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YOUR FREE COMMUNITY ZINE, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

# KIA ORA NEWTOWN



This month is the Newtown News Rangatahi edition to mark International Youth Day (12th August)! The Newtown Community Centre and creative consultant Kristine Garay held workshops over the month of July with local rangatahi Fox, Rosa, Eleanor and Cas.

Fox was interested in joining the Newtown News workshops as he is a creative that loves arts and crafts, so a zine project sounded fun! He has a habit of being a bit secluded, as he's quite introverted so he wanted to practise putting himself out there a bit more.

Eleanor joined the team as she has been involved with Newtown News before and it was such a great experience. When she heard it was happening again, she jumped at the opportunity. Newtown is a unique neighbourhood and she loves passing through it on my way to school. She and her friends often visit the shops and the cafes, there is no place quite like it. The Newtown News feels like such a great way to celebrate the neighbourhood and she feels so lucky to be a part of the team.

Rosa also did the rangatahi takeover all the way back in 2020, and it was so fun that she just knew she had to come back! She got to meet other Newtowners and felt more involved in Newtown as a whole. It was both a learning experience and a way to flex her creative muscles. The Newtown Community Centre team is so fun to work with that she jumped at the chance to get to work with them again.

Cas was interested in the Rangatahi workshops because she really enjoys writing and journalism. Writing is arguably her favourite thing and she was excited at having something to do after school!

The editorial team had a great time putting this issue together, and really appreciated that the Newtown Community centre put on these free workshops. It was a great collaborative experience, where everyone's contribution could be acknowledged and included. The workshops were a supportive space to encourage creativity and explored different artistic styles - the only improvement would be to have more rangatahi join us!

We all hope you enjoy the issue!  
From Fox, Rosa, Eleanor and Cas

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# MEET THE TEAM!

**KRISTINE**

**ROSA**

**ELEANOR**

**FOX**

**CAS**



# NOTORIOUS NEWTOWNER

***Editors Cas and Fox met with Jess at the community centre, and chatted about Aunty Dana's and trans rights over some hot chips.***

Aunty Dana's is a vibrant, welcoming op-shop on Riddiford Street, Newtown. It is run by and raises funds for Gender Minorities Aotearoa, a nationwide transgender organisation that is run by trans people for trans people. Jess Stuart (she/they), who has been involved with Gender Minorities Aotearoa since the beginning, describes it as inclusive, a community and a physical trans space.

Jess is originally from Kirikiriroa, Waikato and her family has been in Aotearoa for generations. They first got involved with Gender Minorities Aotearoa through her friends, Ada and Ahi, who came up with the idea of starting the organisation. Jess has previously worked at Aunty Dana's and says it is one of her favourite places in Newtown. When asked what else they love about Newtown, Jess replied "The diversity of the suburb - it feels like a safe space for weirdos. There are all sorts of people and the people love Newtown."



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Aunty Dana's is named after Dana De Milo (pronounced Dah-na), who was a pioneer activist for trans equality. She fought for trans rights and recognition and got us to the place we are at today. But there is still a long way to go. Jess suggests that Newtowners and rangatahi can help the LGBTQ+ community by being themselves, having conversations with peers about relevant topics to the LGBTQ+ community and keeping an eye on the news/politics so that you can find ways to apply pressure when needed. Another way to make change is to shop at Aunty Dana's! As mentioned before, it raises funds for Gender Minorities Aotearoa, which does things like providing support and information to trans people and their friends and whānau. When you're in Newtown look out for Aunty Dana's, have a look inside and say kia ora to Jess if you see them there!

# PUKAPUKA REVIEWS

## The Sherlock Holmes Books - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

I definitely like these books. I personally enjoy old literature (Pride and Prejudice and Wuthering Heights being some of my favourite books). I find it interesting to see the past through the view of fiction. The plots are written well, and I like Sherlock as a character, he's funny and quite chaotic. Of course, because of the time, a lot of how the characters speak and who is centred, there are quite a bit of sexist, racist themes and comments at times. Overall: Pretty good.

