threads! All koha goes to the community centre to help us with our renovations, wahoo!

AROUND NEWTOWN

Newtown Open Studios Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 March 1pm to 6pm

Wander around & discover artists in our very own neighbourhood on this free self-guided art tour! Visit studios & even buy some art if ya fancy! For map and list of artists, head to bit.ly/3Z9UEot

FURTHER AFIELD

Global Climate Strike - meet Civic Square Friday 3rd March, 2pm

Stand up for our climate. Bring along your best protest sign and march from Civic Square to Parliament. bit.ly/3m250ww

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