### Review by Fox



## These Witches Don't Burn - Isabel Sterling

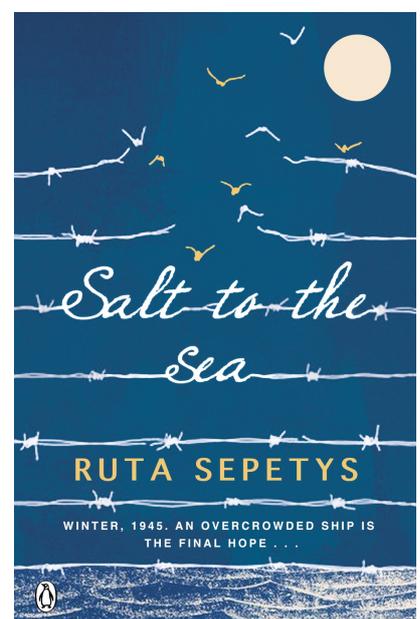
This is an LGBT novel! It was very descriptive but also fast-paced and got into the action quickly, which suits my ADHD very well. The main character is juggling being a witch and having a social life, while dealing with her family's innate prejudice for her new love. It's great modern literature, which I love, and it's a great read for anyone! I read the first book and the sequel in one week, so don't expect to be reading it for long as it's so good!

### Review by Cas

## Salt to the Sea - Ruta Sepetys

Salt to the Sea is an emotional book following multiple people and their experiences during the holocaust. You get to read as characters meet, separate, experience loss. There is a twist around every corner. As someone who knows very little about WW2, getting to experience the love, longing and pain along with Joana, Emilia, Florian and Alfred really makes it that much more real, and it is beautiful when all of their stories overlap towards the end. This book is truly amazing, and is one of the ones that leave you sitting there, still taking it in when it is over. I really recommend you read it, as long as you can take a heartbreak. TW: mentions of sexual assault.

### Review by Rosa



# FAVOURITE PLACES

Check out some of our favourite places in Newtown over the next few pages!

## CAS' FAVE PLACE



Sal's Pizzeria is a staple Newtown place to eat. Despite being a world franchise, it gives off a nice family, homemade vibe. Their 'by the slice' system supports students of all ages who can't afford a whole pizza. All in all, I reckon Sal's is Newtown's most interesting eatery.

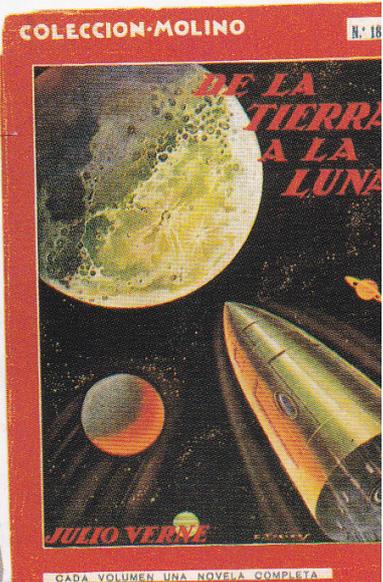


# ROSA'S FAVE PLACE



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fairytal  
Perhaps you hide your feelings  
much, leading of  
but you ha

I borrowed the  
books from our  
local library



I love visiting the library. It always feels so cozy and just the place to go if you need to waste an afternoon. They have such a wide variety of books, there's something for everyone! Whenever I go into Newtown Library, I feel like a part of the community, which is always such a welcome feeling. Very good place to go to that I definitely don't visit enough!

# GOOD NEWS!

The regular news is often pretty bleak. So here's some good news!

Wellington City Library is now fines free! No more fines and any outstanding fines have also been waived on your library card.

On 20th July, Wellington Railway station, Michael Fowler Centre and Parliament were illuminated with FIFA colours. The celebrations were to mark the one year countdown until the Fifa Women's World Cup 2023 takes place in Australia and New Zealand.

Native bird species populations are growing in Wellington! Since 2011, kākā counts have increased by 270%, kererū by 243%, tūī by 74% and pīwakawaka by 37%. This is due to the efforts of Zealandia, Predator Free Wellington and thousands of volunteers in the city.

We celebrated our first ever official Matariki public holiday on Friday 24 June 2022

Wellington public transport is half price until January 2023

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga's Central Regional Office's Rainbow List Project has started work to recognise significant sites for the LGBTQ+ community - the first building recognised is 288 Cuba St, where local transgender icon Carmen Rupe opened her shop Carmen's Curios in the 1970s.

# OUR NEWTOWN EXPERIENCE

This is what it's like for us in Newtown.

## CAS' NEWTOWN EXPERIENCE

I like coming to Newtown because of something I can't quite pinpoint.  
I like coming to Newtown because of the retro, ancient feel.  
I like coming to Newtown because it's a safe space for everyone.  
Newtown is my happy place.

## FOX'S NEWTOWN EXPERIENCE

There is always something to do in Newtown. I love going into op shops and browsing, and almost always find something I fall in love with and bring home. As an introverted booky person I love Newtown's book shops, even if I'm just looking at the books, walking among them.

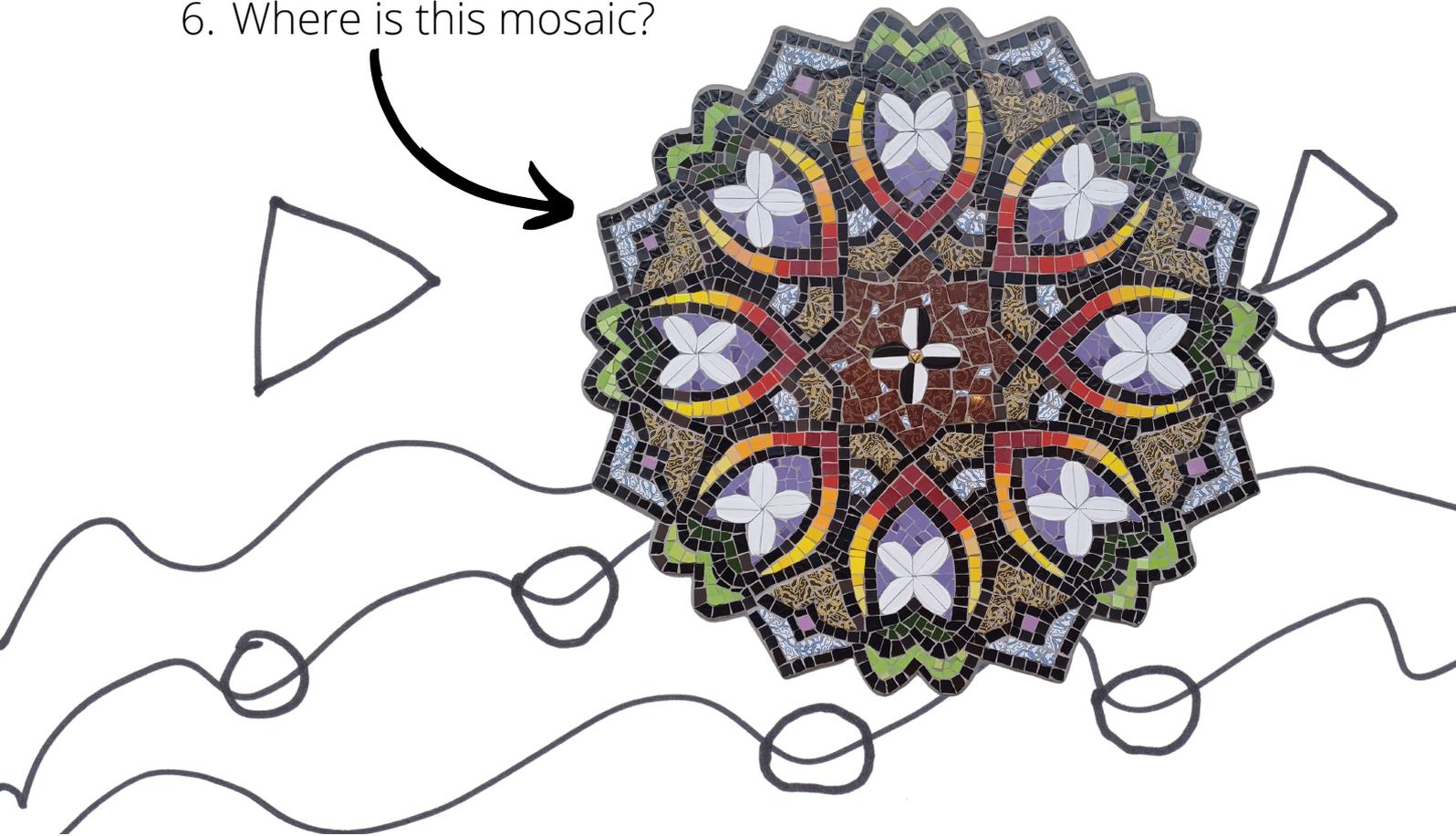
I could go on and on about all of the things I love about Newtown. I will say that sometimes I feel a bit sad about how little nature there is. Of course there's nature nearby, but I think it would make Newtown even more lively if there were trees next to the road or something.

## ROSA'S NEWTOWN EXPERIENCE

Newtown is the perfect activity for a sunny afternoon. Whenever I need an excuse to go outside, Newtown provides it, whether it's browsing the many op shops, reading in the library or grabbing something from a bakery. It's also the perfect place to take my cousins, with the playgrounds and dairies for an ice-cream stop. Newtown feels so big, yet cozy. The vibes are truly immaculate.

# HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW NEWTOWN?

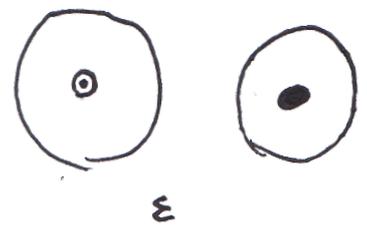
1. Who is the Newtown School Principal?
2. What is the Māori name of the Hospital & Newtown School?
3. How many schools are there in Newtown?
4. What THREE streets is the Newtown Community Centre on?
5. Which intermediate school is up the hill in Newtown?
6. Where is this mosaic?



Art Studio Crew with artist Rachel Silver

Answers: 1. Nicki Read 2. Nga Puna Waiora - the springs of healing! This refers to the springs that used to run through and now run under the suburb 3. Three - Newtown School, St Anne's and SWIS 4. The main community centre building is on the corner of Colombo and Rintoul Streets - but that's currently under renovation! The temporary centre is on Green Street. 5. SWIS 6. on the side of the library! It was made by the Alpha

# WHAT'S THE HAPPS?



## **AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, 2A GREEN ST**

We sometimes have to open for reduced hours because of low staffing capacity at the moment - call 04 389 4786 to check our current opening hours!

### **Kai at the community centre - daily during our opening hours**

We have \$2 healthy, ready-to-heat meals in our freezer, cooked by our awesome Quick Kai team. There's often free kai in our community fridge donated by awesome local cafes Peoples and Baobab. Plus we have free soup on Fridays (as below!)

### **Free Soup Fridays - Fridays 1pm**

Everyone in the community is welcome to a free veggie soup lunch each Friday!! Come along to warm up on these wintry days. Any questions? Call 04 389 4786.

### **Social Drama for 65+ - Thursdays 10.30am-12pm**

Seniors are invited to join these free fun, social drama classes! Get active, creative and have lots of laughs. Any questions? Contact 027 213 2032

### **Free lawyer - first and third Wednesday of every month, 11am-12pm (3rd & 17th August)**

Drop-in for free legal advice! Questions? Call 04 389 4786

### **Make and Mend - fortnightly on Mondays, 10-11am (8th & 22nd August)**

Come along with your clothes or fabric items that need repairs and sew 'em up in company! We provide materials & sometimes we even have someone who can teach knitting! More info: 04 389 4786

## **AT NEWTOWN HALL 71 DANIELL STREET**

### **Everybody Dance Newtown - Mondays, 5.30-6.30pm**

Just 2 bucks for a fun dance and exercise class? You bet. We believe everyone can be a dancer, so come along, learn some moves, and have fun in a supportive, friendly atmosphere. Teachers and styles rotate every few months. Annika is currently up, teaching fun hip hop. More details at [bit.ly/3Mn56BK](http://bit.ly/3Mn56BK) or call 04 389 4786.

## **AT SMART NEWTOWN, 9-11 CONSTABLE STREET**

**Reduced opening hours!** Smart Newtown is still at reduced hours: Monday-Wednesday, 9am-5pm. Free computer access and our helpdesk will be open during those hours so head along to get free advice or support on your tech issues! Call 04 380 0143 or email [smartnewtown@gmail.com](mailto:smartnewtown@gmail.com)

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